Survey of Health, Aging and Retirement in Europe

„Airtightening“ DBSS collection

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Comparison HRS - SHARE

- Caused by different lab techniques? Alan?
- Caused by (unknown) conditions during shipment?
  - Temperature/Humidity
Temperature testing

- Temperature sensitive labels in SHARE wave 5 pretest
  - Most stay under 29°C (in summer!)

- Temperature loggers sent from Israel to Germany
  - No high temperatures

- Anyway: how to protect samples during standard mailing?
No signifikant advantage of paper padded or similar envelopes
Humidity testing

- Temperature and humidity loggers

- Ongoing:
  - Do Ziploc bags protect better than PE bags?
  - Do Mylar bags provide an advantage?
Plans for SHARE wave 6 (2015)

- Air padded envelopes plus PE bags
- Temperature sensitive labels??
- Temperature loggers travel across Europe
Thank you for your attention!