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Subject: REVISION: Order of Family Planning Methods  
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Suggested revision: revise the order in which family planning methods are listed in section 3.

Rationale: The methods are listed in order of efficacy, from most to least effective. It is important that methods are listed in this order, as this has implications when respondents specify more than one method for current use. However, recent studies have resulted in revised standard failure rates (see Hatcher et al. (2011), *Contraceptive Technology*, p. 50; Arevalo et al. (2002), *Efficacy of a new method of family planning: the Standard Days Method*. *Contraception* 65(5):333-338).

Specific changes: To reflect known typical use failure rates, methods should be listed in the following order:

- Female sterilization
- Male sterilization
- IUD
- Injectables
- Implants
- Pill
- Lactational Amenorrhea Method
- Standard Days Method
- Condom
- Female condom
- Rhythm method
- Withdrawal
- Emergency contraception