

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