## **Supplementary Materials 2.** Author reported concepts measured in trials and nested studies, assessment modality and development

Trials Study ID	Trial outcomes (O) and descriptive measures (D)*	Assessment method	Measure development or validation
Abedian 2011 <sup>12</sup>	(O) Menstrual cycle characteristics (pain and	Self-report written survey	Designed by investigators, and criteria from DSM-IV-TR
	symptoms) (O) Menstrual knowledge		premenstrual syndrome Designed by investigators based on textbooks.
	(O) Menstrual attitudes		Menstrual Attitude Questionnaire
Beksinska 2015 <sup>13</sup>	(O) Acceptability and performance of products	Self-report questionnaire (format NR) Product use diary	NR
	(O) Adverse events (D) Household WASH	Self-report Self-report questionnaire	NR NR
	(D) Menstrual practices and experience	(format NR)	NR
Blake 2018 <sup>14</sup>	(O) Menstrual and puberty knowledge	Self-report written survey with verbal description in class	Adapted from existing evaluations of puberty education materials.
	(O) Attitudes towards menstruation		Field tested with girls in other schools.
	(O) Menstrual fear and shame (D) Menstrual practices		
	(D) WASH observations	Observational checklist	
Dhanalakshmi 2015 <sup>15</sup>	<ul> <li>(O) Menstrual/puberty knowledge</li> <li>(O) Beliefs about menstruation</li> <li>(O) Menstrual practices (and sexual behaviours)</li> <li>(D) Menstrual symptoms</li> </ul>	Self-administered [NR]	NR
Djalalinia 2012 <sup>16</sup>	(O) Menarche experience	Self-report written survey	Designed by scientific committee and sent to 10 experts. Stated reliability but not reported.
	<ul><li>(O) Menstrual information</li><li>(source acceptability)</li><li>(O) Menstrual and hygiene practices</li><li>(D) Menstrual pain and symptoms</li></ul>		
El-Mowafy 2014 <sup>17</sup>	(O) Knowledge	Self-report in interview	Developed by investigators. Reviewed by 3 experts. Piloted on 10% of sample
	(O) Self-care practices (including menstrual practices)		•
Fakhri 2012 <sup>18</sup>	(O) Menstrual health	Self-report in interview	Developed by investigators, tested via input from adolescents, scientists and community experts. Test-retest reliability with 20 students.
Fetohy 2007 <sup>19</sup>	(O) Menstrual knowledge	Self-report written survey	Designed by investigators, pilot- testing stated with no further detail.
	(O) Menstrual attitudes		

	(O) Menstrual behaviour		
Leventhal 2016 <sup>20</sup>	(O) Overarching trial outcomes included general health knowledge, gender equality attitudes, WASH, hand washing and health care utilisation (O) Psychosocial wellbeing, resilience, social-emotional assets (O) Menstrual hygiene	Self-report written surveys in groups with assistants to help with reading/understanding	Pre-tested questionnaires including investigator-developed and previously established measures. Piloted with 74 girls in neighbouring area.
Mbizvo 1997 <sup>21 22</sup>	(O) Reproductive health and menstrual knowledge	Self-report written survey	NR
Mohamed 2014 <sup>23</sup>	(O) Discomfort/comfort with products after physical activity (O) Physical exertion	Self-report on visual analogy scale and survey. Heart rate variability measured using electrocardiograph. Self-reported exertion. Heart rate low-frequency to high-frequency ratio.	NR  Previously validated measures/ biomarkers.
Montgomery 2012 <sup>24</sup> <sup>25</sup>	(O) School attendance (D) Menstrual cycle and product	Attendance registers  Self-completed menstrual	Attendance registers were compared with spot-checks and found to be reliable.  NR
	use (O) Subjective shame and wellbeing (O) Classroom participation	diaries Self-report with interviewer Self-report with	Adapted from established/ recommended dimensions of noneconomic poverty. NR
		interviewer	Wi
Montgomery 2016 <sup>26</sup>	(O) School attendance (O) Wellbeing	Attendance registers/ spot-checks Self-report with interviewer (responses entered electronically)	Tools piloted in Ghana during pilot (Montgomery 2012)
	<ul><li>(O) Subjective shame</li><li>(O) Menstrual knowledge</li><li>(D) WASH facilities</li></ul>	Observational checklist	NR
Oster 2011 <sup>29</sup>	(O) School attendance (during menstruation)	School registers combined with self-completed menstrual diaries	NR.
Phillips-Howard 2016 <sup>31</sup>	(O) School attendance	Self-completed calendars	
	<ul><li>(O) School drop out</li><li>(O) Sexually transmitted or reproductive tract infection</li><li>(O) Adverse events</li></ul>	Absence from nurse visits Self-taken vaginal swabs.  TSS - vaginal swabs	NR Lab testing for presence of STI/RTI
	(D) Menstrual characteristics	Self-report survey. NR further details	NR
	(D) Wellbeing	Self-report survey.	Paediatric Quality of Life Inventory (PEDSQL)
Sener 2019 <sup>37</sup>	(D) WASH facilities  (O) Hygiene skills and behaviours (including menstrual hygiene)	Observation checklist  Self-report in interview with study staff + study staff repeated observations.	Researcher developed based on past literature with review by 10 experts. Piloted on 5 non-participating teens and parents.

Setyowati 2019	(O) Knowledge about	NR.	Developed in past research and
	menstruating and puberty		adapted for context.
	(O) Emotional responses to menarche		Questions developed from past studies
	(O) Menstrual attitude		Previously validated measure:
	questionnaire		Menstrual Attitude Questionnaire
Sharma 2015 <sup>39</sup>	(O) Menstrual knowledge	Survey. NR.	Researcher developed
	(o) mensuan momeage	5a. (c). ((a)	questionnaire with input from
			expert. Post-hoc reliability
			calculated.
	(O) Menstrual hygiene practices		
hrestha 2018 <sup>40</sup>	(O) Demand for menstrual	Coupon redemption in	Researcher spot checks on store-
	products	local stores.	recorded coupon redemption and
			physical storage of coupons.
	(D) Menstrual knowledge	Self-report with	NR
		interviewer	
	(D) Menstrual stigma and norms		
	(D) Health and sanitation (incl.		
C. II. 2005 <sup>41</sup>	Menstrual practices)	C IC	ND.
Stadler 2006 <sup>41</sup>	(O) Physical discomfort	Self-reported	NR
	(O) Product accentance	questionnaire	
	(O) Product acceptance (D) Product use and menstrual	Product use diary (self-	NR
	practices	completed)	1417
/alizadeh 2017 <sup>42 43</sup>	(O) Menstrual knowledge	Self-report survey (NR	Questionnaires adapted from past
anzaden zoz,	(o) mensuan momeage	methodology)	studies and checked by 11 faculty.
			Post-hoc reliability reported.
	(O) Menstrual practices		, ,
	(O) Menstrual attitudes		
Wilson 2014 <sup>44 45</sup>	(O) School attendance	Self-reported written	NR
		survey with facilitator	
		providing verbal	
		translation	
	(D) Acceptability of intervention		
221246	(D) Menstrual hygiene practices	C 16	Bill I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
Vomena 2018 <sup>46</sup>	(D) Menstrual practices	Self-reported in interview	Pilot evaluation designed to test
	(D) Monetrual factors	recorded electronically	the acceptability of tools
	<ul><li>(D) Menstrual factors</li><li>(D) Menstrual product preference</li></ul>	Self-completed diaries Surveys and diaries	
	and experience	Jul veys allu ularles	
	(D) Menstrual knowledge	Self-completed form test	
	(O) Experiences of the	Self-reported in interview	
	intervention/products	recorded electronically	
Nested	Variables measures as Predictors	Assessment method	Measure development or
Study ID	(P), Outcomes (O) or for		validation
	Description (D)		
Hennegan 2016a <sup>27</sup>	(P) Menstrual practice	Self-report with	Tools piloted past study
<del>-</del>		interviewer (responses	(Montgomery 2012)
		entered electronically)	
	(O) Product preference and		
	experiences		
	(O) Menstrual restrictions		
		Calf was a set ith	Tools piloted past study
lennegan 2016b <sup>28</sup>	(P/O) Menstrual hygiene	Self-report with	
Hennegan 2016b <sup>28</sup>	(P/O) Menstrual hygiene	interviewer (responses	(Montgomery 2012)
lennegan 2016b <sup>28</sup>	<ul><li>(P/O) Menstrual hygiene</li><li>(O) Health and symptoms</li></ul>		

	(O) Education engagement (O) Psychosocial wellbeing		
Oster 2012 <sup>30</sup>	(P) Peer product use	Self-report survey	NR
	(O) Menstrual cup use/adoption	Interview with nurse	NR
		Monthly diaries	
Nyothach 2015 <sup>32</sup>	(O) Handwashing during	Self-completed electronic	Piloted paper questionnaires prior
	menstrual practices	survey	to use in electronic netbooks
	(P) Menstrual product used		
Odour 2015 <sup>33</sup>	(O) Dropping menstrual items	Self-completed electronic	Piloted paper questionnaires prior
	and disposal	survey	to use in electronic netbooks
	(P) Menstrual product use		
Juma 2017 <sup>34</sup>	(O) Adverse health outcomes	Self-collected vaginal	N/A
		swabs with lab testing	
Van Eijk 2018 <sup>35</sup>	(O) Observed menstrual cup	Nurse observation	NR
	colour change		
	(O) Observed menstrual cup	Nurse observation	
	damage		
	(P) Self-reported menstrual cup	Self-reported interview	NR
	use	with nurse	
	(P) Menstrual characteristics	Self-completed electronic	Piloted paper questionnaires prior
	(time since menarche)	survey	to use in electronic netbooks
Alexander 2018 <sup>36</sup>	(O) Observed WASH facilities	Observational checklist	
	(O) Teacher-reported WASH	Teacher interview	NR
Tolonen 2019	(O) School attendance	School registers and spot	Two methods compared. Spot
		checks	checks were unannounced.
	(D) Menstrual characteristics	Self-report survey	Piloted paper questionnaires prior
			to use in electronic netbooks

<sup>\*</sup>Excludes demographic characteristics.