Subject: Re: Adult Anemia

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

Just in case this helps.

I took a quick look at the data. The woman's Hb measurement is v902 in the IR file. (Before about 2000, biomarkers were part of the individual interview rather than the household interview.) I see that about 31% of the readings are below 11.0 (110) and about 53% are below 12.0 (120). So it looks like your estimate would be consistent with a cutoff of 11 for "any anemia" and the estimate in the report would be consistent with a cutoff of 12. It appears to me that the report used a cutoff of 12, which is the current cutoff, not 11.

In that survey I see a few very high readings and a few very low readings. They are probably data entry errors and may have been dropped. There is no way at this point in time to find out how they were handled. Good luck with the detective work. There's really nothing more we can do to help with it.