

Convert barcodes in scientific notation format to Text format in Excel

Spreadsheets with barcodes in them will usually re-open with the barcodes expressed in scientific notation, like this:

seq_no	barcode	location_for_folio
1	3.19241E+13	AHDC
2	3.19241E+13	AHDC
3	3.19241E+13	AHDC
4	3.19241E+13	AHDC

To convert them into Text format, in a new column, apply the TRIM function to each value in the barcode column:

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=TRIM(B2)

	A	B	C	D
1	seq_no	barcode	location_for_folio	Fixed barcode
2	1	3.19241E+13	AHDC	31924108242573
3	2	3.19241E+13	AHDC	31924109495279
4	3	3.19241E+13	AHDC	31924109497473
5	4	3.19241E+13	AHDC	31924110124959

Because this new column is actually a calculation, it may not import correctly into DBEaver as a local table. Create a third column by copy/pasting the "fixed barcodes" column as "values" into a new column (in Paste, choose the icon that looks like a clipboard with 1-2-3 on it). You can then delete the other two columns.