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1. Page 6. Please simply define the equivalent income. No need to give the details of the family members.

2. Page 7. What are the other explanatory variables used to impute the missing income and wealth? The income and wealth are equivalent or total?

3. Page 11. "Among need and non-need variables, sex and educational attainment were significantly associated with dental care use."

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