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Subject: Re: DHS v302a-- Ever Use in Phase 6  
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v302 and v302a contain very similar information, but collected in slightly different ways. In prior phases of DHS we asked about ever use of each of a set of about 15 methods as part of the contraceptive table, and from that table produced a single summary variable v302. In DHS6 we no longer ask about ever use of each method, but instead ask a single question "Have you ever used anything or tried in any way to delay or avoid getting pregnant?" This question provides the same basic information as the prior v302, but as it is collected in a different way it was given a different variable name. V302 also provides a bit more information about whether the respondent ever use a modern or traditional method, which is not available in v302a. V302a does capture some information about whether the respondent ever used a method since the start of the calendar.

If your interest is in just seeing whether a respondent ever used a method then you can use either variable comparably and just test for a value different from 0.

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