

Human factors engineering to drive the design and development of a next generation Colli-Pee® home-based first-void urine collection.

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BACKGROUND & AIM

The first-void/first-catch urine (first 20 ml of the urine flow) is being used for the detection of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), in particular for (1) Chlamydia trachomatis, (2) Neisseria gonorrhoeae, (3) Mycoplasma genitalium and (4) Trichomonas vaginalis. Novosanis' Colli-Pee® is an innovative device for standardized, volumetric and hygienic self-collection of first-void urine.

The aim of the study was to design a next generation of the Colli-Pee® device optimized in architecture and materials for postal mailing.

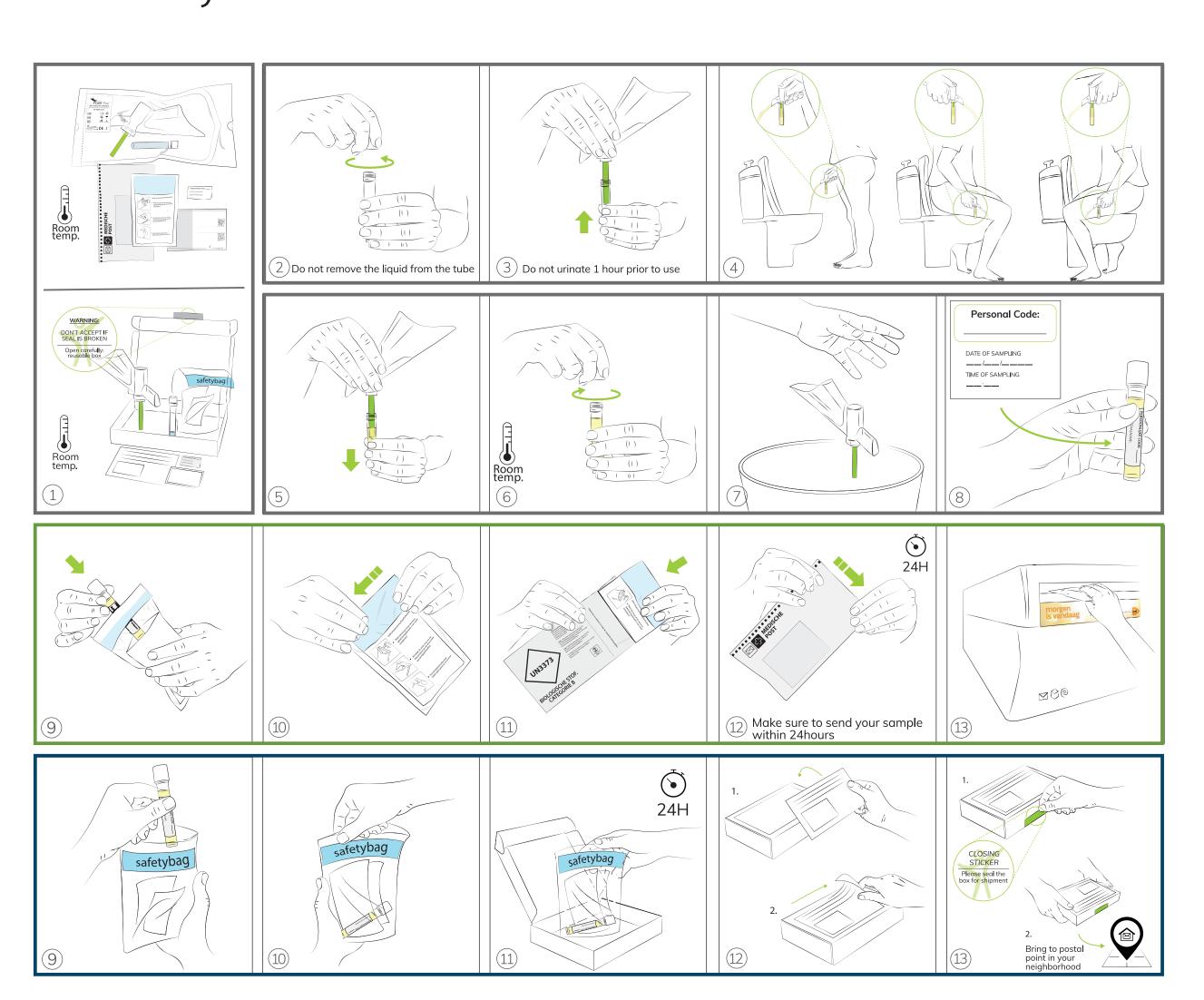
MATERIALS AND METHODS

The usability of the next generation Colli-Pee® was assessed for home-based use in 84 healthy volunteers; 50 in Belgium and 34 in the Netherlands. Volunteers provided feedback via an online questionnaire on the ease of use and the process of an online urine self-test: from requesting and receiving the Colli-Pee® urine collection system to the collection of urine to the returning of the sample by postal mail. The returned samples were checked for leakage and collected volume; as well as return conditions.



The final design of the Colli-Pee® for postal delivery and home-based collection contains a flexible and comfortable funnel and is combined with a standard 10ml tube (Sarstedt) to ensure compatibility with commercial carriers for sample processing.

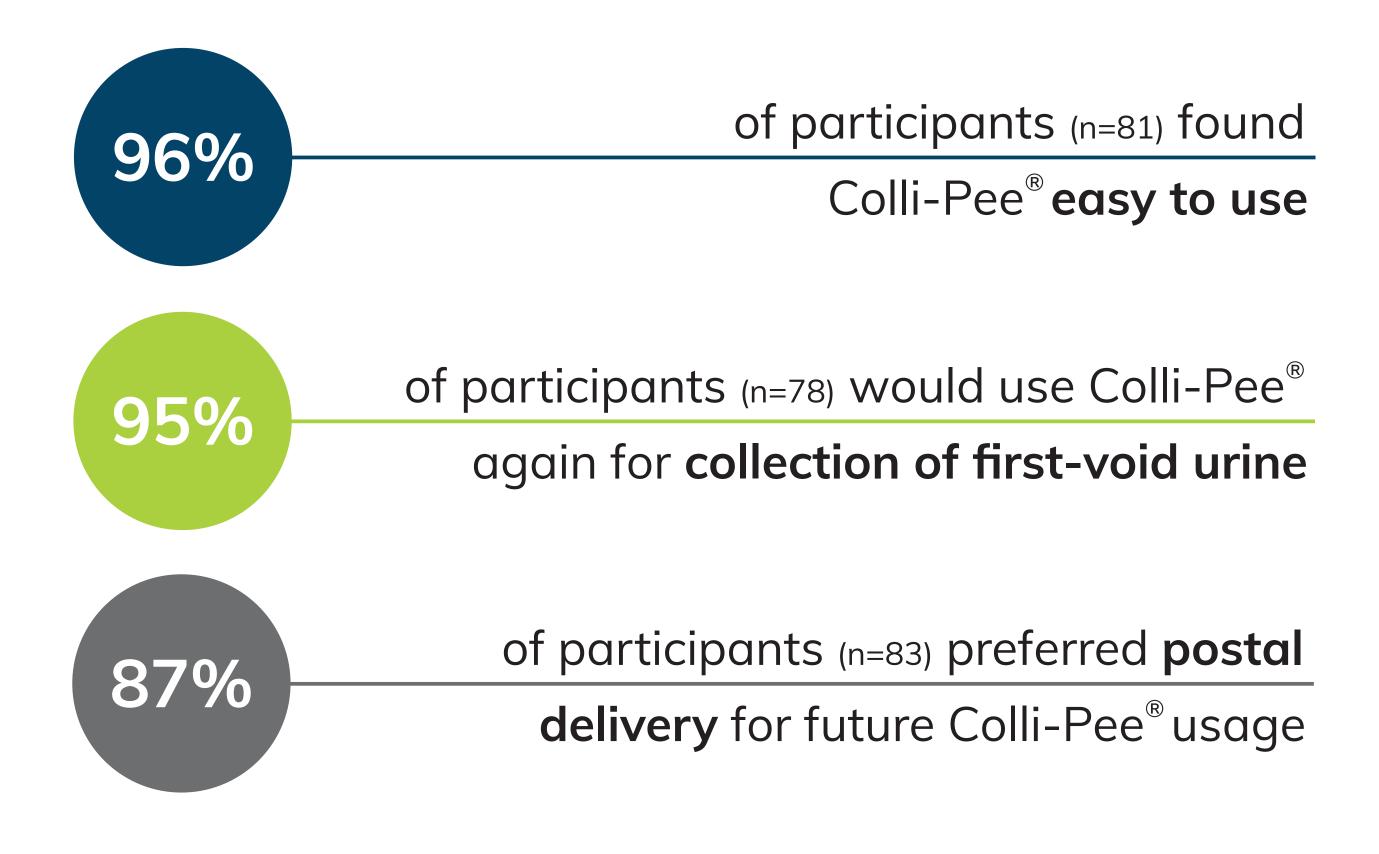
To be compliant to UN3373 (medical packaging) the package contains a regulated safety bag with absorbing tissues to allow for return shipment. Belgian regulations require the Colli-Pee® to be delivered in a postal box, while in the Netherlands an envelop is mandatory.



RESULTS

A total of 54 females and 30 males were included in the study, of which 24% were within the age range of 18-24 years, 39% of 25-34 years and 37% of 35-44 years old.

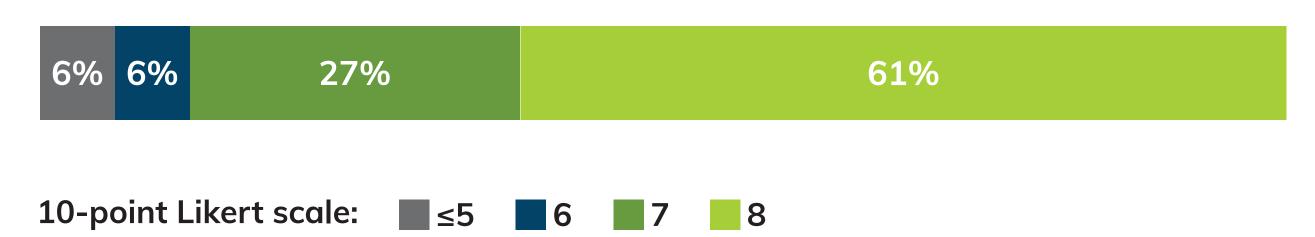
The volunteers completed the questionnaire on usability, consisting of yes-no, open and 10-point Likert scale questions. The most important findings comprise:



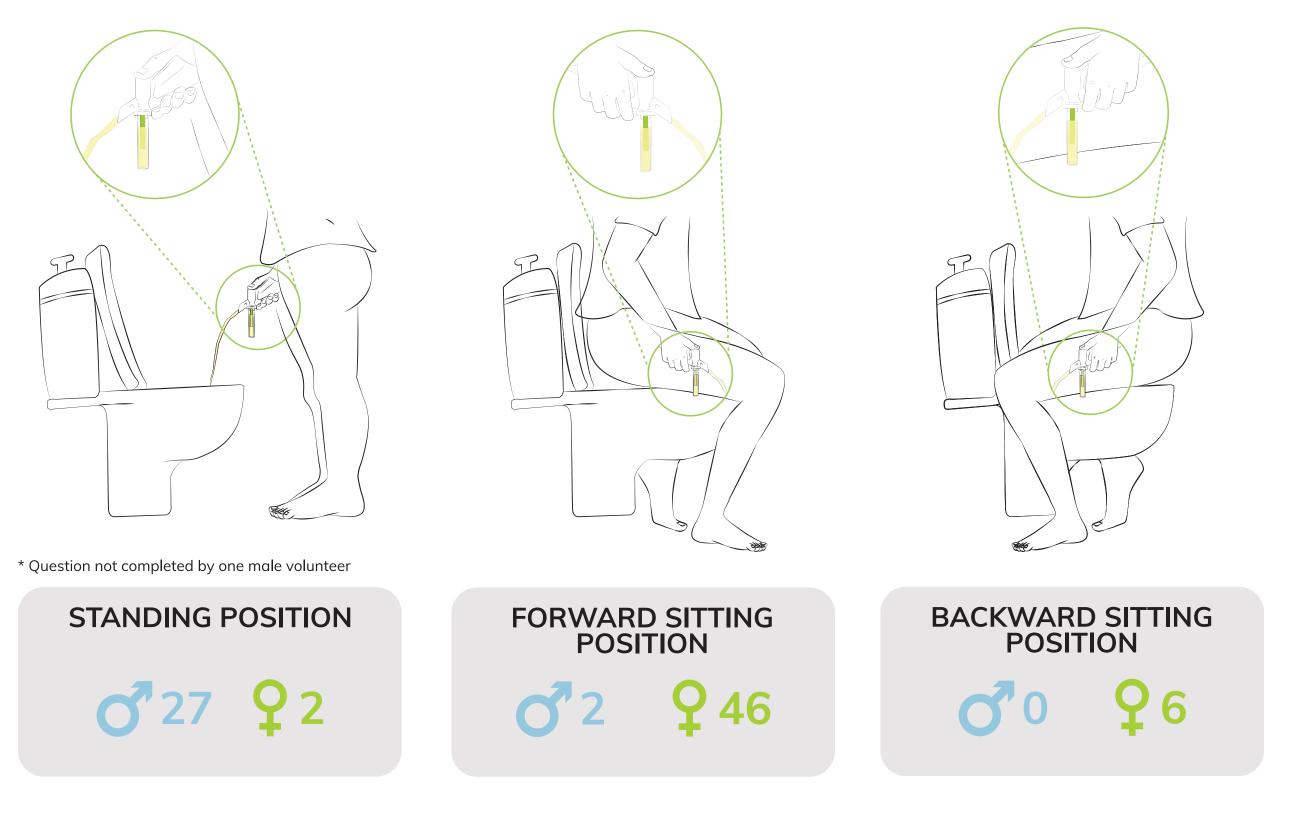
Participants had the impression that the urine collection was performed correctly (n=83)



Participants found it a good urine collection method for a home-based setting (n=83)



The Colli-Pee[®] can be used in three different pee positions, which were evaluated on usability. The results indicated that most men (93%) preferred the standing position, while a majority of women (85%) chose for the forward sitting position.



Furthermore, all returned boxes and envelopes with a urine sample were intact upon arrival.

CONCLUSION

The next-generation Colli-Pee® was well-accepted and offers a solution for home-based collection that is compliant with UN3373. The device allows for different pee positions, which was considered an advantage.









