

Developing the Fit 4 Labour tool

A computer-based data-driven
screening test at the onset of labour

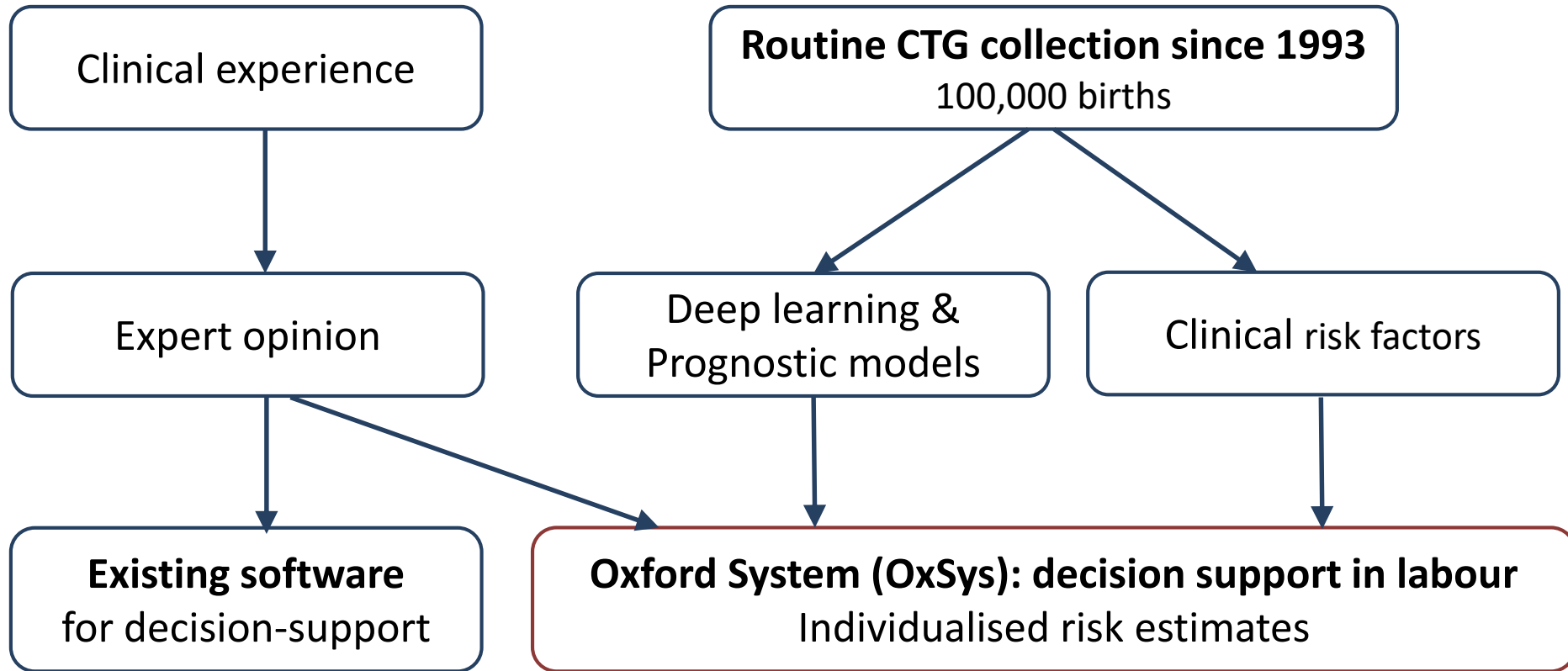


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Mission: prevent injury of babies during labour and delivery, caused by lack of oxygen in utero



Routinely collected maternity data: ~ 100,000 births at term

Year
1993

All CTG traces as per clinical practice at 4Hz (about 60% of births, billions of data points)

Maternal: age, BMI, hypertension, diabetes;

Pregnancy: pre-eclampsia, cholestasis, gestational age;

Labour: delivery method, analgesia, oxytocin, APGAR, arterial-venous cord gases as obtained per clinical practice; thick meconium, maternal fever, obstetric emergencies;

Neonatal: seizures, resuscitation, neurological disturbances, time in neonatal intensive care, birth weight; and others.

Year
2000

Additional: ethnicity, reason for operative delivery, refined ICD10 codes for mother and baby (as required by the national statistics office and reported by NHS digital)

Year
2012

The HIE Risk (HIER) database with comprehensive details for all babies diagnosed with moderate/severe HIE or receiving hypothermia treatment: EEG reports, neonatal MRI scans, reviewed by a specialist blinded to other clinical data, 2-year follow up, and many more details.

Year
2016

Outputs from a routine 36-week ultrasound scan: detailed biometrics, for example placental/cerebral ratio.

Time-series signal processing

Clinical risk factors & expertise

Statistical Prediction Models

Maternity databases

Data-driven clinical decision-support in labour

Deep Learning & AI

Biomarkers

Animal experimental data



Software as a medical device

External validation

Usability / Trust

Commercialisation

Large-scale RCTs

Clinical and societal impact

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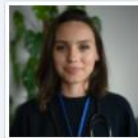
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Cardiotocography and Clinical Risk Factors in Early Term Labor: A Retrospective Cohort Study Using Computerized Analysis With Oxford System

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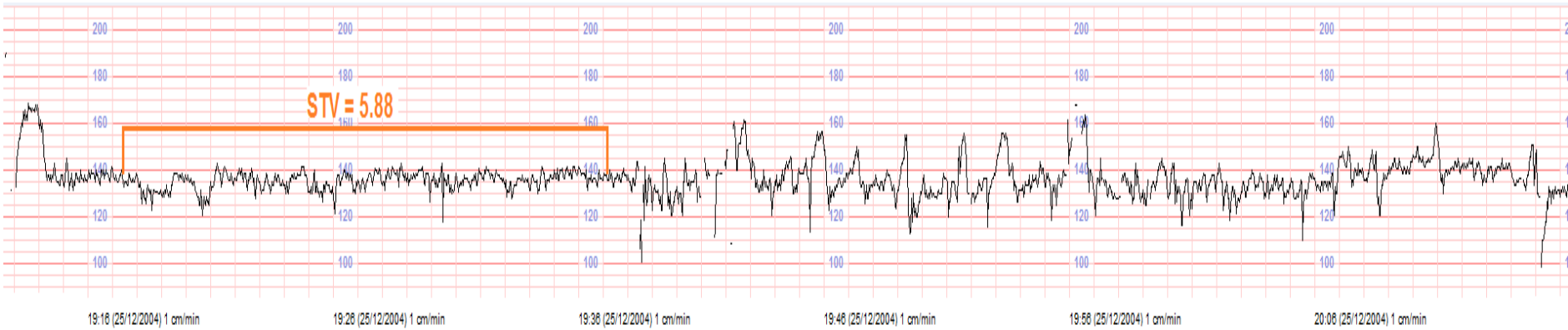
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In their first hour CTG, babies with severe compromise had significantly higher % of cases with:

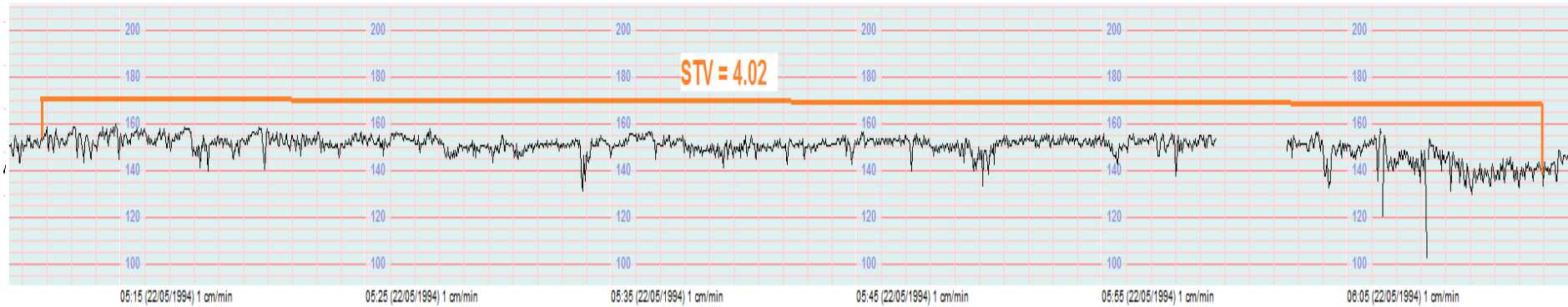
- baseline fetal heart rate ≥ 150 bpm;
- non-reactive trace;
- reduced long-term and short-term variability;
- decelerative capacity;
- no accelerations;
- Prolonged decelerations (≥ 3 min)

Clinically:

- thick meconium;
- small for gestational age;
- thick meconium, maternal fever ≥ 38 C, sentinel events, and other clinical risk factors were more commonly picked up with *Emergency CS* within 2hrs of starting admission trace.

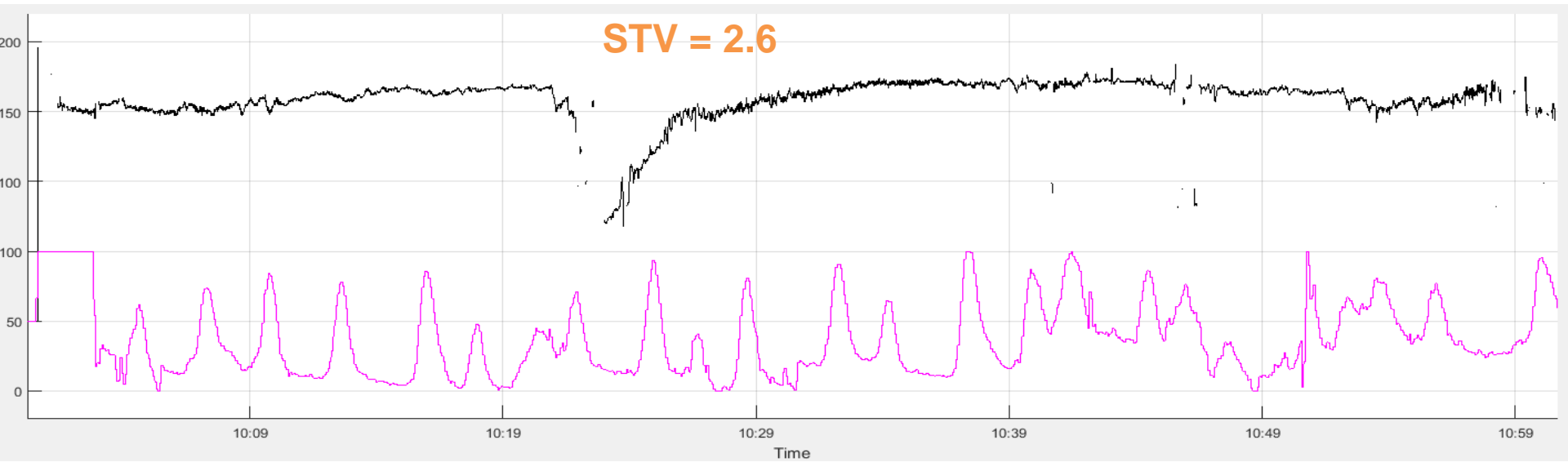
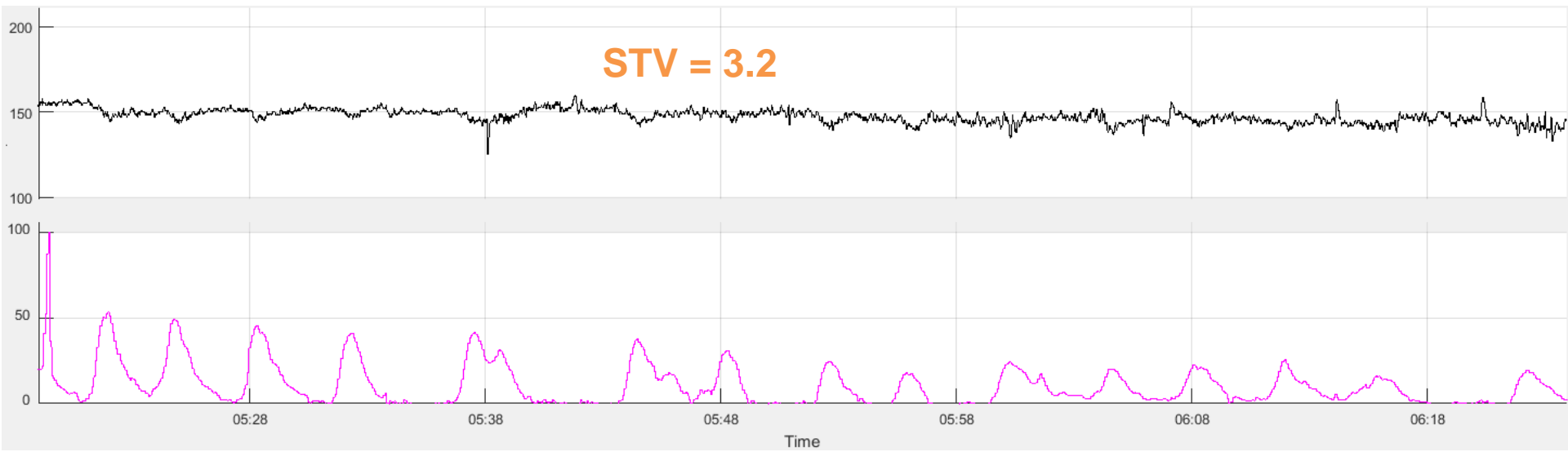


(a) Reactive



(b) Nonreactive

One-hour long traces. STV = Short Term Variability.

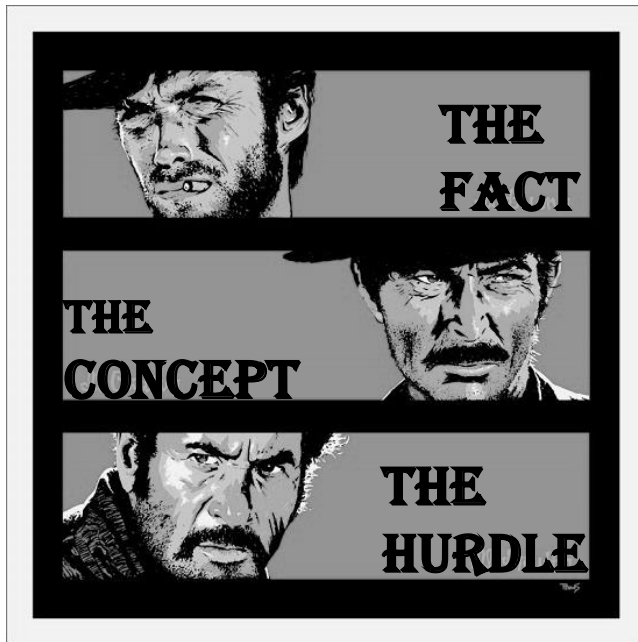


A Clinical Study to introduce a Fetal Monitoring Decision-Support Tool (*Fit for Labour*)



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THE FIT FOR LABOUR TEST



Labour is a time of intermittent oxygen deprivation. This is normal.

Identify babies at the onset of labour with pre-existing injury OR struggling with early labour.

CTGs are **complex and difficult** to interpret plus affected by **multiple risk factors**.

THE FIT FOR LABOUR TOOL



THE CONCEPT: screening test to Identify babies with pre-existing injury OR struggling with early labour.

- Data statistical prognostic model
- Risk factors
- Computerised CTG

AIM: Is to help all midwives & clinicians manage those *at-risk* appropriately.

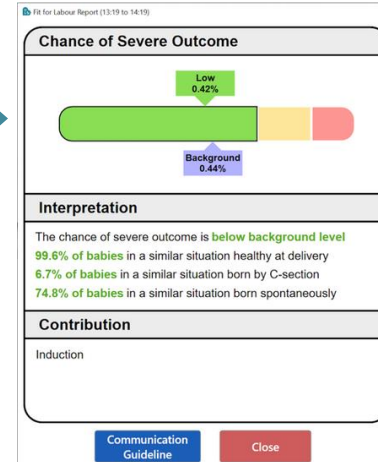
= DECISION-SUPPORT SOFTWARE

THE FIT FOR LABOUR TOOL

CTG at the onset of labour



Fit For Labour Test



Individualised Risk Score

OxSys Risk Factors

Maternal

Maternal Age (years) 35 Diabetes

Maternal Temp (C°) 36.6 Pre-eclampsia

Due Date 22/11/2022 15

Labour stage Not Established Established Nulliparous Multiparous

Fetal

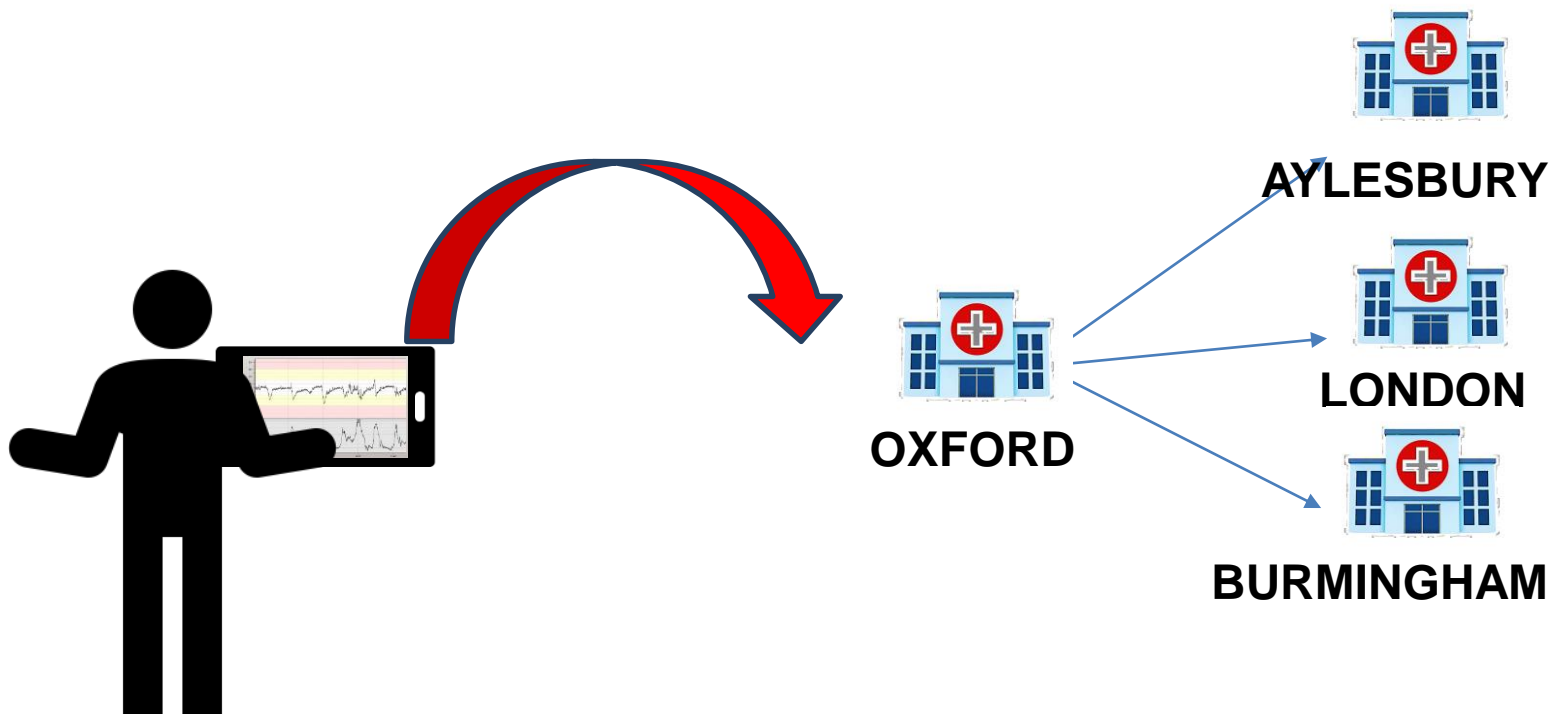
Thick Meconium Induction

Cancel Update

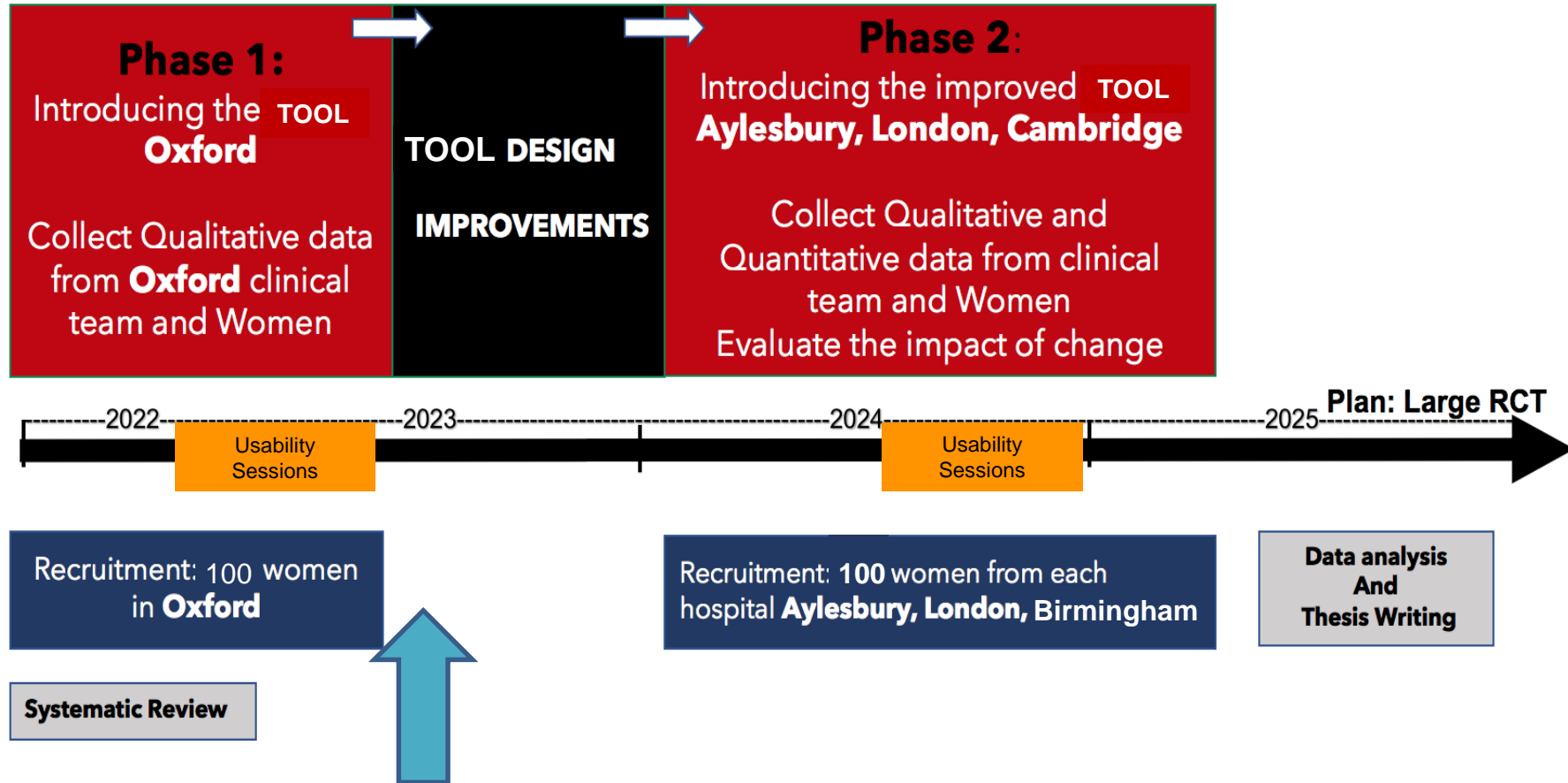
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Study Title: Technology Evaluation & ‘proof-of-concept’ study.

1. Assess the feasibility and usability in real-time clinical setting.
2. Assess the ease of recruitment.
3. Co-design and improve the tool to plan a future large RCT.

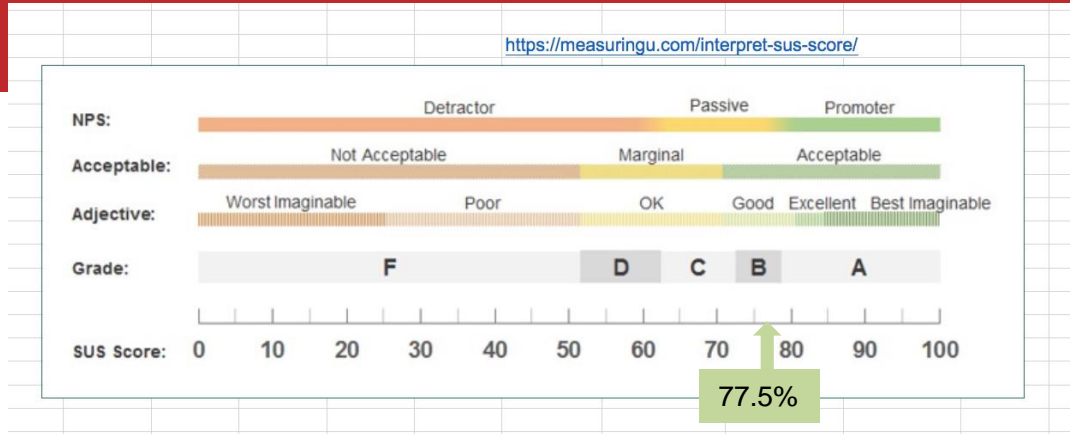


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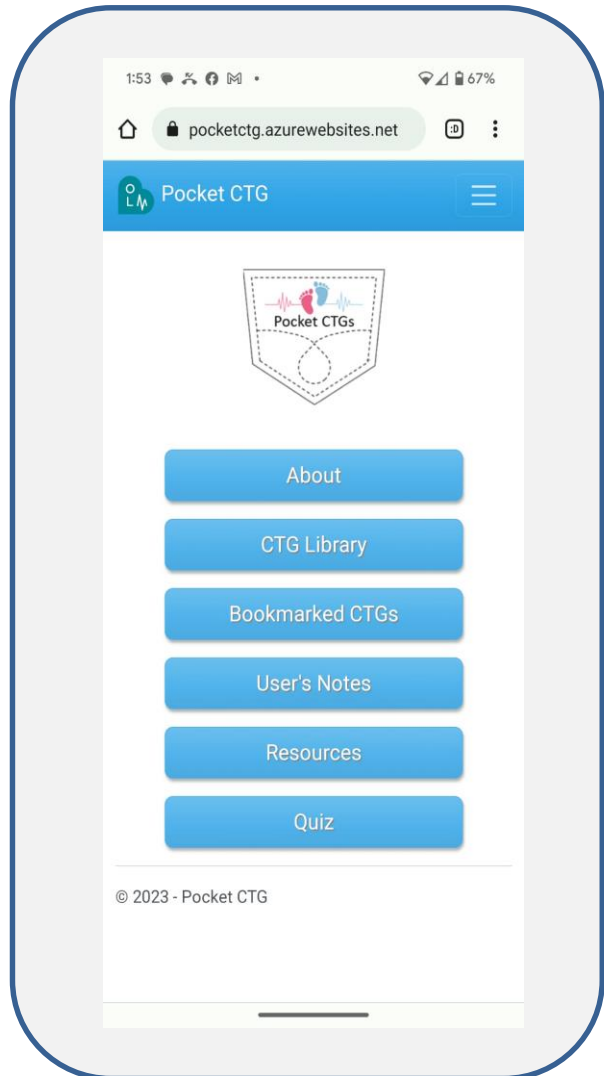
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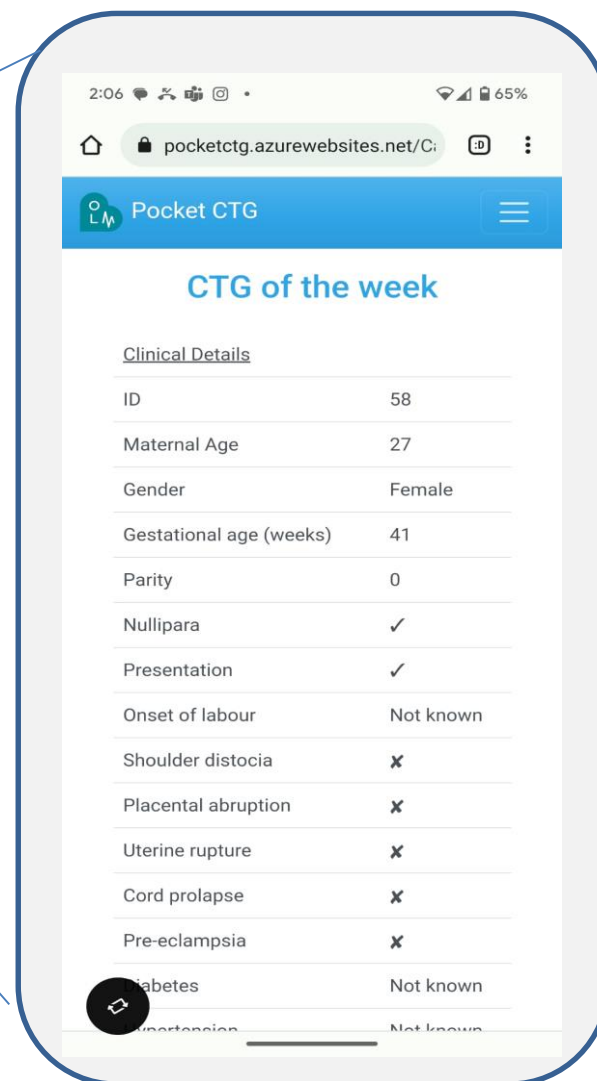
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Mobile Learning/Training App

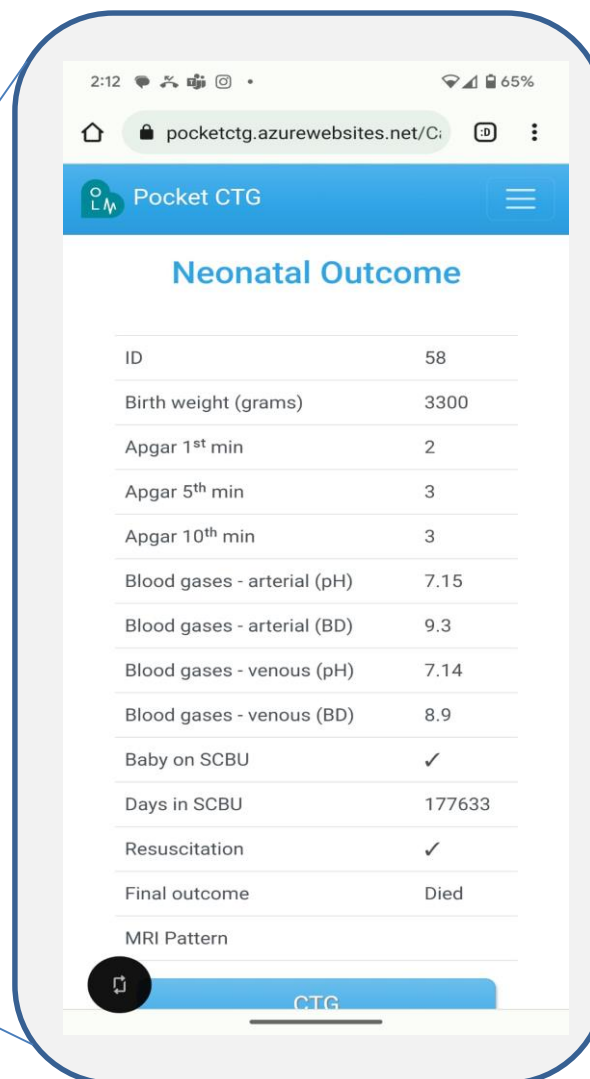
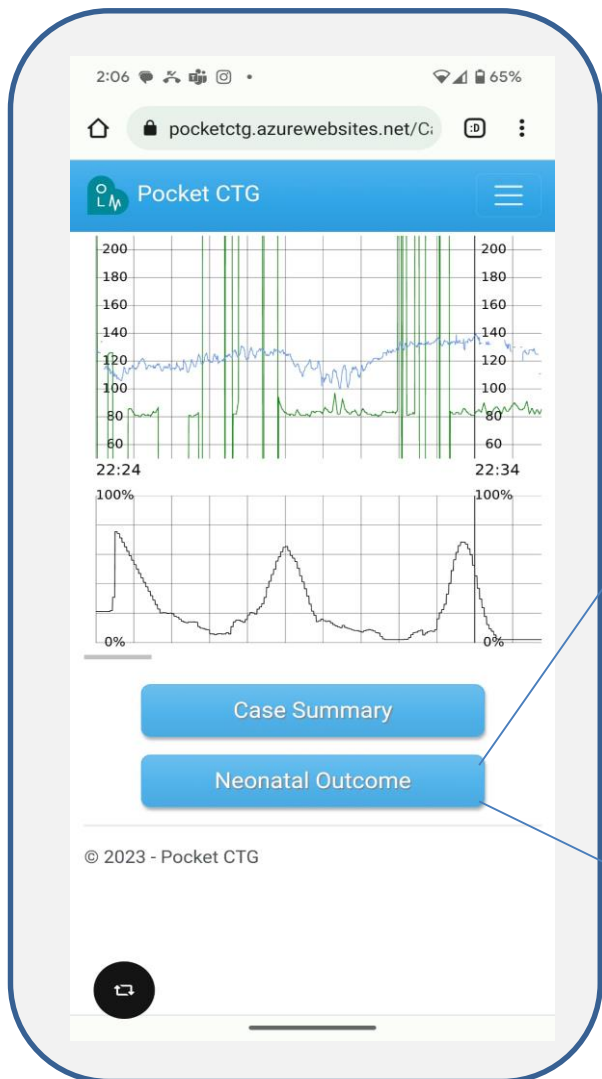


- A novel training tool for on-the-go CTG interpretation learning.
- Adjunct to current fetal monitoring training.
- A library of CTGs and cases with neonatal outcomes (easily hundreds of cases)
- Easily accessible to users

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Pocket CTG

Neonatal Outcome

ID	58
Birth weight (grams)	3300
Apgar 1 st min	2
Apgar 5 th min	3
Apgar 10 th min	3
Blood gases - arterial (pH)	7.15
Blood gases - arterial (BD)	9.3
Blood gases - venous (pH)	7.14
Blood gases - venous (BD)	8.9
Baby on SCBU	✓
Days in SCBU	177633
Resuscitation	✓
Final outcome	Died
MRI Pattern	

CTG

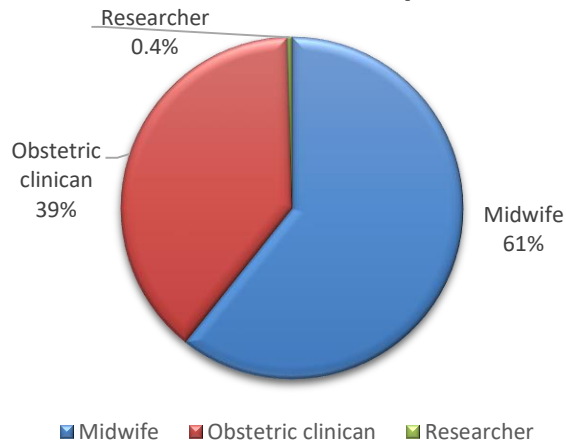
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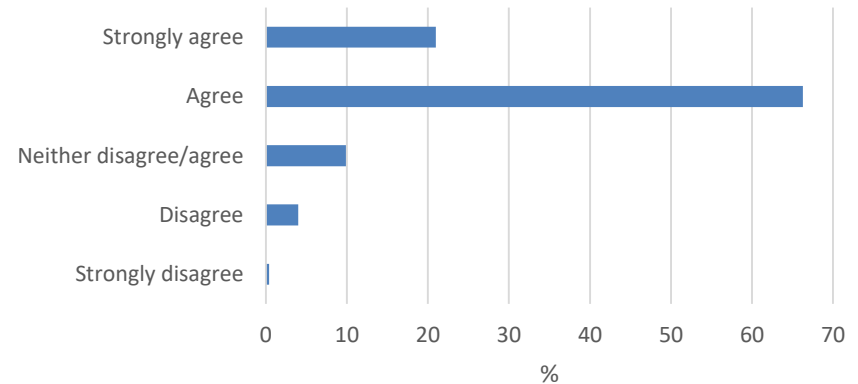
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252 responses to a questionnaire online
Autumn 2021

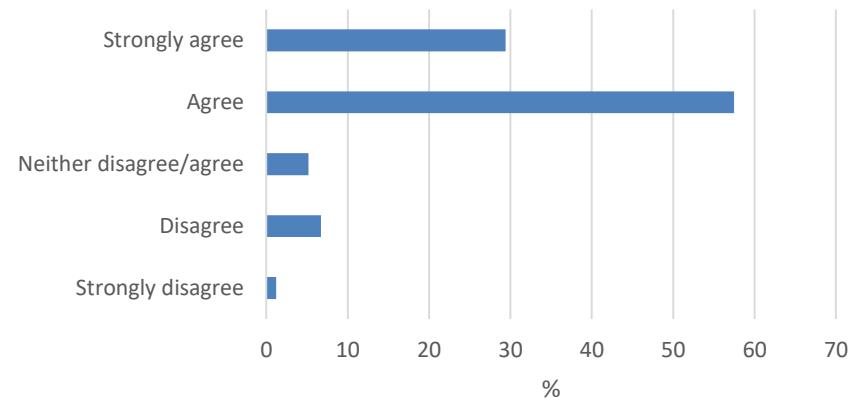
Professional role of respondent



CTGs can be challenging to interpret



Differing guidance leads to confusion when interpreting CTG traces



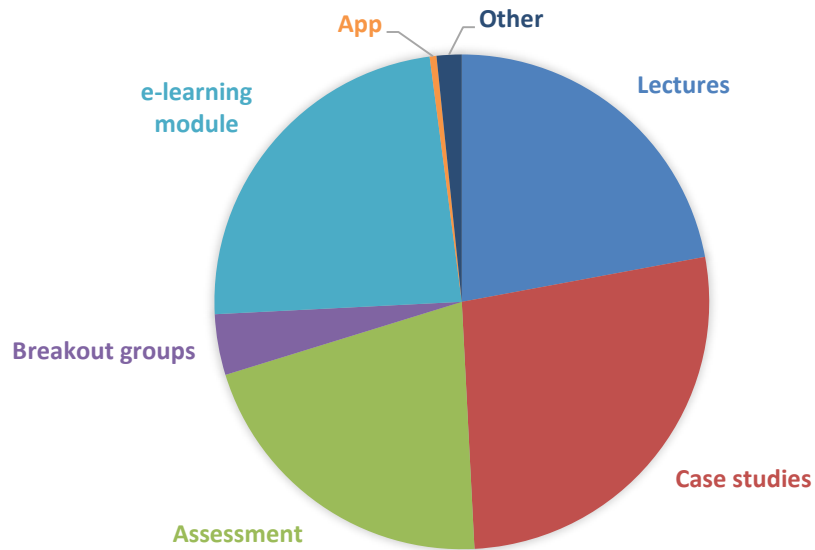
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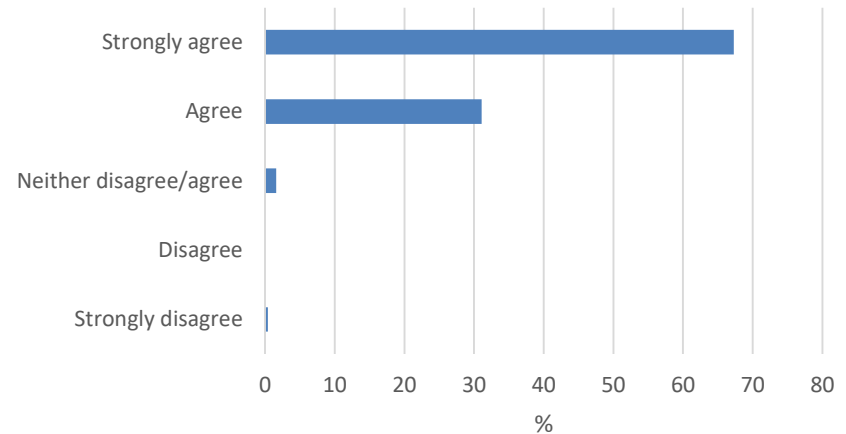
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METHODS OF FETAL MONITORING TRAINING



Reviewing cases is useful as part of fetal monitoring training



Thank you!

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