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Kwiat, A. 2009. "Examining Blocks with Lister Error in Area Listing." In Proceedings of the Section on Survey Research Methods: American Statistical Association, August 4, 2009. 2546–2557. Alexandria, VA: American Statistical Association. Available at: <https://www.amstat.org/sections/srms/proceedings/y2009/Files/304066.pdf> (accessed June 2012).

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Sala, E., J. Burton, and G. Knies. 2012. "Correlates of Obtaining Informed Consent to Data Linkage: Respondents, Interview and Interviewer Characteristics." *Sociological Methods and Research* 41: 414–439. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/0049124112457330>.

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 1996. *HHS Plan for Integration of Surveys*. Washington DC: HHS. Available at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov>. (accessed October 2012).

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