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**Professor Maitreesh Ghatak**  
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Dear Prof. Ghatak,

I hereby submit the manuscript of my paper "*Drugs, guns and early motherhood in Colombia*" to be considered for publication in the Journal of Development Economics.

In this work I estimate the causal effect of homicides on the prevalence of teenage childbearing in Colombia. To correct for endogeneity, I estimate exogenous shocks on the homicide rate at the municipality level using the interaction of the international prices of cocaine with the potential internal cocaine trafficking network.

I am enclosing the following documents:

- Title page
- Highlights page
- Full manuscript (including tables, figures and appendixes)

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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