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Note on the age variable alter_int in the D80+ dataset

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In the use of the D80+ dataset, misunderstandings occasionally arise regarding the age variable *alter_int* included in the SUF. We would therefore like to clarify an important aspect of its coding.

The variable *alter_int* is coded in the range 80–100. The value 100 is top-coded and includes all individuals aged 100 years and older. This aggregation is applied for data protection reasons. Accordingly, the value 100 is labeled "100 or older".

In analyses and presentations, the value 100 is sometimes interpreted as representing an exact age of 100 years. This interpretation is not correct and may lead to misleading results, particularly when describing the upper tail of the age distribution.

For clarification of the actual age range:

> Module 1: 80 to 106 years

> Module 2: 80 to 102 years

Ages above 100 years are grouped under the value 100 in both modules.

We kindly ask users to take this top-coding into account when conducting analyses, producing visualisations, and interpreting results.