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Subject: Re: Merging Household member and Individual Recode files for Nigeria 1999

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Hi Anna,

This is a strange case and it took a bit to pinpoint the issue. When I browsed the data I could see the data that were supposed to match but using the commands you used I couldn't get them to match either. If I did a rename of variables rather than generating new variables I got the data to match. Finally I discovered that the gen command with v001 was not creating a variable of the same type, but rather was creating a float type variable. So to solve the problem, you need to set the type of variable when using the gen command for v001 as follows:

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gen long v001 = hv001
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gen v002 = hv002
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```
gen v003 = hvidx
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Then when you merge you should find all cases matching.

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