

1 **The Zimbabwe STI Etiology Study: Design, Methods, Study Population**

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74 **Summary:** A study of the etiology of STI syndromes in Zimbabwe using a traveling
75 team of trained study nurses resulted in timely patient enrollment, high quality and
76 completeness of data and laboratory samples, and positive rapport between study
77 nurses and clinic staff, suggesting a model for conducting future STI etiology studies
78 at sentinel sites.

79 Abstract

80 *Background:* In most developing countries, sexually transmitted infections (STI) are
81 managed syndromically with combinations of antibiotics to which the most
82 prevalent etiologic agents are sensitive. Periodic surveys are necessary to establish
83 the actual prevalence of etiologic agents to validate the appropriateness of
84 syndromic treatment guidelines.

85 *Methods:* We conducted a study among patients served by a regionally and
86 ethnically diverse sample of clinics in Zimbabwe to assess the etiology of urethral
87 discharge in men, vaginal discharge in women, and genital ulcer disease in women
88 and men. Patients were enrolled sequentially by a traveling team of designated
89 study nurses. This manuscript provides details of the study methodology and
90 presents demographic and sexual history data that were collected using a
91 standardized questionnaire. Etiology outcome data will be presented in subsequent
92 articles.

93 *Results:* Over a period of 10 months, 600 patients were enrolled in 6 clinics, 200 in
94 each of the syndrome categories. Among the clinics there were significant
95 differences in gender, ethnicity, and sexual history. Overall, 35.9% of participants
96 reported a history of STI and 29.5% were HIV positive by self-report. Observations
97 during the study period confirmed that the study team was well integrated in
98 regular clinic operations and performed both research and clinical duties consistent
99 with the study protocol. Record review indicated over 90% data completeness and

100 high concordance between paper and electronic data files. Specimen collection was
101 complete for all but 2 patients.

102 *Conclusions:* Enrollment at multiple clinics increases study subject diversity with
103 potentially important consequences for study outcomes. A large proportion of
104 patients presenting with STIs in Zimbabwe reported to be HIV infected, indicating a
105 high risk for ongoing HIV transmission. Finally, process outcomes of the study
106 suggest that a traveling team approach as used in this study may serve as a model
107 for conducting STI studies in sentinel sites.

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108 **Introduction**

109 According to the 2012 estimates from the World Health Organization (WHO), the
110 global burden of sexually transmitted infections (STI) comprises 357 million
111 incident bacterial/protozoan infections among adults 15-49 years, including 131
112 million *Chlamydia trachomatis* infections, 78 million *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*
113 infections, 143 million *Trichomonas vaginalis* infections, and 5.6 million *Treponema*
114 *pallidum* infections, respectively.¹ Sub-Saharan Africa represents 13.4% of the
115 world's population², but has historically accounted for a disproportionate number of
116 STIs, including 20% of global gonococcal infections, and 32% of syphilis and
117 trichomoniasis cases.³

118 In many countries, including most developing nations, the treatment of STI-
119 associated syndromes, including urethritis in men, vaginal discharge in women, and
120 genital ulcer disease in both men and women has been the mainstay of STI control
121 and prevention. Syndromic management involves the administration of a
122 combination of antimicrobials to patients presenting with STI syndromes when
123 diagnostic tests to differentiate between the major etiologic agents associated with
124 these syndromes are not available. WHO has published guidelines for STI syndromic
125 management, the most recent in 2003⁴, and most countries employing syndromic
126 management base their country guidelines on the WHO recommendations. Thus the
127 Zimbabwe STI treatment guidelines as published in 2012⁵, recommend ceftriaxone
128 or kanamycin in combination with doxycycline or azithromycin for men presenting
129 with urethral discharge and women with vaginal discharge to treat gonococcal and

130 chlamydial infections. In addition, women presenting with vaginal discharge are
131 also given metronidazole to treat trichomoniasis and bacterial vaginosis. Men and
132 women presenting with genital ulcer disease are given a combination of benzathine
133 penicillin, erythromycin and acyclovir to treat syphilis, chancroid, and genital
134 herpes, respectively.⁵

135 The underlying epidemiology of STIs is changing. For example, chancroid appears to
136 be a decreasing cause and genital herpes an increasing cause of genital ulcer disease
137 in sub-Saharan Africa.⁶⁻⁸ Also, micro-organisms such as *Mycoplasma genitalium* are
138 increasingly recognized as a cause of male urethritis⁹ and may result in pelvic
139 inflammatory disease among women.¹⁰ Thus, periodic surveys are necessary to keep
140 track of the changing STI epidemiological landscape and keep syndromic
141 management guidelines up to date. In addition, given the challenges of antimicrobial
142 susceptibility, in particular for gonococcal infections, surveillance of gonococcal
143 resistance patterns is also indicated. Indeed, recent studies of gonococcal resistance
144 have been published from southern Africa including one study from Zimbabwe.¹¹ By
145 contrast, there has been a paucity of basic STI etiologic studies in Africa and no
146 recent comprehensive studies have been conducted outside South Africa¹²,
147 Botswana,⁶ and Zambia.⁷ Existing studies often originate from large public health
148 laboratories and specialty clinics associated with them, thus limiting regional
149 representativeness. To the extent that studies involve regional and rural clinics, they
150 often rely on specimen collection by inadequately trained and supervised staff with
151 competing clinical duties. [ref]. To overcome these limitations, we developed a study
152 model that relied on a traveling team of trained nurses to collect data and specimens

153 in a study assessing the etiology of the genital discharge syndromes and genital
154 ulcer disease among 600 men and women presenting with these conditions in a
155 regionally diverse selection of STI clinics in Zimbabwe.

156 In this first article, we describe the study design and methods and also present data
157 describing the enrolled population and the quality and completeness of data
158 collection. Etiologic testing data, will be presented elsewhere. [include refs here]

159 **Methods**

160 *Ethics Statement*

161 The study protocol, including consent forms and questionnaires was reviewed and
162 approved by the institutional review boards of the University of Zimbabwe (Joint
163 Research and Ethics Committee of Parirenyatwa Central Hospital), the Zimbabwe
164 Medical Research Council and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

165 **Study Design, Patient Selection, and Study Procedures**

166 *Study Design*

167 The overarching goal of the study was to determine the current etiology of STI
168 syndromes in Zimbabwe. Specific aims were to determine the prevalence of
169 *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, *Chlamydia trachomatis*, *Trichomonas vaginalis*, and
170 *Mycoplasma genitalium* among men and women with urethral and vaginal discharge
171 respectively and the prevalence of bacterial vaginosis and yeast infections among
172 women with vaginal discharge. For men and women presenting with genital ulcer
173 disease we intended to determine the prevalence of *Treponema pallidum*,

174 *Haemophilus ducreyi*, lymphogranuloma venereum strains of *Chlamydia trachomatis*,
175 and herpes simplex virus type 1 and 2 (HSV-1 and HSV-2) infections.

176 Secondary aims included the determination of the prevalence and awareness of
177 infection status of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection among men and
178 women with STI syndromes, the association of HIV with STI syndromes and
179 pathogens, and the prevalence of gonorrhoea and chlamydia among patients with
180 genital ulcer disease.

181 Two countervailing principles guided the development of the study. On the one
182 hand we intended to study a population representative of Zimbabwean patients
183 presenting with STIs at urban and regional clinics and to have a sample size that
184 would allow a robust assessment of the relative proportion of pathogens associated
185 with the respective STI syndromes. On the other hand, these goals were restricted
186 by a limitation of resources and time to conduct the study. Thus, we followed a
187 pragmatic approach to identify study clinics and determine appropriate sample
188 sizes.

189 *Clinic Selection*

190 In Zimbabwe, STI syndromes are reported from polyclinics to district and provincial
191 health offices and from there to the Zimbabwe Ministry of Health and Child Care
192 Head Office. We examined 2012 surveillance statistics to identify a regionally
193 diverse sample of clinics with high numbers of reported STI syndromes. After an
194 initial round of site visits to determine the logistics and feasibility of conducting the
195 study, we selected 6 geographically diverse clinics: Mbare and Budiriro clinics in

196 Harare, the country's capital city; Khami Road and Nkulumane clinics in Bulawayo
197 the second largest city in the southwestern part of the country and ethnically
198 distinct from Harare; Dulibadzimu clinic in Beitbridge on the border with South
199 Africa, an important hub for truck drivers and sex workers, and finally Gutu Road
200 Hospital in Gutu in Masvingo Province, a predominantly rural clinic. These clinics
201 were deemed to be sufficiently representative of risk populations both regionally
202 and ethnically to yield meaningful and generalizable results. To enhance
203 generalizability, we aimed to enroll 200 patients in each of the three regions. More
204 details on clinic selection can be found in the study protocol, available online.¹³

205 *Sample Size*

206 Based on statistical considerations detailed in the study protocol¹³, as well as the
207 limited resources available to the study, we felt that sample sizes of 200 each for
208 urethral discharge and vaginal discharge syndromes would strike an acceptable
209 balance between available study resources and the need for precision. For genital
210 ulcer disease with lower expected frequencies for chancroid, syphilis, and
211 lymphogranuloma venereum, a larger sample size would have been desirable, but
212 was not deemed feasible within the time and budgetary constraints of the project
213 given the overall lower prevalence of genital ulcer disease in comparison to the
214 discharge syndromes. We thus aimed to enroll 200 subjects in this category as well;
215 100 men and 100 women. Since the study population was in essence a convenience
216 sample, we did not intend to apply sample weights. Importantly, we did not consider
217 clustering of pathogens by study site in calculating sample sizes. In the presentation

218 of the study results, we will therefore be careful in presenting clinic comparisons as
219 well as list caveats of combining the data.

220 *Patient Selection*

221 During the enrollment period at each clinic, sexually active men and women aged
222 18-55 years were eligible for the study if presenting with a chief complaint of
223 urethral discharge (men), vaginal discharge (women) or a genital ulceration (men
224 and women). Patients were ineligible if they did not speak English, Shona or
225 Ndebele (the 3 major languages in Zimbabwe), if they were unable to provide
226 consent, if they had received antibiotics for STI treatment or for other reasons in the
227 previous 4 weeks, or if they had been previously enrolled.

228 *Study Team*

229 A team of 3 nurses from the Zimbabwe Community Health Intervention Research
230 (ZiCHIRe) program in Harare was trained in study procedures and deployed
231 sequentially for a period of 10-17 weeks to each of the 6 study sites, starting in the
232 Harare clinics, then moving to Bulawayo and finally to Beitbridge and Gutu. The
233 start of enrollment at each site was preceded by at least two site visits involving
234 study leadership, including the team lead (VK), the study's lead consultant (CAR)
235 and senior researchers representing the Ministry of Health and Child Care (AM and
236 MM). The primary purpose of these visits was to properly inform clinic leadership
237 and staff of the upcoming study, to obtain their support and to review study
238 logistics, including the availability of a study room, basic materials, a refrigerator,
239 etc. To enhance the usefulness of team presence at the clinic, team staff members

240 were tasked with regular clinic duties if enrollment was slow and were also
241 encouraged to involve regular clinic staff with patient enrollment as a teaching
242 opportunity. During the enrollment period, each clinic was visited at least once by
243 the study leadership (CAR, MM, AM) to review clinic procedures, data management
244 and specimen processing. A final visit to each of the clinics by the study leadership
245 was conducted after completion of the study to provide study results and additional
246 training.

247 *Study Procedures*

248 Upon establishing eligibility criteria, patients underwent a consenting process and
249 were asked to sign the informed consent form¹³ covering all study procedures,
250 except HIV testing for which a separate consent line was included. The study nurse
251 then completed a paper-copy questionnaire that included demographic information,
252 a sexual history, description of symptoms, history of STI/HIV, and current use of
253 medications. The study questionnaire is available online.¹³ Next the patient
254 underwent a genital examination and specimens were taken as follows: men with
255 urethral discharge: smear for Gram stain and a first-voided urine sample; women
256 with vaginal discharge: Ph testing by strip method, smear for Gram stain and 4
257 vaginal swabs; men and women with genital ulcer disease: 1 swab of ulcer base as
258 well as 2 vaginal swabs for women and a first-voided urine sample for men. Blood
259 specimens were collected from all patients with genital ulcer disease for syphilis
260 testing and from consenting patients for HIV testing. Whole blood samples were
261 refrigerated until shipment. Because of the expected time lag between sample

262 collection and laboratory testing (see below), test results were not communicated to
263 the study participants, with the exception of HIV and syphilis results. In addition,
264 some study participants were tested for HIV using rapid tests per clinic standard of
265 care and followed up when found to be positive. However, these procedures fell
266 outside the study protocol.

267 All patients were treated for their presenting STI syndrome according to the 2012
268 Zimbabwe STI treatment guidelines.⁵ In case of medication stock-outs at the clinic,
269 the team was provided with recommended medications for study patients.

270 All findings and actions were documented on the paper questionnaire.¹³ After
271 completion of the visit, paper data were reviewed by the lead study nurse and then
272 transcribed into a computer-based data system on handheld devices. Data were
273 uploaded at least daily from study sites to an online secure central database.

274 All patients received US \$5 for their time and participation, which in most clinics
275 was equal to what they paid for their clinic visit. In addition, clinics also received US
276 \$5 for each patient enrolled to help defray the costs of staff time and other operating
277 expenses.

278 *Laboratory Procedures*

279 All patient specimens were kept refrigerated after collection and shipped in a cooler
280 box with cooling packs by courier the same day or overnight to the receiving
281 laboratory at Wilkins Hospital in Harare, where all samples were kept refrigerated
282 until further processing.

283 A number of tests were conducted at the receiving laboratory, including Gram-
284 staining and reading of the air-dried smears, HIV serologic testing by HIV rapid test
285 using the standard testing algorithm^a in Zimbabwe, treponemal testing by SD
286 Bioline DUO rapid test (Standard Diagnostics Inc, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea) and
287 TPHA, and non-treponemal testing by RPR.

288 All discharge and ulcer samples were stored in a -70°F freezer and batched for
289 shipment to the STI reference laboratory at the National Institute for Communicable
290 Diseases (NICD) in Johannesburg, South Africa. Using an in-house developed
291 multiplex polymerase chain reaction (M-PCR) test procedure, discharge specimens
292 were tested for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, *Chlamydia trachomatis*, *Trichomonas*
293 *vaginalis*, and *Mycoplasma genitalium* and ulcer specimens were tested for
294 *Treponema pallidum*, *Haemophilus ducreyi*, LGV-associated strains of *Chlamydia*
295 *trachomatis* and HSV-1 and HSV-2.¹²

296 Urine aliquots and vaginal samples of all patients (including patients with genital
297 ulcer disease) were shipped by the Wilkins receiving laboratory to two local
298 laboratories for testing for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and *Chlamydia trachomatis* by
299 nucleic acid amplification testing (NAAT) using Becton Dickenson ProbeTec (BD
300 Molecular Diagnostics, Franklin Lakes, NJ, USA) at the University of
301 Zimbabwe/University of California San Francisco laboratory in the OB/GYNE
302 department of the University of Zimbabwe School of Medicine and using GeneXpert

^a HIV testing in Zimbabwe follows a standard algorithm of the following HIV rapid tests: 1) initial test by First Response HIV1-2-0; 2) confirmatory test by Alere Determine HIV1/2 if the initial test is positive; and 3) INSTI HIV1/HIV2 is used as a tie breaker if the initial and confirmatory tests are discrepant.

303 (Cepheid, Sunnyvale, CA, USA) at the Flowcytometry laboratory in Harare. All
304 testing was done using standard operating procedures. The use of multiple
305 platforms for gonorrhoea and chlamydia testing served a dual purpose of quality
306 control as well as support for expanding local STI testing capacity. More detail on
307 laboratory procedures can be found in the online supplement.¹³

308 *Quality-Control Measures*

309 As mentioned above, regular clinic visits were conducted by the study leadership
310 (CAR, MM, AM) to review clinic procedures, data management and specimen
311 processing.

312 The receiving laboratory at Wilkins hospital kept running logs to document
313 specimen shipment from the study sites and to the participating laboratories. All
314 paper records were shipped to the receiving laboratory at Wilkins hospital and
315 stored in locked file cabinets. The study consultant (CAR) performed a review of a
316 random sample (10%) of paper records after the completion of the study. Electronic
317 data were periodically analyzed to assess data completion and integrity and
318 identified problems were communicated with the study team.

319 *Statistical Methods*

320 Data on participant demographics and sexual health and STI history were analyzed
321 using SAS software (Cary, NC, USA). Tests for statistical significance included the Chi
322 Square test for categorical variables and Student's T-test for continuous variables.

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329 **Results**

330 Study enrollment started on June 8, 2014 and was completed on April 25, 2015.
331 Enrollment lasted 17 weeks in Harare (N=212), 10 weeks in Bulawayo (N=211) and
332 12 weeks in Beitbridge and Gutu (N=177). Recruitment in Beitbridge/Gutu was
333 limited due to slow enrollment at the Gutu site and resource constraints limiting the
334 time the study team could spend in the field. By recruiting slightly more patients at
335 the Harare and Bulawayo sites, overall recruitment targets were met with a total of
336 600 patients enrolled, 200 in each of the syndrome categories. The main
337 characteristics of the study population are summarized by enrollment site in Table
338 1. Syndromes were evenly distributed by city, however statistically significant
339 differences by clinic occurred, mostly because more women with vaginal discharge
340 were enrolled in one of the Bulawayo clinics and more men with urethral discharge
341 were enrolled in the other (Table 1, $p < 0.01$).

342 As expected, there were significant ethnic differences among enrolled participants
343 between clinics in Harare (predominantly Shona) and Bulawayo (predominantly
344 Ndebele) reflecting the general population characteristics in these regions (Table 1).

345 Also, there were more participants characterized as “other” ethnicity in one of the
346 Bulawayo clinics and in the Beitbridge clinic.

347 The mean age of the study populations was 28.6 years (median 27 years). While
348 there were no significant differences for age by study site, women were generally
349 younger (27.7 years) than men (29.4 years, $p < 0.01$).

350 In terms of sexual history, the mean number of sex partners for the past 3 months in
351 the entire study population was 2.1 (median 1). Participants in the Khami Road
352 (Bulawayo) and Dulibadzimu (Beitbridge) clinics were significantly more likely to
353 report more than 1 partner in the past 3 months, i.e., respectively 39.6% and 36.1%
354 compared to 24.5% for the entire study group ($p < 0.001$). However, commercial sex
355 was reported by a considerably lower proportion of study participants and did not
356 differ among study sites.

357 A (lifetime) history of any STI other than HIV was reported by 35.9% of the study
358 population, with higher proportions among participants recruited at the Khami
359 Road (46.2%) clinic.

360 Condom use at last sex with a main partner was reported by 24.2% of participants
361 with no differences among clinics. However, condom use at last sex with a non-main
362 partner (reported by 40.9% overall) was reported at higher frequency by patients
363 recruited at the Khami Road (54.3%) and Dulibadzimu (47.6%) clinics.

364 Finally, by self-report, 29.5% of study participants were HIV positive, 29.2% were
365 HIV negative, and 41.3% reported unknown status, with a small, yet significant
366 variation by study site ($p < 0.05$). HIV testing data will be presented elsewhere.

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368 *Measures of Study Process*

369 Qualitative and quantitative review of collected data indicated high levels of data
370 completion and record review indicated high concordance between paper and
371 electronic data files. As can be seen in Table 1, data were complete for all
372 demographic and most risk factor categories. In addition, specimen collection was
373 complete with only few specimens not analyzable. Specifically, testing for *Neisseria*
374 *gonorrhoeae* and *Chlamydia trachomatis* was completed for 598/600 patients, with
375 insufficient samples for two men with genital ulcer disease. However, M-PCR testing
376 for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, *Chlamydia trachomatis*, *Mycoplasma genitalis*, and
377 *Trichomonas vaginalis* was completed on all 400 men and women presenting with
378 genital discharge, and M-PCR testing for *Treponema pallidum*, *Haemophilus ducreyi*,
379 *Chlamydia trachomatis* LGV strains, HSV-1 and HSV-2 was completed on all 200
380 patients with genital ulcer disease.

381 Regular site visits by study investigators confirmed the adequacy of study set-up at
382 each of the clinics and adherence to study procedures. As per study guidelines,
383 study staff performed non-study clinic duties when enrollment was slow,
384 contributing to good rapport between clinic and study staff and greatly enhancing
385 study acceptance at the clinic level.

386 Discussion

387 This article reports on the methodology, population characteristics and process
388 outcomes of the Zimbabwe STI Etiology Study. The data presented in this report
389 allow for a number of general conclusions.

390 First, the difference in patient characteristics and STI syndromes by study site,
391 including ethnic and gender differences as well as differences by risk factors and
392 self-reported HIV status and STD history, confirm the rationale for selecting the
393 study population from geographically diverse regions. At the same time, these
394 differences also point to a potential weakness of this study in that we cannot assume
395 that the 6 clinics were representative of the country and that sampling more clinics
396 in other regions would not have enhanced the diversity of the study population. In
397 the articles detailing the study outcomes, we will explore how the results vary by
398 recruitment site and thus provide a measure of representativeness of the overall
399 study population, or lack thereof. In this context, we point out that we were not
400 successful in recruiting more patients at the rural Gutu site. Low recruitment was
401 solely the result of the lack of patients presenting with STIs at this site during the
402 recruitment time frame.

403 Second, the high level of self-reported HIV infection (29.5%), will allow us to explore
404 the relationship between HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. This
405 relationship may indicate a high level of co-occurrence as a result of the same
406 antecedent high-risk behaviors, or a higher level of genital infections resulting from
407 (advanced) HIV infection, including genital herpes recurrence, vaginal yeast

408 infections, and bacterial vaginosis. Regardless of the nature of this relationship,
409 HIV/STI co-infections enhance the transmission of HIV and should be a focus of
410 study.

411 Finally, process outcomes of the study, including timely patient enrollment,
412 completeness and quality of data and laboratory samples, and observed rapport
413 between study nurses and clinic staff, confirm the advantages of the study team
414 approach. Alternative models that rely on existing clinic staff trained in study
415 protocols with some form of central oversight have the advantage of being cheaper
416 and may have less impact on overall clinic operations. However, relying on already
417 overextended clinic staff and resources for study purposes has been shown to result
418 in compromising efficiency and quality, compounded by lack of training and local
419 study oversight.¹¹ Thus, the team approach as described in our study, while
420 requiring a greater investment, appears to be superior both in terms of study
421 efficiency and quality, and to ultimately have less negative and probably more
422 positive impact on clinic operations. We suggest that this approach may serve as a
423 model for conducting future STI etiology studies at sentinel sites.

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Table 1. Zimbabwe STI Etiology Study: Characteristics of Study Population by Enrollment Site															
	Harare				Clinical Sites Bulawayo				Beitbridge/Gutu				Total	%	P
	Mbare	%	Budiriro	%	Nkulumane	%	Khami Road	%	Dulibadzimu	%	Gutu Road	%			
Total	157	26.2	55	9.2	105	17.5	106	17.7	166	27.7	11	1.8	600		
Syndrome															<0.01
Discharge Women	53	33.8	16	29.1	50	47.6	19	17.9	59	35.5	3	27.3	200	33.3	
Discharge Men	51	32.5	20	36.4	24	22.9	44	41.5	58	34.9	3	27.3	200	33.3	
Ulcer Women	23	14.6	10	18.2	19	18.1	17	16.0	27	16.3	4	36.4	100	16.7	
Ulcer Men	30	19.1	9	16.4	12	11.4	26	24.5	22	13.3	1	9.1	100	16.7	
Gender															<0.001
Female	76	48.4	26	47.3	69	65.7	36	34.0	86	51.8	7	63.6	300	50.0	
Male	81	51.6	29	52.7	36	34.3	70	66.0	80	48.2	4	36.4	300	50.0	
Ethnicity															<0.0001
Shona	110	70.1	36	65.5	32	30.5	35	33.0	109	65.7	11	100.0	333	55.5	
Ndebele	29	18.5	13	23.6	61	58.1	51	48.1	25	15.1	0	0.0	179	29.8	
Other	18	11.5	6	10.9	12	11.4	20	18.9	32	19.3	0	0.0	88	14.7	
Age															
Mean	29.0		29.4		28.4		28		28.1		32.5		28.6		NS
Median	28		28		27		27		27		34		27		
Age Category															NS
15-19	9	5.7	3	5.5	9	8.6	6	5.7	8	4.8	1	9.1	36	6.0	
20-24	39	24.8	14	25.5	30	28.6	39	36.8	46	27.7	1	9.1	169	28.2	
25-29	46	29.3	15	27.3	22	21.0	22	20.8	50	30.1	3	27.3	158	26.3	
30-34	32	20.4	11	20.0	27	25.7	21	19.8	34	20.5	2	18.2	127	21.2	
35-39	15	9.6	8	14.5	7	6.7	10	9.4	19	11.4	1	9.1	60	10.0	
40-44	9	5.7	0	0.0	6	5.7	6	5.7	7	4.2	2	18.2	30	5.0	
>=45	7	4.5	4	7.3	4	3.8	2	1.9	2	1.2	1	9.1	20	3.3	
Number of Partners in Previous 3 Months															
Mean	1.1		2.2		1		2.9		3.2		1.2		2.1		<0.01
Median	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		
Range	0-3		0-35		0-2		0-70		0-50		0-3		0-70		
More than 1 Partner in Previous 3 Months															<0.0001
No	137	87.3	43	78.2	94	89.5	64	60.4	106	63.9	9	81.8	453	75.5	
Yes	20	12.7	12	21.8	11	10.5	42	39.6	60	36.1	2	18.2	147	24.5	
Commercial Sex in Previous 3 Months															0.06
No	135	86.0	41	74.5	86	81.9	95	89.6	145	87.3	11	100.0	513	85.5	
Yes	22	14.0	14	25.5	19	18.1	11	10.4	21	12.7	0	0.0	87	14.5	
Condom Use Last Sex Main Partner															NS*
No	118	76.1	44	81.5	70	73.7	80	75.5	123	74.1	10	90.9	445	75.8	
Yes	37	23.9	10	18.5	25	26.3	26	24.5	43	25.9	1	9.1	142	24.2	
Not Applicable	2		1		10		0		0		0		13		
Condom Use Last Sex Casual Partner															<0.0001*
No	63	55.8	40	88.9	68	71.6	48	45.7	87	52.4	10	90.9	316	59.1	
Yes	50	44.2	5	11.1	27	28.4	57	54.3	79	47.6	1	9.1	219	40.9	
Not Applicable	44		10		10		1		0		0		65		
Perceived HIV Status															<0.05
Negative	46	29.3	16	29.1	37	35.2	23	21.7	48	28.9	5	45.5	175	29.2	
Positive	41	26.1	10	18.2	38	36.2	30	28.3	56	33.7	2	18.2	177	29.5	
Unknown	70	44.6	29	52.7	30	28.6	53	50.0	62	37.3	4	36.4	248	41.3	
STD History															NS*
No	98	65.3	33	67.3	72	68.6	56	53.8	106	63.9	10	90.9	375	64.1	
Yes	52	34.7	16	32.7	33	31.4	48	46.2	60	36.1	1	9.1	210	35.9	
Missing	7		6		0		2	1.9	0		0		15		

*Percentages and Chi-square analysis limited to non-missing data
Due to rounding errors, not all percentages add to 100%