

TABLE 5. Percentage of diaphragm users, by issues raised in response to an open-ended question asking what one thing they would change about the method

Issue	%
Concern about insertion/removal*	32.1
Concern about spermicide use†	21.4
Concern about its physical characteristics‡	11.6
Don't want to leave it in for such a long time	10.7
Fitting issues§	4.2
Concern about effectiveness in preventing pregnancy**	2.8
Partner concerns††	2.3
Dislike that a prescription is required	1.9
Would like it to protect against HIV/STDs	0.9
Other‡‡	4.2
Nothing	5.6
Don't know	6.0
Vague/unclear response	3.7

*For example, not wanting to insert and remove it, wanting it to be easier to insert, wanting to leave it in longer, wishing it would not interfere with the moment. †For example, spermicide side effects, messiness, need to reapply spermicide. ‡For example, material, cleaning/maintenance requirements. §For example, concerns about improper fit or discomfort. **For example, not knowing its effectiveness, wanting it to be more effective. ††For example, wishing partner would not feel it. ‡‡For example, cost, increased risk of bladder infections/health problems. *Note:* Percentages add to more than 100% because 16 participants each contributed two responses.