Supplementary Material

A national survey of HIV knowledge, sexual practices and attitude towards homosexuality for

HIV elimination among young people in China

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Items	The number of correct response (N=1355)	Percentage correct
HIV and AIDS are the same things (False).	672	49.6%
HIV can be spread through sexual activity (True).	1100	81.2%
Hugging someone who carries HIV will be infected with HIV (False).	244	18.0%
It is possible to be infected with HIV by donating blood at an Official station (False).	746	55.1%
Sharing one needle will be infected with HIV (True).	1214	89.6%
Condomless anal sex with someone who carries HIV will be infected with HIV (True).	947	69.9%
Condomless oral sex with someone who carries HIV will be infected with HIV (True).	776	57.3%
Having sexual intercourse with more than one sexual partner will increase the chance of HIV infection (True).	991	73.1%
HIV infection can be avoided if one doesn't ejaculate in the body (False).	735	54.2%
Using condoms prevent people from HIV infection (True).	740	54.6%
Showering or cleaning private parts can prevent HIV infection after sexual intercourse (False).	798	58.9%
Only one unsafe sexual intercourse couldn't be infected with HIV (False).	773	57.1%
Pregnant women who carry HIV will infect their babies (True).	1046	77.2%
Newly HIV infected people will show severe symptoms (False).	489	36.1%
HIV infected people have a healthy appearance (True).	804	59.3%
HIV is potentially latent in the human body for more than five years with no obvious symptoms (True).	662	48.9%
If a person is HIV-positive, the testing agency should inform him/her of all sexual partners (False).	663	48.9%
AIDS can be cured (False).	891	65.8%

Table S1. An 18-item scale for HIV knowledge assessment, China, 2017

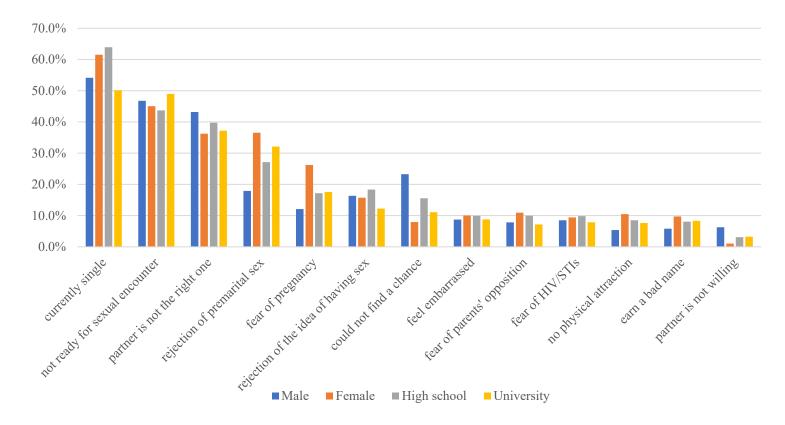
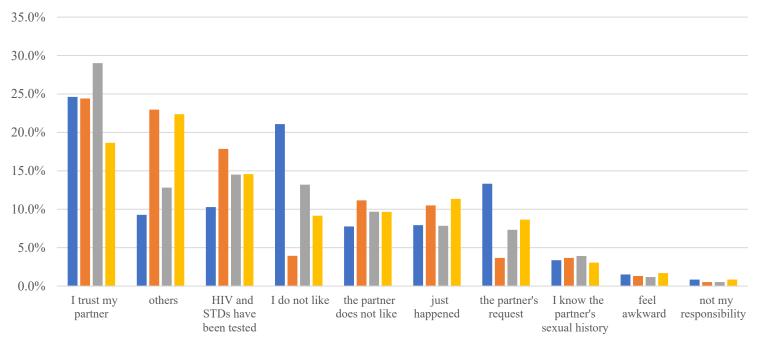


Fig. S1. Reasons for not having sexual intercourse among 1355 study participants, China, 2017



■ Male ■ Female ■ High school ■ University

Fig. S2. Reasons for not using condoms among 1355 study participants, China, 2017

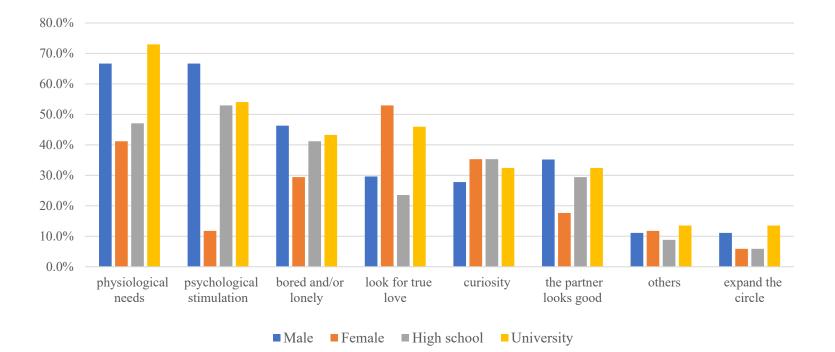


Fig. S3. The reasons for casual sex among 1355 study participants, China, 2017