

Supplementary Table S6 Model factor loadings (after rotation) obtained from 4 factors-40 items from the first version of the CFQ-S in the second sample (n=278)

	F1 Fears relating to sexual aspects and embarrassment	F2 Fear of Medical Interventions	F3 Fear of pain	F4 Fear of harm to self and dying
Item 1-Being harmed by incompetent medical care	0.010	0.146	-0.002	0.571
Item2-Tears or rectal damage resulting from childbirth	0.164	0.013	0.238	0.437
Item3-Dying during labour	-0.234	0.034	0.113	0.784
Item4-Receiving general anaesthesia	-0.085	0.463	-0.018	0.233
Item5-Receiving injections	0.001	0.519	0.064	0.065
Item6-Harm to self or to my baby during labour and birth	-0.086	-0.036	-0.061	0.913
Item7- Being seen naked during labour	0.577	0.061	-0.063	-0.097
Item8-A vaginal tear during labour	0.248	0.089	0.197	0.350
Item9-My baby will be harmed during labour	0.004	-0.027	-0.090	0.952
Item10- My baby will be harmed during a medical intervention during labour (e.g., vacuum, anaesthesia, forceps, etc.)	-0.005	0.011	-0.089	0.907
Item11-Not having a C-section despite desiring one	0.196	-0.139	0.265	0.244
Item12-My vagina stretching after a vaginal birth	0.623	-0.085	0.250	0.014
Item13-Loss of sexual pleasure because of stretched vagina after birth	0.854	-0.164	0.014	0.077
Item14-Losing self-control in front of other people (being rude, screaming) during labour	0.150	0.131	0.066	0.208
Item15-A less attractive body after childbirth	0.690	0.017	-0.069	0.026
Item16-My baby will suffocate during labour	-0.099	-0.010	-0.078	0.943
Item17-Need forceps or vacuum delivery	0.038	0.178	-0.006	0.483
Item18-Not receiving adequate pain relief	0.105	-0.162	0.396	0.475
Item19-Having an episiotomy (a cut made to the vagina)	0.311	0.257	0.096	0.198
Item20-My baby dying during labour	-0.047	-0.008	-0.021	0.724
Item21-Being seen urinating during labour	0.571	0.084	0.043	-0.100
Item22-Having an epidural	-0.041	0.668	-0.040	-0.005
Item23-Feeling observed by strangers during labour	0.657	0.159	-0.050	-0.115
Item24-Having a less attractive vagina after a vaginal birth	0.897	-0.014	-0.037	-0.132
Item25-Having scars after a C-section	0.368	0.401	-0.004	-0.108
Item26-Loss of sexual pleasure because of pain or discomfort after childbirth	0.685	-0.005	-0.011	0.152
Item27-My partner loses sexual pleasure after childbirth because of my stretched vagina after childbirth.	0.762	-0.044	-0.105	0.113
Item28-Needing stitches after childbirth	0.308	0.442	0.095	-0.027
Item29-Not receiving an epidural during labour despite desiring or needing it	0.089	-0.035	0.465	0.229
Item30-Feeling pain during labour	0.073	-0.025	0.862	0.053
Item31-Having a vaginal birth	0.216	-0.063	0.512	0.007
Item32-Being seen defecating during labour	0.713	0.138	-0.039	-0.118
Item33-Not proceeding with a vaginal birth preferring one	0.049	0.768	-0.121	-0.003
Item34-Feeling pain while pushing	-0.092	-0.011	0.970	-0.135
Item35-Feeling pain during a vaginal birth	-0.127	0.035	0.980	-0.093
Item36-Having a C-section	-0.122	0.925	-0.022	-0.094
Item37-Feeling pain during contractions	-0.105	0.105	0.864	-0.089

Item38-Having a catheter (a tube inserted in the bladder to collect urine)	-0.054	0.527	0.229	0.083
Item39-Feeling pain during a C-section	-0.056	0.540	0.179	0.157
Item40-Not proceeding with the type of childbirth I chose (e.g., vaginal or C-section)	0.023	0.633	0.027	0.093