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Subject: Suggested Addition: Questions to measure strength of motivation for avoiding/delaying pregnancy

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Suggested addition to female survey.

Pregnancy intentions are sometimes difficult to measure or interpret. By using a scale to gauge this subject we can better understand when women want and don't want their pregnancies. Furthermore, a scale allows us to see ambivalence towards pregnancy, which research suggests is very high in many contexts, and why some women end up be classified as having unmet need for contraception. To capture this we suggest a series of questions (similar to those used in the NSFG) and asked of all women not currently pregnant using a scale of 1 to 10 to rate 3 aspects--- intent to avoid/become pregnant, wantedness of pregnancy, and happiness if they become pregnant.

1. If you had to rate how much you were trying to get pregnant or avoid pregnancy right before you got pregnant (this time/that time), how would you rate yourself? Number \_\_\_\_\_
2. If you had to rate how much you wanted or didn't want a pregnancy right before you got pregnant (this time/that time), how would you rate yourself? Number \_\_\_\_\_
3. On the scale of 1 to 10, 1 meaning that you were very unhappy to be pregnant and 10 means that you were very happy to be pregnant. Tell me which number best describes how you felt when you found out you were pregnant. Number \_\_\_\_\_

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