
Subject: Re: Trouble understanding variable nomenclature eg.
HML32_01,HML32_02,...

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Dear User,

Here is a response from malaria expert, Cameron Taylor who also noticed you had posted other messages to the forum. Her answer hopefully will help you with all the posts you posted so far.

Quote:

Dear SonjaMM,

Thanks for your question, hopefully this will help better clarify.

It looks like you are in the household file (MZHR62FL). In the household file each row contains information about only one household. So the variables (represented by columns) contains data for each household. Most households have multiple people so we can't just have one variable that contains all the malaria data about everyone in that household. So that is why you are seeing multiple HML32 variables. Keep in mind that for most surveys we are only testing children between the ages of 6-59 months old. That is why you will see a lot of blank data for the HML32_01-HML32_24 variables because most household members were not tested unless they were between the ages of 6-59 months.

For example:

HML32_01 is malaria blood smear test data for person number 1 in the household roster

HML32_02 is malaria blood smear test data for person number 2 in the household roster

etc, up until person number 24 in the household roster.

Depending on your research question the HR file might not be the file that you would like to use for your analysis. Most of the time users who are interested in malaria parasitemia data will use the PR file (in the case of Mozambique MZPR62FL) because your unit of analysis is an individual not a household. This file has all the household members listed as rows in the dataset with one variable (HML32) containing their individual malaria test results. If you are interested in calculating parasitemia via microscopy in children 6-59 months you can use the Stata code below. If you are using another statistical software you can update the coding accordingly.

*Parasitemia (via microscopy) in children 6-59 months

```
gen micmalpos=0
```

```
replace micmalpos=(hml32==1)
```

```
lab var micmalpos "Parasitemia (via microscopy) in children 6-59 months"
```

*Creating weight variable

```
gen wgt=hv005/1000000
```

*Survey setting the data

```
svyset [pw=wgt], psu(hv021) strata(hv024)
```

* Proportion of children 6-59 months old with malaria infection (microscopy)

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svy: tab micmalpos if hc1>=6 & hc1<=59 & hv103==1 & hml33==0 , ci
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Let us know if you have any other questions
