

**Appendix 6. Covariates used for statistical adjustment**

Author	Year	Ethnicity/Race	Educational level	Maternal preconception status					Maternal clinical status				Fetus characteristics			Prenatal care	Delivery characteristics	Provider characteristics	Other variables	Total number of covariates
				Marital status	Economic status	Insurances status	Urban status	Weight	Height	Body mass index	Age	Parity	Previous caesarean section	Pre-existing (before pregnancy) conditions	Conditions developed during pregnancy	Gestational age	Birth weight	Other characteristics		
Stafford*	1990																			0
Haas et al. A*	1993																			0
Haas et al. B*	1993																			0
Braveman et al.	1995	+	+	+	+	+	+				+									15
Burns et al.	1995	+	+								+									33
Onion et al. A	1999										+									1
Onion et al. B	1999										+									1
Onion et al. C	1999										+									1
Aron et al.	2000										+	+								39
Grant A*	2005												++	++	++	+	++			0
Grant B*	2005																			0
Coonrod et al.*	2008																			0
Huesch	2011	+		+		+					+		+						+	8
Kozhimannil et al.	2013	+									+	+	++	++	++	+	++		++	16
Huesch et al.	2014	+			+						+		++	++	++	+	++	+	++	124
Sebastião et al. *	2016																			

+ One covariate adjusted for      ++ Two or more covariates adjusted for

\*Studies reported only crude estimates.