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Subject: Re: NFHS-5 (2019-21)

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 22 Aug 2024 11:12:44 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Staff member, Tom Pullum:

You are apparently using the IR file, which has women as units. Their births in the past five years are numbered with subscripts 1, 2, 3, etc., with 1 for the most recent birth. It will be much easier if you use the KR file, which has children as units. In that file, m19 has no subscripts.

As for choosing among "v234 (unsure if it should v228 or v239 or s234", I don't know what you are looking for. These variables are clearly labeled.

The anemia level of the mother, v457, is based on a blood test taken at the time of the survey. Values are given for pregnant women but we don't know the outcome of the current pregnancy. Hemoglobin analyses would normally not be used for women who are pregnant or within two months after a birth. You will find footnotes explaining that in the relevant tables in the final report. You cannot use current anemia level to explain previous pregnancy outcomes, if that is what you are trying to do.

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