

Acupuncture for Chronic Headache RCT Data Data Dictionary 8-3-2015

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Data Set Name

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Codebook

An abbreviated data dictionary describing the variables we will be working with is provided below:

Variable name	Variable description
id	patient ID code
age	Age
sex	sex; female (1) vs. male (0)
migraine	diagnosis ; migraine (1) vs. tension-type (0)
chronicity	number of years of headache disorder
acupuncturist	acupuncturist id code
practice_id	gp practice id
group	treatment group; acupuncture (1) vs. control (0)
pk1	headache severity score baseline
pk2	headache severity score 3 month
pk5	headache severity score 1 year
f1	headache frequency baseline
f2	headache frequency 3 month
f5	headache frequency 1 year

Analyses of study data focused on headache severity scores (**pk1**, **pk2**, **pk5**), each coded using the following likert scale. The primary outcome was headache score at the one-year follow up.

Likert scale of headache severity

- 0: no headache
- 1: I notice the headache only when I pay attention to it
- 2: Mild headache that can be ignored at times
- 3: Headache is painful, but I can do my job or usual tasks
- 4: Very severe headache; I find it difficult to concentrate and can do only undemanding tasks
- 5: Intense, incapacitating headache

