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Complementary medicine use and health literacy in older Australians

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Table 1. Characteristics of participants

Characteristics	Data from the trial	Australian	p value
	n=153	census data^b	
		n= 3,676,765	
	n (%)	n (%)	
Sex			
Male	51 (33.3)	1,704,376 (46.4)	<0.001
Female	102 (66.7)	1,972,383 (53.6)	
Age (n=151) (M SD)^a	76 (\pm 6.92)		
Marital status (n=152)			
Single	14 (9.2)	183,913 (5.0)	0.02
Married/defacto	85 (55.9)	2,129,158 (57.9)	0.30
Widowed	34 (22.4)	818,501(22.3)	0.53
Divorced/ Separated	19 (12.5)	545,193 (14.8)	0.23
Live alone (n=152)			
No	90 (59.2)		
Yes	62 (40.8)		
Country of birth			
Australia	103 (67.8)	2,109,308 (57.4)	0.01
United Kingdom	25 (16.4)	365,813 (10.0)	
Other	24 (15.7)	1,201,641 (32.7)	
Speak English at home			
Yes	153 (100)	2,790,603 (76.0)	<0.001
Aboriginal and Torres Strait			
Islander			
No	149 (98)	618,822 (83.2)	<0.001

Highest level of education

Primary school or less	1 (0.7)		
High school (not completed)	21 (13.7)	2,077,403 (56.5)	<0.001
High school (completed)	38 (24.8)	1,047,199 (28.5)	0.18
TAFE/Trade	36 (23.5)	708,470 (19.3)	0.11
University undergraduate	40 (26.1)	289,894 (7.9)	<0.001
University postgraduate	17 (11.1)	138,256 (3.8)	<0.001

Employment status

Retired	139 (90.8)	2,896,440 (78.8)	<0.001
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Annual household**income/year**

<20,000	26 (17.1)		
\$20,000-39,999	60 (39.5)		
\$40,000-59,999	19 (12.5)		
\$60,000-75,999	12 (7.9)		
>\$80,000-99,999	1 (0.7)		
100,000-149,999	3 (2.0)		
Prefer not to answer	31 (20.3)		

^aM=mean SD=standard deviation, ^bTotal number of people 65 and over (Census 2016 =3,676,762)