

TABLE 1. Results of factor analysis of measures used to assess perceived STD-related stigma and STD-related shame among a sample of 15–24-year-olds living in Baltimore, 2004–2007

Measure	Factor loading	
	Stigma	Shame
How respondents think people would react if they had an STD		
Would avoid them	0.71	na
Would think they were unclean	0.76	na
Would not want to be friends with them	0.80	na
Would be disgusted by them	0.86	na
Would be uncomfortable around them	0.87	na
Would think they have bad morals	0.84	na
Would think they are hanging out with the wrong crowd	0.70	na
Would think they do not take care of themselves	0.77	na
Would think they are weak and foolish	0.71	na
How respondents think they would feel if they had an STD		
Ashamed	na	0.83
Embarrassed	na	0.84
Guilty	na	0.82
Scared	na	0.80
Disappointed in themselves	na	0.80

Notes: The first set of items were scored on a four-point scale indicating level of agreement with the statement; the second set were scored on a four-point scale indicating intensity of the emotion. na=not applicable.