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Subject: Re: Mauritania Standard DHS 2019-21  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 07 Feb 2023 21:24:58 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

You sent a closely related question in an email last week and I responded. The following duplicates much of that response.

The hepatitis B test results for the 2019-21 survey of Mauritania are in the PR file, MRPR71FL.dta. Open that file and enter "lookfor hepa" to find the variables with hepatitis in the label. The variables shb123, shb139, shb231a, and shb331 all have the label "result of hepatitis b" or "result of hepatitis b test". The different versions must refer to different subpopulations, and I'm sure you can figure that out.

All four versions have the same label:

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. label list SHB123  
SHB123:
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994 absent(e)  
995 refus  
996 autre
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The symbol is for e with an accent. Positive results are given with code 1 and negative results with code 2, using the standard definition of positive and negative for this test. The other three codes are for absent, refused, other.

Users are asked to post questions on the forum, rather than sending emails to DHS staff. The responses are then accessible for other users. Also, questions are handled in approximately the sequence they are received.

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