

**Table S1.** Percentage ‘distressed’<sup>1</sup> for individual psychosexual questions by screening result group at 6-month follow-up

	% (n) ‘distressed’						
	Whole sample	Control group	HPV negative	HPV positive, normal cytology	HPV positive, abnormal cytology	HPV persistent	HPV cleared
	n=734	n=127	n=176	n=169	n=106	n=115	n=41
Have you been worried...							
...whether you should continue having sex?	4.5 (33)	2.4 (3)	0.6 (1)	5.1 (8)	7.1 (7)	10.5 (11)	7.5 (3)
...others think you have had more sexual partners than you should?	5.4 (40)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4.9 (8)	17.8 (18)	12.1 (13)	2.6 (1)
...about whether your test result would have a bad effect on your relationship with your partner?	5.6 (41)	1.7 (2)	0.6 (1)	9.4 (14)	9.0 (8)	13.3 (14)	5.6 (2)
...whether having sex will make the problem worse?	6.1 (45)	2.7 (3)	0.7 (1)	7.0 (11)	13.0 (13)	11.7 (13)	10.5 (4)
... that you could give the problem to a sexual partner?	9.7 (71)	0.9 (1)	0.7 (1)	16.5 (26)	20.8 (20)	18.3 (20)	7.7 (3)
...a sexual partner will think they can catch the problem from you?	8.6 (63)	0 (0)	0.7 (1)	15.3 (24)	16.7 (16)	18.5 (20)	5.1 (2)

<sup>1</sup> Percentage of women who responded ‘Quite a lot’ or ‘Very much’ on the Likert scale