

TABLE 2. Means (and standard deviations) of scores for beliefs about various outcomes of using male and female condoms with steady and casual partners

Outcome belief	Likelihood score	Evaluation score	Outcome belief score†
Using male condoms with a steady partner would:			
Protect me from HIV/STD	4.78 (1.24)	5.28 (1.69)	25.77 (10.46)
Give me control of protection	4.19 (1.87)	3.97 (1.60)	17.84 (11.65)
Prevent pregnancy	4.95 (1.12)	1.34 (4.15)	7.22 (20.92)
Cause me to lose my erection or be unable to ejaculate	1.74 (1.97)	-4.42 (1.47)	-7.78 (9.93)
Interrupt sex	2.71 (2.05)	-3.38 (1.80)	-10.96 (10.50)
Cause my partner to get dry or sore	2.61 (1.94)	-4.88 (1.29)	-12.90 (10.78)
Feel like a barrier between us	3.45 (2.14)	-3.83 (1.85)	-14.99 (12.19)
Give me less physical pleasure from sex	4.26 (1.86)	-4.01 (1.55)	-18.03 (11.26)
Mean outcome belief score	na	na	-2.00 (6.65)
Using male condoms with a casual partner would:			
Give me control of protection	4.66 (1.72)	5.32 (1.11)	25.38 (11.67)
Protect me from HIV/STD	4.79 (1.20)	5.20 (1.77)	25.20 (10.80)
Prevent pregnancy	5.07 (1.05)	4.54 (2.55)	22.76 (14.13)
Give me less physical pleasure from sex	3.68 (1.81)	-3.25 (1.53)	-12.45 (9.08)
Feel like a barrier between us	2.91 (2.18)	-2.19 (1.82)	-7.21 (8.71)
Cause me to lose my erection or be unable to ejaculate	1.89 (1.93)	-3.92 (1.76)	-7.86 (9.07)
Interrupt sex	2.38 (1.92)	-2.78 (1.84)	-8.08 (8.81)
Cause my partner to get dry or sore	2.64 (1.60)	-4.27 (1.57)	-11.26 (8.55)
Mean outcome belief score	na	na	3.25 (5.36)
Using female condoms with a steady partner would:			
Protect me from HIV/STD	3.25 (1.97)	5.28 (1.69)	17.27 (12.43)
Free me from using a male condom	3.77 (2.13)	4.06 (1.69)	16.22 (11.94)
Interrupt sex less than a male condom	2.75 (1.47)	3.31 (1.84)	8.62 (7.99)
Prevent pregnancy	4.24 (1.44)	1.34 (4.15)	6.44 (18.48)
Give her more control over protection	3.61 (1.81)	1.07 (1.41)	4.90 (6.60)
Interrupt sex	3.49 (1.79)	-3.38 (1.80)	-11.89 (10.77)
Give me less pleasure from sex	3.24 (1.86)	-4.01 (1.55)	-13.56 (10.74)
Cause my partner to get sore or irritated	3.06 (1.51)	-5.07 (1.17)	-15.71 (9.37)
Give her less pleasure from sex	3.55 (1.72)	-4.84 (1.41)	-17.88 (10.75)
Mean outcome belief score	na	na	-0.85 (4.94)
Using female condoms with a casual partner would:			
Protect me from HIV/STD	3.47 (1.84)	5.20 (1.77)	18.37 (12.05)
Prevent pregnancy	4.16 (1.48)	4.44 (2.55)	18.28 (13.25)
Free me from using a male condom	2.97 (2.25)	2.86 (1.98)	10.86 (10.53)
Interrupt sex less than a male condom	2.64 (1.41)	2.72 (1.85)	6.08 (6.97)
Give her more control over protection	4.24 (1.61)	0.98 (1.68)	5.60 (8.26)
Give me less pleasure from sex	2.74 (1.66)	-4.01 (1.55)	-5.23 (7.56)
Interrupt sex	3.02 (1.66)	-2.78 (1.84)	-6.78 (7.36)
Cause my partner to get sore or irritated	2.63 (1.06)	-4.52 (1.32)	-11.88 (5.50)
Give her less pleasure from sex	3.10 (1.57)	-4.22 (1.42)	-13.32 (8.75)
Mean outcome belief score	na	na	2.75 (3.57)

†Mean of products of individual-level likelihood and evaluation scores. Notes: Ns for use of male condoms with steady partner items range from 331 to 365; for use of male condoms with casual partner items, 121–130; for use of female condoms with steady partner items, 175–348; for use of female condoms with casual partner items, 31–121. Likelihood scale range: 0 (very unlikely) to 6 (very likely). Evaluation scale range: 0 (not at all good) to 6 (very good) for desirable outcomes, -6 (very bad) to 0 (not at all bad) for undesirable outcomes and -6 (very bad) to 6 (very good) for outcomes that could be either (e.g., pregnancy). Outcome belief scale range: -36 to 36 (0 to 36 for positive outcomes, -36 to 0 for negative outcomes), na=not applicable.