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INSTRUMENT TITLE: *Reduced HIV Concern Scale*

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RESPONSE OPTIONS:

4-point rating scale, with response options ranging from strongly disagree to strongly agree.

SURVEY ITEMS:

1. The new AIDS combination drugs make me less anxious about unprotected sex.
2. An HIV-positive man whose level of virus in the blood has become undetectable is unlikely to transmit HIV to his partner.
3. It would be more difficult for an HIV-positive person to infect his partner through unsafe sex if he is taking the new drug combination treatments.
4. I am less concerned about having anal sex without a condom now that new drug combination treatments are available.
5. By taking the new drug combinations, an HIV-positive man decreases the chances that he will infect his partners with HTV.
6. I am a lot less worried about sexual "slipping" now that treatments may be given after unprotected sex.
7. I am more comfortable having semen in my mouth now that combination drug treatments are available.
8. Consistent safer sex is less important now that drug combinations may help prevent infection after someone has been exposed to HIV.

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