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Subject: Re: child immunization

Posted by [Shireen-DHS](#) on Mon, 06 Jun 2022 16:29:08 GMT

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Hello,

Yes you cannot destring the caseid because it contains spaces (i.e. characters).

The case ID is made up of v001 , v002, and v003. See the attached file which is a screenshot of your data before dropping any children and after sorting as follows:

```
sort v001 v002 v003  
br caseid v001 v002 v003 b16 b5
```

As you can see in the highlighted rows, these are three children with the same mother (v003=2) and in the same household (v002=73). b16 is the child's line number which is missing for one child because they are not living.

So a unique ID for the child should include v001, v002, and b16.

You can learn more about this in the Guide to DHS Statistics, Analyzing Data section, Matching and Merging Datasets subsection:

[https://www.dhsprogram.com/Data/Guide-to-DHS-Statistics/index.htm#t=Analyzing\\_DHS\\_Data.htm%23Matching\\_and\\_Mergingbc-7&am p;rhtocid=\\_4\\_4\\_6](https://www.dhsprogram.com/Data/Guide-to-DHS-Statistics/index.htm#t=Analyzing_DHS_Data.htm%23Matching_and_Mergingbc-7&am p;rhtocid=_4_4_6)

Hope this helps.

Best,

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### File Attachments

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1) [ETcaseidscreenshot.png](#), downloaded 205 times

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