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Subject: calculating prevalence of physical and/or sexual spousal violence

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For every DHS country-year that included a domestic violence module, I want to calculate the proportion of women that have experienced any physical and/or sexual violence from their spouse or partner. I am using questions d105a-d105i to construct a binary exposure variable: if the respondent indicated "yes" to one or more of the violent acts, they are "exposed". However, I am unsure as to what to do if a respondent answered some, but not all of the questions about specific acts of violence. I am wondering what the protocol was for calculating this aggregate prevalence metric for the published reports, because the prevalence I'm calculating is typically lower than the physical and/or sexual violence prevalence figures presented in the report tabulations. Are all incomplete responses dropped? Did you impute missing responses? Do you assume missing responses are "No"?

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