
Subject: Re: Selecting appropriate weights when IR and MR files are pooled
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Dear Dr, Thank you again for your continual support.

I do have some confusion about the variables.

In the MR file, mv463ab is a variable that says "frequency of past smokes or uses of other types of tobacco." So, it measures past behaviors.

However, mv463aa is about current smoking status. One is current, and the other is past, but my interest is in current tobacco use (smoked and smokeless). So, even when I combine the mv463aa and mv463ab assuming that both reflect current measures, the prevalence becomes 6.23% not 5.4%. I am confused here.

Since my aim is to estimate any tobacco use (both smoked and smokeless), I want to combine variables that measure current smoking and current smokeless tobacco use. For the current smoking, I can use mv463aa, but I cannot find the variables that measure current use of smokeless tobacco.

Thank you again.

Regards,