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Revisions

In response to AR Tait:

We have emphasised in the paper that when seeking consent the doctor/midwife should encourage a woman to confirm her understanding of the important points of the study, by reiterating the study in her own words. This good practice in consent procedures is covered during Release trial recruiter training, and is performed in practice.

In response to Professor Altman

The paragraph regarded as speculative has been omitted, and the suggested re-wording and softening of language throughout has been addressed, including in the title. We feel the paper is now more descriptive, and more in line with what we set out to do, in provoking consideration of the issues and possible solutions to them.