

# Nutrient Intake, Social Correlates, and Differential Birthweight: A Study of Women of Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Mexican Descent

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## ABSTRACT

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