

Table 3 Participants' knowledge of sexually transmitted infections (STIs)

Item	Correct answer No. (%)
1. Genital herpes is caused by the same virus as HIV	129 (89.6)
2. Frequent urinary infections can cause chlamydia	68 (47.2)
3. There is a cure for gonorrhoea	102 (70.8)
4. It is easier to get HIV if a person has another STI	95 (66.0)
5. Human papillomavirus is caused by the same virus that causes HIV	105 (72.9)
6. Having anal sex increases a person's risk of getting hepatitis B	71 (49.3)
7. Soon after infection with HIV a person develops open sores on his or her genitals (penis or vagina)	124 (86.1)
8. There is a cure for chlamydia	123 (85.4)
9. A woman who has genital herpes can pass the infection to her baby during childbirth	111 (77.1)
10. A woman can look at her body and tell if she has gonorrhoea	136 (94.4)
11. The same virus causes all of the STIs	129 (89.6)
12. Human papillomavirus can cause genital warts	122 (84.7)
13. Human papillomavirus can lead to cancer in women	110 (76.4)
14. A man must have vaginal sex to get genital warts	40 (27.8)
15. STIs can lead to health problems that are usually more serious for men than women	90 (62.5)
16. A woman can tell that she has chlamydia if she has a bad smelling odour from her vagina	80 (55.6)
17. If a person tests positive for HIV, the test can tell how sick the person will become	70 (48.6)
18. There is a vaccine to prevent a person from getting gonorrhoea	117 (81.3)
19. A woman can tell by the way her body feels if she has an STI	120 (83.3)
20. A person who has genital herpes must have open sores to give the infection to his or her sexual partner	84 (58.3)
21. There is a vaccine that prevents a person from getting chlamydia	126 (87.5)
22. A man can tell by the way his body feels if he has hepatitis B	134 (93.1)
23. If a person had gonorrhoea in the past, he or she is immune (protected) from getting it again	126 (87.5)
24. Human papillomavirus can cause HIV	96 (66.7)
25. A man can protect himself from getting genital warts by washing his genitals after sex	118 (81.9)
26. There is a vaccine that can protect a person from getting hepatitis B	144 (100.0)