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## Dear sir/madam

I am using the 2000, 2005 and 2016 Ethiopian DHS datasets (SPSS software package) for my registered project titled 'Changing prevalence and factors associated with Female Genital Mutilation in Ethiopia: data from the 2000, 2005 and 2016 National Demographic Health Surveys'. The three datasets from EDHS were weighted using standard methodology before the actual analysis; I created the weight variable 'WGT=V005/1000000' and then, I applied the weight (WGT) before running any tabulation. After applying sampling weight, I ran the frequency analysis for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and I found the same proportion with the final EDHS in 2000 (79.9%) and 2005 (74.3%) available on the DHS website. Although I used the same method to apply sample weights for each datasets, My finding for the proportion of FGM in the 2016 EDHS (70.4%) was different from that reported from the official final EDHS report which was 65%. I am having difficulties with the 2016 EDHS dataset with respect to matching the proportion of FGM (70.4%) with the final official EDHS report which is 65%. I would very much appreciate any help you can give us here