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Subject: new definition of ARI

Posted by [lucianabrondi](#) on Fri, 09 Nov 2018 22:11:57 GMT

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Dear Moderators,

I am using NFHS4 India, looking at acute respiratory symptoms. If this survey uses questionnaire recode VI for ARI, should I use the old definition, which includes cough, i. e:

ari=1 if h31==2 & (h31b = 1 & h31c==3/1)

Or should I use the new one, without cough?

ari=1 if H31B == 1 & (H31C ==1 | H31C == 3)

I wonder it that matter considering how the survey was applied.

Thanks

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Subject: Re: new definition of ARI

Posted by [fredarnold](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 14:18:58 GMT

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The NFHS-4 report (Table 9.7) defines symptoms of ARI in footnote 1 as follows:

"Symptoms of ARI include cough accompanied by short, rapid breathing which is chest related and/or difficult breathing which is chest related." If you want to be consistent with the report, I suggest using that definition.

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Subject: Re: new definition of ARI

Posted by [lucianabrondi](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 15:17:39 GMT

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Thanks, Fred, I thought so.

Luciana

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