

Table 1. Number and percentage distribution of women, by perceptions of various characteristics of a microbicide gel in Phase I testing, according to frequency of application and to sexual activity, Rhode Island, 1997

Characteristic and frequency of application	All		Sexually abstinent		Sexually active	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
TOO WET/DRIPPY						
Once daily						
Never/rarely	15	68	8	67	7	70
Sometimes	5	23	4	33	1	10
Often	1	5	0	0	1	10
Always	1	5	0	0	1	10
Twice daily						
Never/rarely	7	35	3	30	4	40
Sometimes	6	30	5	50	1	10
Often	4	20	1	10	3	30
Always	3	15	1	10	2	20
TOO STICKY						
Once daily						
Never/rarely	17	77	9	75	8	80
Sometimes	2	9	2	17	0	0
Often	2	9	0	0	2	20
Always	1	5	1	8	0	0
Twice daily						
Never/rarely	12	60	7	70	5	50
Sometimes	4	20	1	10	3	30
Often	2	10	1	10	1	10
Always	2	10	1	10	1	10
SOILS CLOTHES						
Once daily						
Never/rarely	15	68	9	75	6	60
Sometimes	6	27	2	17	4	40
Often	1	5	1	8	0	0
Always	0	0	0	0	0	0
Twice daily						
Never/rarely	9	45	4	40	5	50
Sometimes	8	40	4	40	4	40
Often	2	10	2	20	0	0
Always	1	5	0	0	1	10
Total	na	100	na	100	na	100

Note: na=not applicable, because some women did not respond to all statements.