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Subject: Re: How do I account for clustering within families?

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Yes I see what you're saying about wanting to cluster at a level higher than the household, perhaps the cluster. That is a good suggestion and cluster-fixed effects is very much a strategy I'm considering.

But what I'm trying to do before that or in lieu of that to begin with, is essentially "control" for the fact that some of the children in the sample share the same household characteristics and are siblings. So in a manner of speaking, the total sample of children whose health status is my dependent variable, actually belong only to a much smaller number of households and therefore to a smaller number of distinct maternal or household characteristics.

In that case, is this something to do in addition to cluster-fixed effects?

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