

MTN-034/REACH Study Qualitative Data Communique #1: Additional Choice Non-Acceptor IDI (NIDI) and Serial IDI 3 (SIDI3) probes
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This data communique applies to the qualitative component of REACH. The purpose of this document is to provide additional guidance on probing in the NIDI and SIDI3 guides for interviews with participants who choose not to accept the vaginal ring or the tablets during their third product use period.

The questions from the NIDI and SIDI3 guides listed below have been flagged as potentially challenging, leading, or insensitive questions to administer to participants depending on the context in which each participant has decided not to accept a study product. Suggestions for how to frame/rephrase these questions and for additional probes are provided to assist interviewers in administering these questions appropriately. These are samples and are not required to be asked. Interviewers conducting these IDIs are reminded to use their best judgment in determining whether questions are made redundant based on the participants' context and earlier responses.

Question	Additional Guidance
<p><u>NIDI Q.12</u> <u>SIDI3 Q.7N</u></p> <p>How do you feel as someone who chose not to use the tablets or ring?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the participant has sufficiently answered the question when responding to other questions (e.g. NIDI questions 8-11, SIDI questions 3-6), it can be skipped. 2. If the participant finds this question difficult to answer, this question could be slightly rephrased. For example, the interviewer could probe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do you feel different or separate from participants that chose the ring or tablets? ○ How do you feel <i>about the products</i> as someone who chose not to use them? ○ How do you feel <i>about the study</i> as someone who chose not to use the tablets or ring?
<p><u>NIDI Q.13</u> <u>SIDI3 Q.9</u></p> <p>What are your hopes for the next 3-5 years? Potentially challenging probes: plans for future, importance of staying HIV negative, role of HIV prevention products</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These probes can be prefaced by recognizing that the products may not be right for the participant right now (in Period 3) and by considering if the participant would access the products in the future. For example, the interviewer could ask: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Given what you have mentioned about your life right now and your hopes for the future, how important is staying HIV negative? ○ These study products are not right for everyone at every time in their lives. If they were available for you, might the products play a role in your future? ○ Can you think of a time or situation in which you would want to use one of the products in the future?
<p><u>NIDI Q.15</u></p> <p>How do the tablets and ring fit into your interest in staying healthy?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remember that if a question is already answered at some other point during the interview (indirectly), not every question needs to be asked. 2. Unless already discussed, this question can be asked to see if the participant is open to using the products in the future. 3. The interviewer may also probe on whether other methods of HIV prevention fit into her life better, like condoms or regular HIV testing.

Please note this communique is official study documentation and it should be filed as part of the study Essential Documents.