

# MTN-045 (CUPID): Couples Joint DCE Observation Form (CO)

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**OBSERVERS:** The purpose of the observation form is to measure aspects of the couples' interaction during the joint couples' DCE activity. The questions require you to use your best judgment based on your overall impressions of the interview as a whole. Use the guidelines below when completing the observation form and *do not* change the scoring provided. For Part 1 of the observation form and the beginning of Part 2, you may mark some responses as the discussion is taking place. The second part of Part 2 should be completed *after the interview*. It may be helpful to take notes.

**Part 1. Attribute discussion and decision-making.** *Instructions:* For each of the following items, please indicate whether the couple actively discussed the attribute and whose opinion contributed most to the decisions made. Decisions about partner contributions may include factors such as who initiated the decision or who spoke more about the attribute or product overall.

1.	Observer name:					
2.	Which product attributes were actively discussed?	Attribute	Yes	No		
		Product formulation	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>		
		Duration	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>		
		Side effects	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>		
		Menstrual changes	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>		
		How vagina feels during sex	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>		
		Return to fertility	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>		
		Type of HIV protection	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>		
3.	Which partner's opinion contributed more to consideration of each attribute?	Attribute	Male dominated	Female dominated	Equal	Not discussed
		Product formulation	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
		Duration	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
		Side effects	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
		Menstrual changes	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
		How vagina feels during sex	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
		Return to fertility	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
		Type of HIV protection	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>
4.	Which partner's opinion contributed to the final product selections?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Male partner's opinion dominated <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> Female partner's opinion dominated <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> Equal contributions				

**Part 2. Partner interaction.** *Instructions:* For each of the following items, please indicate whether the male and female partner demonstrated the following behaviors.

Cooperation		Male partner	Female partner
5.	Demonstrates engagement (e.g., looks at partner's face or eyes when the partner attempts eye contact)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No
6.	Nods, smiles or laughs in response to partner smile or laughing	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No
7.	Greets partner	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No
8.	Shows empathy by verbal or non-verbal responses	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No

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		Male partner	Female partner
9.	Behaves to manage a smooth relationship with the partner	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No
<b>Self-control</b>			
10.	Not tense	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No
11.	Tries to respond calmly to partner	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No
12.	Is not rude to the partner	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No
13.	Avoids displeasing the partner	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No
<b>Assertion</b>			
14.	Attempts to elicit a response from the partner	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No
15.	Shows feelings through facial expressions or gestures	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No
16.	Exhibits a differing opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No
17.	Expresses his/her own thoughts to the partner verbally	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No
18.	Explains his/her opinion logically	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> No
19.	Who dominated the conversation overall?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> Mostly male partner <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> Mostly female partner <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> Equal contributions	

The following questions assess the emotional interactions of the couple during the joint interview. Examples to guide interpretation follow each scale.	
20.	Rate the frequency of the female's positive emotions with her partner during the interview. Mark one: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>1</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>4</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>5</b> <b>Never</b> <b>A few to several instances</b> <b>Constantly</b>
Examples: demonstrating empathy, understanding, reflection, warm behaviors (e.g., smiling, laughing).	
21.	Rate the frequency of the female's negative emotions with her partner during the interview. Mark one: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>1</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>4</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>5</b> <b>Never</b> <b>A few to several instances</b> <b>Constantly</b>
Examples: hostility, harsh tone or facial expressions, criticism/disagreements.	
22.	Rate the frequency of the male's positive emotions with his partner during the interview. Mark one: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>1</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>4</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>5</b> <b>Never</b> <b>A few to several instances</b> <b>Constantly</b>
Examples: demonstrating empathy, understanding, reflection, warm behaviors (e.g., smiling, laughing).	
23.	Rate the frequency of the male's negative emotions with his partner during the interview. Mark one: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>1</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>4</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>5</b> <b>Never</b> <b>A few to several instances</b> <b>Constantly</b>
Examples: hostility, harsh tone or facial expressions, criticism/disagreements.	
24.	Overall relationship interaction. Mark one: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>1</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>4</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>5</b> <b>Poor</b> <b>Average</b> <b>Excellent</b>
Rate how much you feel this couple seems satisfied and happy with their relationship with one another	

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25.	Interviewer notes. Briefly note any relationship strengths or challenges relevant to decision-making regarding pregnancy and/or HIV prevention observed. Also note anything observed or that occurred during the interview that may have affected questionnaire responses.
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