
Subject: Re: Identifying Fevered Children Who Received an Antimalarial
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 22 Nov 2022 14:05:13 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member Tom Pullum:

To search for such variables, I use "lookfor" in Stata. It will identify any variables that include a keyword in the variable label. Specifically, I searched with "lookfor anti" and "lookfor malaria". In the 2003 survey (GH4B) I didn't find such variables. In the 2008 survey (GH5A) the malaria module was used and the relevant variables are ml13a-z plus some other codes.

It appears that at some point the term "antimalarial" in the variable names was replaced with specific medications such as quinine and chloroquine and amodiaquine. I went back to the 2003 survey and entered "lookfor quin" and was led to variables with names beginning with h37 and ml13.

What I have described is a search strategy using keywords in the variable name that will almost always lead you to those hard-to-find variables. You can also look at the questionnaire (in an appendix to the final report) so search questions and response codes, and that will usually help.