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RESPONSE: Multiple logistic regression has been redone following a step wise procedure. The procedure is described on page 6 and results shown on page 14. The insignificant variables have been trimmed off, only the significant ones are shown on page 14.