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Subject: Re: Couples and HIV merge in STATA  
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Thank you for this helpful code. I am wondering why drop if \_merge==2 allows us to 'keep only women'. I thought that any combination of v001, v002 and v003 that came from either the couples or the HIV data could only be a woman. How does dropping that combination if it only came from the HIV dataset - and was not in the couples data set - exclude men? In other words, what does drop if \_merge==2 do for us in this code? Thank you!

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