Reviewer's report

Title: Issues of informed consent for intrapartum trials: A proposed consent pathway from the experience of the RELEASE trial (ISRCTN13204258)

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
None

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
None

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Although the authors have now better addressed the issue of understanding of consent information, I believe that it is not simply sufficient to state that consumers should be involved in the writing and design process of consent forms. While true, it is also important that investigators confirm some level of understanding by allowing the subject to paraphrase or reiterate the important elements of the study.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable