Semi-structured interview for diagnosing headache and
migraine. Adapted from a validated interview from the
Danish Headache Center (last updated November 18,
2012) for the purpose of interviewing patients without
a diagnosis of migraine.

Sen	ni-Structu	red Migraine and Headache Intervi	e		
	Headache Have you been diagnosed with migraine				
	□ Yes	\square No			
0.1.	1 If yes, di	d anything happen in relation to debut o	f		

0.1.2 If N	IO:
0.1.2.1	Do you experience regular headaches?
0.1.2.1.1	If yes, how often (days per month)
0.1.2.1.2	Is the headache related to anything in
	particular
	□ Yes □ No

 $\hfill\square$ Head trauma / Concussion

☐ Yes ☐ No0.1.1.1 If yes – what happened☐ Menarche

☐ Other _

0.1.2.1.3 If yes, what? __

For all patients:

Do you ever experience headaches that are:					
	Yes	No			
a. Unilateral	\Box 1	□ 2			
b. Pulsating	\Box 1	□ 2			
c. Moderate/severe intensity	\Box 1	□ 2			
d. Aggravation by physical activity	□ 1	□ 2			
e. Nausea	\Box 1	□ 2			
f. Vomiting	□ 1	□ 2			
g. Photofobia	\Box 1	\square 2			
h. Phonofobia	\Box 1	\square 2			
i. Osmophoabia	\Box 1	□ 2			

$\label{lem:continuous} \textbf{Duration of the headache without medication:}$

< ½ h □ 1
½ - 4 h □ 2
$5 h - 23 h \square 3$
1 - 3 days □ 4
$4-7$ days \Box 5
>7 days □ 6

1. MIGRAINE WITH AURA (MA)

a. Do you have migraine		
with aura?	□ 1	□ 2
1.1 Visual aura	Yes	No
a. Are there visual disturbances?	□ 1	\square 2
b. Unilateral	□ 1	\square 2
c. Gradually progressing	\Box 1	□ 2
d. Scotoma	□ 1	\square 2
e. Zig-zag lines (fortification)	□ 1	□ 2
f. Flickering	□ 1	□ 2
g. Preserved central vision	□ 1	□ 2
h. Duration of gradual developmen		
j. Duration of visual aura		min
•		
1.2 Sensory aura	Yes	No
a. Are there sensory disturbances?	□ 1	\square 2
b. Unilateral	□ 1	\square 2
c. Gradually progressing	□ 1	\square 2
Do the sensory disturbances involve	e:	
d. The face	□ 1	□ 2
e. The tongue	$\Box 1$	□ 2
f. The hand	□ 1	□ 2
g. The arm	□ 1	□ 2
h. The foot	□ 1	□ 2
i. The leg	□ 1	\square 2
j. The body	□ 1	\square 2
k. Duration of gradual developmen	ıt	min
1. Duration of visual aura		min
1.3 Motor aura	Yes	No
a. Are there motor disturbances?		□ 2
b. Unilateral		□ 2
	□ 1 □ 1	□ 2
c. Gradually progressing	□ 1	□ 4
Do the motor disturbances involve	•	
d. The face	□ 1	□ 2
e. The tongue	□ 1	□ 2
f. The hand	□ 1	□ 2
g. The arm	□ 1	□ 2
h. The foot		□ 2
i. The leg	□ 1 □ 1	□ 2
	□ 1	$\sqcup Z$
j. The bodyk. Duration of gradual developmen	ıt	min
Duration of gradual development Duration of visual aura		min
i. Duration of Visual data		
1.4 Aphasia/		
Speech disturbances	Yes	No
a. Are there speech disturbances?	□ 1	\square 2
Are the speech impairments due to	:	
b. Problems articulating speech	$\Box 1$	□ 2
c. Problems finding the right words	s 🗆 1	□ 2
d. Problems understanding what		
people say	$\Box 1$	□ 2
e. Problematic for other people to		
understand your speech	$\Box 1$	□ 2
f. Duration of speech/aphasic		
disturbancesmi	n	

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I.5 Basilar-type aura Yes No a. Are there basilar/occipital 2. MIGRAINE WITHOUT AURA (MO)						
symptoms?	\Box 1	\square 2				
			a. Do you have migraine	Yes	No	
Are there:			without aura?	□ 1	□ 2	
 b. Bilateral pareses/parestesias 	□ 1	\square 2				
 Bilateral visual symptoms 	□ 1	□ 2	2.1 Migraine without aura ov	er time		
d. Dysarthria	□ 1	□ 2	a. Age at onsetyears			
e. Vertigo	□ 1	\square 2	b. Date of last attack			
f. Diplopia	□ 1	□ 2	c. No. of attacks within last year:			
g. Tinnitus	□ 1	\square 2	0 🗆 1			
h. Hypacusia	□ 1	\square 2	1-5 □ 2			
i. Decreased level of consciousnes	ss 🗆 1	□ 2	6-12 🗆 3			
j. Ataxia	□ 1	□ 2	13-24 □ 4			
J. Pituniu		_ _	25-36 □ 5			
			>36 □ 6			
1.6 Succession of aura symptom	oms		d. No. of lifetime attacks:			
a. If more than 1 aura type, is the		on of the auras:	1 □ 1			
Successive		on or the duras.	2-4 □ 2			
Simultaneously	□ 2		5-9 🗆 3			
Not applicable (NA)	□ 3		10-49 🗆 4			
Not applicable (NA)	□ 3		50-100 🗆 5			
			>100 🗆 5			
1.7 Aura with headache	Yes	No	>100 ⊟ 0			
		$\sqcap 2$				
a. Do you have aura with headach		_ _				
b. Does the onset of the headache	• •	come:				
Before the aura	□ 1 □ 2					
After the aura	□ 2					
Simultaneously with the						
aura	□ 3					
c. How long time before/after the	aura	min	3. Migraine triggers			
			5. Wilgianic triggers			
104	3.7	3.7	a. Are there factors that	Yes	No	NA
1.8 Aura without headache	Yes	No	can trigger a migraine attack?		□ 2	□ 3
a. Do you have aura without		_ •	can trigger a migrame attack.	□ 1		□ 3
headache	□ 1	\square 2	b. What type of migraine?	MO	MA	MA+MO
			b. What type of inigrame.		□ 2	
3.51	. •		3.1. Can these factors trigger a			
1.9 Migraine with aura over	time		migraine attack:			
a. Age at onsetyears			mgrame acaem	Yes	No	
b. Date of last attack			a. Physical activity	□ 1	□ 2	
c. No. of attacks within last year:			b. Light	□ 1	□ 2	
0 🗆 1			c. Stress	□ 1	□ 2	
1-5 □ 2						
6-12 🗆 3			d. Menstruation	□ 1	□ 2	
13-24 □ 4			e. Alcohol	□ 1	□ 2	
25-36 □ 5			f. Strong smells	□ 1	\square 2	
>36 □ 6			g. Lack of/too much sleep	□ 1	\square 2	
d. No. of lifetime attacks:			h. Other factors:			
1 □ 1						
2-4 □ 2						
5-9 □ 3						
10-49 🗆 4						
50-100 🗆 5						
>100 🗆 5						
≥100 ⊔ 0				· (O)		
			4. Chronic migraine (MA+MO)			
			During the past 3 successive months, have you had:			
			a. Headache at least 15 days a	Ves	NI.	
			month	Yes	No	
			h Mississ at 1 (0.1	□ 1	□ 2	
			b. Migraine at least 8 days	_ 1	_ ~	
			a month	□ 1	□ 2	

5. Tension-type headache			6. MIGRAINE TREATMEN	T (MA+	- MO)	
	Yes	No				
Do you have tension-type			6.1 Treatment of migraine			
headaches	□ 1	\square 2	attacks	Yes	No	NA
			a. Triptans are efficient	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3
5.1 Headache characteristics		No	b. Regular painkillers (NSAID, Pa			
a. Bilateral	□ 1	\square 2	are efficient	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3
b. Pressing	□ 1	□ 2	c. Ergotamine drugs are	□ 1	¬ •	
c. Mild/moderate intensity	□ 1 - ·	□ 2 	efficient d. Other drug(s)	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3
d. Aggravation by physical activity	•	□ 2	d. Other drug(s)			
e. Nausea	□ 1 - ·	□ 2	6.2 Use of medication			
f. Vomiting	□ 1	□ 2	a. No. of days of triptan-use per m	onth		
g. Photofobia	□ 1	□ 2	b. No. of days of regular painkille			
h. Phonofobia	□ 1	\square 2	the second secon	F		
5.2 Describes of headeshe			6.3 Prophylactic treatment			
5.2 Duration of headache			of migraine	Yes	No	NA
$< \frac{1}{2} h \square 1$			 a. Beta-blockers are efficient 	□ 1	\square 2	□ 3
$\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 h \square 2			b. Ca2+-antagonists are efficient	□ 1	\square 2	\square 3
$5 \text{ h} - 23 \text{ h} \square 3$						
1 - 3 days □ 4			 c. Angiotensin II receptor blockers 	S		
$4-7$ days \Box 5			are efficient	\Box 1	\square 2	\square 3
>7 days □ 6						
5.3 Tension-type headache over	4		d. ACE-inhibotors are efficient	□ 1	\square 2	□ 3
a. Headache days within last year:	ume					
0 1			e. Anti-epilepsy drugs are		_ •	
1-7			efficient	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3
8-14			C. A. et l			
15-30			f. Antidepressive medication	_ 1	_ 0	_ 2
31-179			(mirtazapine) is efficient	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3
≥180 □ 6			_ II	□ 1		□ 2
b. No. of tension-type headache da	we durin	or the three last	g. Hormone treatment is efficient	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3
months: days	tys durin	ig the three last	h. Other drug(s)			
c. If ≥45 headache days, are the d	ave		ii. Other urug(s)			
evenly spaced out	Yes	No				
y	□ 1	□ 2	g. Are you currently receiving pro	phylactic	Yes	No
	_ •	_ _	treatment(s) for migraine	1 7	□ 1	□ 2
			8. SECONDARY HEADACHES	S? Yes	No	
				□ 1	□ 2	
			If yes, specify:			_
			11. Migraine within the famil			
				Yes	No	
			a. Mother has/had migraine	□ 1	□ 2	
			b. Father has/had migraine	□ 1	□ 2	
			d. Siblings have/had migraine	□ 1	□ 2	
			e. Children have/had migraine	□ 1	□ 2	
			Interview conducted by:			

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