

Table S1. Theme 1 Too much too process

Participants who gave their written consent at time of trial entry	Participants for whom a consent waiver was used
I can't remember. I remember signing something, but it could have been just to the theatre. I don't know C10	I was just completely out of it. Drained physically, emotionally. I did get asked to do something afterwards but I don't know if it was about this According to my partner I was asked to sign something as I was being wheeled down to theatre. I can't remember anything. I think it was possibly the consent form, but I don't know. It could have been the research I am not sure. I can't remember signing anything. W02
I can't remember, I think it was one of the midwives. It was someone that came around. I don't know C02	I know that people did speak to me. There was obviously a doctor that came and spoke to me and she was explaining stuff, but you don't take it all in do you? I didn't take it in on a medical level. I just know that I'd haemorrhaged. W13
All I remember is being in labour a long time. And then I just remember people squiggling down on me stomach and saying <i>Do you want to try this?</i> I can't remember. I said <i>Yeah I'll sign it whatever it is.</i> C08	I wouldn't wish it on anyone to go through that. It's in the back of my brain and I try not to think about. W01
It's difficult isn't it? Because when you go through the birth you don't really remember it. C04	So they did come to talk to me [before leaving hospital], but I can't remember. D02
I was asked to consent for them to research about what happened to me in the emergency situation and how they dealt with it. Well that's all I can remember. Was there medication involved? Was there like a placebo like type medication, where I wasn't told which one I was receiving? C04	
My recollection of it was when I was sort of in and out of consciousness with blood loss and they said <i>Do we have permission to give you a trial? Erm it may be, or it might be a placebo, I don't know.</i> So I said <i>Yeah.</i> Obviously, <i>Yes. Give me anything. Whatever I need.</i> C09	