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TWIN SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

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TIME START:

MIDI TWIN SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

P1.

The first thing I need to ask you is what is your full legal name as it appears on official documents such as your voter's registration, Social Security Card, or driver's license?

(IWER: RECORD ON INFO SHEET)

Q1.

As I mentioned earlier, the questions I'll be asking you (tonight/today) are about your being a twin.

FIELD CODE: (IWER: MARK ONE)

(IF NEC, Are you and your twin of the same-sex or of opposite sex?)

1. SAME-SEX

2. OPPOSITE SEX

Q2.

Who was born first, you or your twin?

1. RESPONDENT

2. TWIN

3. DON'T KNOW

Q3. Do you know what your exact birth weight was?

DK	_____ LBS. _____ OZ.
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GO TO NEXT PAGE, Q4

Q3a. Do you remember **about** what it was within a pound or two?
 (IWER: ACCEPT RANGE OF ONLY 2 LBS., e.g., "3-4" OR "6-7"
 LARGER RANGE IS A "DK".)

DK	_____ LBS.	NORMAL (IF VOL.)	LOW (IF VOL.)	HIGH (IF VOL.)
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GO TO NEXT PAGE, Q4

[RECORD IN Q3b]

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Q3b. Do you remember if it was very low, somewhat low, normal, somewhat high, or very high?	Would you say that it was very (LOW/HIGH) or somewhat (LOW/HIGH)?
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1. VERY LOW	2. SOMEWHAT LOW	3. NORMAL	4. SOMEWHAT HIGH	5. VERY HIGH	8. DK
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Q4. Do you know what your twin's exact birth weight was?

DK	_____ LBS. _____ OZ.	SAME AS TWIN 1
↓	↓ GO TO Q5	↓ GO TO Q5

Q4a Do you remember about what it was within a pound or two?
(IWER: ACCEPT RANGE OF ONLY 2 LBS., e.g., "3-4" OR "6-7"
LARGER RANGE IS A "DK".)

DK	_____ LBS.	NORMAL (IF VOL.)	LOW (IF VOL.)	HIGH (IF VOL.)
↓	↓ GO TO Q5	↓ [RECORD IN Q4b]	↓	

Q4b. Do you remember if it was very low, somewhat low, normal, somewhat high, or very high?	Would you say that it was very (LOW/HIGH) or somewhat (LOW/HIGH)?
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1. VERY LOW	2. SOMEWHAT LOW	3. NORMAL	4. SOMEWHAT HIGH	5. VERY HIGH	8. DK
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Q5. When you were children, how often did you and your twin have the same playmates -- always, most of the time, sometimes, or never?

1. ALWAYS	2. MOST OF THE TIME	3. SOMETIMES	4. NEVER
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Q6. How often were you in the same classrooms at school -- always most of the time, sometimes, or never?

1. ALWAYS	2. MOST OF THE TIME	3. SOMETIMES	4. NEVER
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Q7. How often did you dress alike always, most of the time
sometimes, or never?

1. ALWAYS

2. MOST OF THE TIME

3. SOMETIMES

4. NEVER

Q8. Did you ever share the same bedroom with your twin during the time you were growing up?

1. YES

2. NO → GO TO Q10

Q9. For how many years did the two of you have the same bedroom?

YRS.

Q10. When you were children and just the two of you were doing things together, which one of you was more likely to be the leader and which one the follower?

1. R WAS LEADER

2. ABOUT EQUAL

3. CO-TWIN WAS LEADER

4. DK

GO TO Q12

GO TO Q12

Q11. (Were you/Was your twin) always the leader or just most of the time?

1. ALWAYS

2. MOST OF THE TIME

Q12 INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT

SEE P.1, Q1

☐ 1. SAME-SEX TWIN PAIR

☐ 2. ALL OTHERS → GO TO P.10, Q40

GO TO NEXT Q, Q13

Q13.

Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about what you and your twin look like.

When you and your twin were children, did the two of you look almost exactly alike or was there some difference in your appearance?

1. LOOKED ALIKE



GO TO Q14

2. SOME DIFFERENCE



GO TO NEXT Q, Q13b

Q13b. What was that difference?
(IWER: RECORD VERBATIM)

(PROBE: Were there any other differences?)

Q14.

Do you and your twin have the same eye color?

1. YES

2. NO

Q15. Do you and your twin have the same natural hair color?

1. YES

2. NO

Q16. Do you and your twin have the same complexion - that is, the same skin tone, color and texture? —

1. YES

2. NO

Q17. Do you and your twin have the same facial features - that is, the same shape of eyes, nose, mouth, and face in general?

1. YES

2. NO

Q18. When you and your twin were children, would you say that you were generally the same height - that is, within an inch of each other - or was one of you generally taller than the other?

(IWER: IF NEC, "Who was taller?")

1. SAME HEIGHT

2. RESPONDENT TALLER

3. CO-TWIN TALLER

Q19. Thinking again about when you were children, would you say that you generally weighed about the same - that is, within ten pounds of each other - or did one of you generally weigh more than the other?

(IWER: IF NEC, "Who was heavier?")

1. SAME WEIGHT

2. RESPONDENT HEAVIER

3. CO-TWIN HEAVIER

Q20. When you were children, how often did your mother have difficulty telling you and your twin apart -- all of the time, most of the time, some of the time or never?

1. ALL OF
THE TIME

2. MOST OF
THE TIME

3. SOME OF
THE TIME

4. NEVER

5. INAP

Q21. How often did your father have difficulty telling the two of you apart when you were children -- all of the time, most of the time, some of the time or never?

1. ALL OF
THE TIME

2. MOST OF
THE TIME

3. SOME OF
THE TIME

4. NEVER

5. INAP

Q22. When you were children, how often did other people that you lived with or close friends have difficulty telling you and your twin apart -- (all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?)

1. ALL OF
THE TIME

2. MOST OF
THE TIME

3. SOME OF
THE TIME

4. NEVER

Q23. How often did relatives that you didn't see as often, like distant aunts and uncles, have difficulty telling the two of you apart -- (all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?)

1. ALL OF
THE TIME

2. MOST OF
THE TIME

3. SOME OF
THE TIME

4. NEVER

Q24. What about teachers? How often did teachers have trouble telling you and your twin apart -- (all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?)

1. ALL OF
THE TIME

2. MOST OF
THE TIME

3. SOME OF
THE TIME

4. NEVER

Q25. How often did acquaintances have difficulty telling the two of you apart -- (all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?)

1. ALL OF
THE TIME

2. MOST OF
THE TIME

3. SOME OF
THE TIME

4. NEVER

Q26. When you and your twin were children, how often did your parents or the people who raised you do things like dress you differently or give you different haircuts to help people tell you apart -- (all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?)

1. ALL OF
THE TIME

2. MOST OF
THE TIME

3. SOME OF
THE TIME

4. NEVER

Q27. Thinking now about your present appearance, how tall are you?

FT

IN.

Q28. How much do you presently weigh?

LBS.

Q29. In your opinion, are you and your twin definitely identical, probably identical, probably fraternal, definitely fraternal, or are you not sure what kind of twins you are?

1. DEFINITELY
IDENTICAL

3. PROBABLY
IDENTICAL

5. PROBABLY
FRATERNAL

7. DEFINITELY
FRATERNAL

9. DK

There are several ways to tell the difference between being identical or fraternal twins. Which of the following are true for you...?

Q30. Were your parents told the number of placentas, or afterbirths, when you and your twin were born?

1. YES

5. NO

9. DK

GO TO Q32

Q31. How many were there? _____

Q32. Did you and your twin ever have a blood test which told you what kind of twins you were?

1. YES

5. NO

9. DK

GO TO NEXT PAGE, Q34

Q33. What were the results? (IWER: RECORD VERBATIM)

Q34. Were you or your parents told by a doctor what kind of twins you were based on something else?

1.YES

5.NO

9.DK

GO TO Q36

Q35. What was that reason? (IWER: RECORD VERBATIM)

DK

(PROBE: Did the doctor say anything else?)

Q36. INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT

SEE Q30-35

☐ 1. IF ANY ☐ 1.YES TO Q30, Q32 OR Q34

☐ 2. ALL OTHERS

GO TO NEXT
PAGE, Q40

Q37. Do you just know what kind of twins you are based on how much you look like each other?

1.YES

5.NO

Q38. Is there any other reason why you feel that you and your twin are (identical/fraternal)?

1.YES

5.NO

9.DK

GO TO NEXT PAGE, Q40

Q39. (What is that reason? (IWER: RECORD VERBATIM)

Q40 I'm now going to ask you a few questions about your relationship with your twin.

Are you currently living with your twin?

1. YES

5. NO

GO TO Q42

Q41. In your lifetime, how many total years have the two of you lived together?

_____ YRS.

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Q42. In your lifetime, how many years did the two of you live together?

_____ YRS

Q43. How old were you when you last lived with your twin?

_____ YRS.

Q44. How frequently do you and your twin see each other? Would you say once a week or more, or less than that?

1. ONCE A WEEK
OR MORE

2. LESS THAN
ONCE A WEEK

7. NEVER (IF VOL.)

GO TO NEXT PAGE, Q45

GO TO NEXT Q, Q44b

Q44a. Would that be about once a week, several times a week, once a day, or several times a day?

1. ONCE/WEEK

2. SEVERAL X/WEEK

3. ONCE/DAY

4. SEVERAL X/DAY

GO TO NEXT PAGE, Q45

GO TO NEXT PAGE, Q46

Q44b. Would that be about 2 or 3 times a month, once a month less than once a month, or never or hardly ever?

1. 2-3 X/MONTH

2. ONCE/MONTH

3. LESS THAN
ONCE/MONTH

4. NEVER/
HARDLY
EVER

Q45. Not including visits, how frequently are you in contact with your twin -- including phone calls, letters, or electronic mail messages? Would you say once a week or more, or less than that?

1. ONCE A WEEK
OR MORE

2. LESS THAN
ONCE A WEEK

7. NEVER (IF VOL.)

GO TO Q46

GO TO Q45b

Q45a. Would that be about once a week, several times a week, once a day, or several times a day?

1. ONCE/WEEK

2. SEVERAL X/WEEK

3. ONCE/DAY

4. SEVERAL X/DAY

GO TO Q46

Q45b. Would that be about 2 or 3 times a month, once a month, less than once a month, or never or hardly ever?

1. 2-3 X/MONTH

2. ONCE/MONTH

3. LESS THAN
ONCE/MONTH

4. NEVER/
HARDLY
EVER

Q46. How much does your twin understand the way you feel about things? Would you say a lot, some, a little, or not at all?

1. A LOT

2. SOME

3. A LITTLE

4. NOT AT ALL

Q47. How much can you rely on (him/her) for help if you have a serious problem -- a lot, some, a little, or not at all?

1. A LOT

2. SOME

3. A LITTLE

4. NOT AT ALL

Q48. How much does your twin really care about you -- (a lot, some, a little, or not at all?)

1. A LOT

2. SOME

3. A LITTLE

4. NOT AT ALL

Q49. How much can you open up to your twin if you need to talk about your worries -- (a lot, some, a little, or not at all?)

1. A LOT

2. SOME

3. A LITTLE

4. NOT AT ALL

Q50. How much does your twin criticize you -- (a lot, some, a little, or not at all?)

1. A LOT

2. SOME

3. A LITTLE

4. NOT AT ALL

Q51. How often does your twin make too many demands on you -- often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

1. OFTEN

2. SOMETIMES

3. RARELY

4. NEVER

Q52. How often does your twin let you down when you are counting on (him/her) -- often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

1. OFTEN

2. SOMETIMES

3. RARELY

4. NEVER

Q53. How often does your twin get on your nerves (often, sometimes, rarely, or never?)

1. OFTEN

2. SOMETIMES

3. RARELY

4. NEVER

Q54. When you have a personal or practical problem, how much of the time do you turn to your twin for advice or help? Would you say all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, a little of the time, or never or hardly ever?

1. ALL OF
THE TIME

2. MOST OF
THE TIME

3. SOME OF
THE TIME

4. A LITTLE
OF THE
TIME

5. NEVER/
HARDLY
EVER

Q55. When your twin has a personal or practical problem, how often does (he/she) turn to you for advice or help -- all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, a little of the time, or never or hardly ever?

1. ALL OF
THE TIME

2. MOST OF
THE TIME

3. SOME OF
THE TIME

4. A LITTLE
OF THE
TIME

5. NEVER/
HARDLY
EVER

COLUMN I: Before I go, I need to ask you a few more questions for statistical purposes to figure out the odds of locating you and your twin. Please tell me which of the following people in your family live in the continental U.S. and have a residential phone -- that is, not including living in a nursing home, dormitory, or prison.			COLUMN II: Now I need to find out how many different households these people live in. FOR EACH "YES" OR "ONE" OR MORE:		
Q56. (What about...? Does he/she fall into this category?) (Does (he/she) currently live in the U.S. and have a residential phone number?)	YES	NO	DK	Q58. (Do X and Y live together?) (Is this a separate residence from those you've mentioned already?) # NUMBER NEW HOUSEHOLDS	
a. First, what about your mother?					
b. Your father?					

Q57. (What about...?) (Do they fall into this category?) (...that is, they currently live in the U.S. and have a residential phone number.)	#	DK	Q59. (Do all X live in separate homes...? Or...) (Do any of X live with someone you've mentioned already?) # NUMBER NEW HOUSEHOLDS
a. How many of your children fall into this category?			
b. How many of your brothers and sisters fall into this category?			

Q60. Lastly, I need to know how many different residential phone numbers you have -- that would include multiple phone lines in your home and multiple residences for you or your spouse? (IF NEC, but not including beepers, car phones, or any other work numbers)

ONE

TWO

THREE

FOUR

FIVE

MORE THAN FIVE

That was the final question of the twin interview. I'd like to thank you again for your time and for participating in this important study. As I mentioned earlier, a different interviewer from DataStat will be calling you (after the holidays/next week/in the next few weeks) to ask you some questions about your health and lifestyle. Do you have any final questions?

[IWER: IF NEC, Give 1-800-759-7947 (ISR) or 1-800-837-3737 (DataStat)]

Have a nice (day/evening).

TIME END: _____

INTERVIEWERS DO NOT ENTER BELOW

Q65 ISR Zygosity Diagnosis:

1. DEFINITELY MZ

2. DEFINITELY DZ - SAME SEX

3. DEFINITELY DZ - OPPOSITE SEX

4. PROBABLY MZ

5. PROBABLY DZ

6. DOUBTFUL ZYGOSITY