Subject: Trouble understanding variable nomenclature eg. HML32_01,HML32_02,...
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 I've been looking at the datasets for Mozambique from 2011 and there is something curious that I don't exactly understand, which is the numbering of some variables.

For example variable HML32 = is the final result of a malaria test from a blood smear test. This I understand but the problem is that in the dataset the variable exists as HML32_01, HML32_02, HML32_03...all the way up to HML_24. So there are 24 "versions" of the HML32 variable.

I've tried looking for the meaning of this, I've checked the recode manual, but the recode manual only states the variable as HML32, it doesn't explain the "_xx" part of the variable. At first I thought that maybe I could just combine all the variables and make one single HML32 variable, but I am not sure if I can even do that?

I get the feeling that there is a simple explanation for this, but I would appreciate any help with this.

Thank you.