

Table 7 Beliefs of the study group living with HIV/AIDS about the impact of condom use in a causal sexual relation, Egypt 2011 (n = 338)

Belief	Yes		No		Don't know	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Positive impacts						
Prevents transmitting infection to partner	282	83.4	14	4.1	42	12.4
Protects you from STI	278	82.2	17	5.0	43	12.7
Protects from another HIV infection	267	79.0	24	7.1	47	13.9
Prevents guilt feeling afterwards	223	66.0	38	11.2	77	22.8
Allows you to continue sexual relationship	201	59.5	53	15.7	84	24.9
Negative impacts						
Decreases pleasure	189	55.9	59	17.5	90	26.6
Prevents spontaneity	146	43.2	75	22.2	117	34.6
Interferes with the flow of sexual relationship	156	46.2	80	23.7	102	30.2
Makes a barrier to intimacy and love	129	38.2	106	31.4	103	30.5
Causes loss of confidence with partner	113	33.4	123	36.4	102	30.2
Results in erection problems	88	26.0	135	39.9	115	34.0

STI = sexually transmitted infections; HIV = human immunodeficiency virus.