

Table 1: Baseline Characteristics of Women in preterm labour assessed in triage by midwives vs doctors

	<b>Controls (Doctor performing qfFN* test)</b>	<b>Cases (Triage midwife performing qfFN* test)</b>
Parity	n (%)	n (%)
0	19 (43)	17 (39)
>1	25 (57)	27 (61)
Gestation (weeks' gestation)		
Mean	30.3	28.8
< 28	11 (25)	16 (36)
28 -31+6	17 (39)	18 (41)
32-35+0	16 (36)	10 (23)
Multiple pregnancy	1 (2)	2 (5)

Table 2: outcomes

<b>Primary outcome</b>	<b>Controls (doctor performing qfFN* test)</b>	<b>Cases (triage midwife performing qfFN* test)</b>	<b>P value</b>
Interval between arrival and qfFN test (min)	127	67	< 0.0001
Interval between arrival and admission/discharge decision (min)	181	157	0.14
<b>Secondary outcome</b>	<b>Doctor</b>	<b>Midwife</b>	
Speculum findings	n (%)	n (%)	n/a
<i>Os closed</i>	42 (95)	42 (95)	n/a
<i>Multiple os</i>	0 (0)	1 (2)	n/a
<i>1-2 cm open</i>	0 (0)	1 (2)	n/a
<i>Os not visualised</i>	2 (5)	0 (0)	n/a
qfFN	n (%)	n (%)	
< 10	31 (70)	40 (90)	n/a
10-49	10 (23)	2 (5)	n/a
50-199	1 (2)	2 (5)	n/a
>200	2 (5)	0 (0)	n/a
<i>Invalid</i>	0 (0)	0 (0)	n/a
Steroids given on this presentation	0 (0)	2 (5)	n/a
Antibiotics given	0 (0)	2 (5)	n/a
Decision to admit	7 (16)	5 (11)	n/a
Decision to discharge	37 (84)	39 (89)	n/a

\*qfFN = quantitative fetal fibronectin