

Appendix 1. Reported exclusion criteria

Authors	Year	Source population	Maternal characteristics					Fetus characteristics										
			Age ≤14	Racial or ethnic minorities	Multiparae	Previous caesarean section	Other risk factors for caesarean section	Stillbirth	Multiple births (twin or more)	Newborn weighting <500 gr	Breach presentation	Other malpresentation	Preterm birth (less than 37 weeks)	Other risk factors for caesarean section	Not in labour	Cases with missing data	Provider characteristics	Other factors
Stafford	1990	All births in California, United States																+
Haas et al. A	1993	All births in Massachusetts, United States								+	+	+						+
Haas et al. B	1993	All births in Massachusetts, United States								+	+	+						+
Braveman et al.	1995	All births in California, United States			+	+				+	+			+				+
Burns et al.	1995	All births in Arizona, United States																+
Aron et al.	2000	All births in Cleveland, Ohio, United States					+											+
Grant A	2005	All births, United States																+
Grant B	2005	All births in Florida, United States																+
Grant C	2005	All births in Florida, United States																+
Korst et al.	2005	All births in California, United States				+	+	+	+			+	+	+	+	+		+
Misra	2008	All births in Maryland, United States				+												+
Coonrod et al.	2008	All births in Arizona, United States		+	+													+
Huesch	2011	All births in New Jersey, United States				+	+											+
Movsas et al.	2012	All births in Michigan, United States								+								+
Kozhimannil et al.	2013	All births in 44 states, United States																+
Lutomski et al.	2014	All births, Ireland																+
Huesch et al.	2014	All births in California, United States	+			+												+
Henke et al.	2014	All births in 44 states, United States				+				+	+	+						+
Bannister-Tyrrell et al.	2015	All births in New South Wales, Australia																+
Sebastião et al.	2016	All births in Florida, United States			+	+												+
Sentell et al.	2016	All births in Hawaii, United States																+

*500 or less grams