

Table. Increases and decreases in the percentage of correct identification by method of letter extraction from the family name and number of letters, by data source

Archivio	Method of extraction of letters from family name	3 characters used	4 characters used	Percent difference
EPIC	Extraction of first letters	99.85	99.91	+ 0.06
	Fiscal code	99.91	99.92	+ 0.02
	Percent difference	+ 0.06	+ 0.01	
Vital recors	Extraction of first letters	97.71	98.85	+ 1.14
	Fiscal code	98.31	99.10	+ 0.79
	Percent difference	+ 0.60	+ 0.25	
Hospital discharge records: multiple admissions	Extraction of first letters	96.06	95.94	- 0.12
	Fiscal code	95.95	94.96	- 0.99
	Percent difference	- 0.11	- 0.98	
Hospital discharge records: two admissions	Extraction of first letters	96.85	96.76	- 0.09
	Fiscal code	96.82	96.08	- 0.74
	Percent difference	- 0.03	- 0.68	