

APPENDIX “C” - Main Themes and Categories

CATEGORY	THEME	EXTENT OF EXPERIENCE REPORTED
Intensely personal aspects of experience	(1) Maternal drive (2) Loss of control/need for control (3) Remaining embryos	-Very high. Expressed or clearly implied by most participants -High. Not expressed by all participants but strongly emphasised by those who did express it -Addressed by only 3 participants
Stress	(1) General-life and work related (2) Personality and attitude related (3) IVF Process related (4) Finance related (5) Miscarriage or still birth related (6) Age (7) Medical/Clinical aspects	-High to very high across the majority of participants -Mentioned by approximately half the participants from the multi-cycle IVF category -Very high (at some stage of cycle for all IVF participants_ -Very high -Very high for all participants who experienced miscarriage or still birth -Very high across the majority of participants -Not overly significant but mentioned in passing and without prompting by several participants
Social	(1) Family related (2) Friends related (3) Work (and other aspects) related	-Quite high -Quite high -Very high -Quite high

	(4) Dissociated language	
Major life experience or situation	(1) Primarily relating to self (2) Primarily relating to others but nonetheless having a significant effect on self	Very high for half of the participants Very high for 3 participants
The IVF-Assist intervention	(1) Psychotherapy aspects (2) Hypnotherapy aspects (3) Other aspects	-High impact reported by all participants except one who recently commenced IVF-Assist at time of research - High impact reported by all participants except one who recently commenced IVF-Assist at time of research -Varied across participants