

Table 7. Percentage of abortion patients citing various features as their method's best and worst characteristic, by method

Feature	Medical (N=257)	Surgical (N=124)
Best		
Effective	14.4	46.0
Less pain	34.6	†
Safer/less risk of complication	30.4	7.3
Faster/easier/simpler	5.1	23.4
None/not sure	8.2	22.6
Avoids surgery	19.8	†
Less mental stress/ healthier	7.4	†
Convenient/compatible with duties	6.6	4.0
Worst		
Pain	†	57.3
Prolonged heavy bleeding	38.9	22.6
None/not sure	30.0	18.5
Too many visits/lengthy follow-up	16.7	†
Fear of surgery	†	10.5
More mental stress	†	8.9
Long waiting time until abortion	7.8	†
Fatigue/dizziness	5.1	†

†Cited by one woman or no women. *Note:* Women could cite up to three reasons.