

Table S1: Descriptive analysis of respondents and non-respondents in the vacuum-assisted delivery group			
	FTF (n =253)	No FTF (n =187)	p-value
Maternal characteristics			
BMI (kg/m ²) ³	23 (16-50) [§]	23 (17-39) [†]	0.82 ⁶
Nulliparous ¹	208 (82%)	146 (78%)	0.28 ⁴
Previous caesarean ¹	23 (9%)	20 (11%)	0.58 ⁴
Gestational length, days ²	281±8	282±9	0.30 ⁵
Delivery characteristics			
First stage of labour, hours ²	9±5	9±5	0.56 ⁵
Second stage of labour, hours ²	2±2	2±2	0.22 ⁵
Epidural ¹	175 (72%)	135 (78%)	0.22 ⁴
Oxytocin ¹	242 (96%)	172 (92%)	0.11 ⁴
Indication OFHR ¹	108 (43%)	89 (48%)	0.31 ⁴
Station Mid ¹	148 (59%)	133 (71%)	<0.05 ^{4*}
Number of pulls, n ³	4 (1-10)	4 (1-13)	0.4 ⁶
Time during vacuum extraction, min ³	7 (1-31)	7 (1-29)	0.94 ⁶
Position OAP ¹	221 (87%)	159 (85%)	0.48 ⁴
Subjectively heavy extraction ¹	58 (25%)	48 (28%)	0.44 ⁴
Failed vacuum extraction ¹	34 (13%)	33 (18%)	0.23 ⁴
Cup detachment ¹	39 (15%)	29 (16%)	0.98 ⁴
Shoulder dystocia ¹	11 (4%)	13 (7%)	0.23 ⁴
Perinatal characteristics			
Birth weight, g ²	3668 ± 447	3641 ± 455	0.54 ⁵
Gender male ¹	138 (55%)	118 (63%)	0.07 ⁴
pH<7.00 ¹	4 (2%) [‡]	0 [‡]	0.09 ⁴
Apgar<7 at 5 min ¹	9 (4%)	9 (5%)	0.51 ⁴
Severe outcome ¹ (ICH, HIE, seizures, subgaleal haematoma)	4 (2%)	5 (3%)	0.42 ⁴
*Statistically significant at p-value <0.05. ¹ n (%), ² mean±sd, ³ median (min-max), ⁴ Chi ² test, ⁵ Student T-test, ⁶ Wilcoxon rank sum test. [§] missing data 11%, [†] missing data 10%, [‡] missing data 18%, [¶] missing data 19%. FTF: Five- to Fifteen questionnaire. BMI: body mass index, OFHR: ominous foetal heart rate, OAP: occipital-anterior position, ICH: intracranial haemorrhage, HIE: hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy			