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For some models, the message

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may appear in the sections of the output file pertaining to fixed effects.

The robust standard errors should be trusted only when the number of higher-level units is moderately large relative to the number of explanatory variables at a higher level. At some point, the number of higher-level units can become so small that these standard errors are not computable as the information matrix is uninvertible or not positive-definite. In such cases, a message that robust standard errors could not be computed for a model may be printed to the HLM output file.