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Subject: Re: Issue with duplicate mothers

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 15 Sep 2022 15:14:48 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

I strongly recommend against subsampling of children, for one reason: your results will be specific to your subsample and will not be replicable by other researchers. Many of the items collected for children (for example, ANC, place of delivery, and breastfeeding) are limited to the most recent birth in the past 5 years. In the KR or BR files, this is the child with bidx=1. If you want to reduce to just one child, I recommend that you select that child. This may introduce some bias (see <https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/MR14/MR14.pdf>) but it's a bias that is pretty familiar in DHS analyses.

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