

TABLE 1

## Characteristics of Studies of Antidepressants for Idiopathic Symptoms or Symptom Syndromes

Characteristic	Syndrome (No. of Studies)						All (94)
	Headache (50)	Fibromyalgia (18)	Functional GI (13)	Idiopathic Pain (11)	Tinnitus (2)	Chronic Fatigue (2)	
No. of patients (median, range)	48, 16 - 698	41, 21-208	47, 7-428	60, 25-129	26, 117	20, 107	50 7-698
Women, %	77	92	51	65	42	76	76
Setting, %							
primary care	15	6	27	18	0	0	12
referral clinic	85	94	64	82	100	100	87
not stated	0	0	9	0	0	0	1
Year published, %							
before 1980	33	0	18	10	0	0	18
1980-89	38	38	64	45	1988	0	44
1990 or later	29	62	18	45	1993	1996	38
Median duration of symptoms, %							
< 1 year	2	0	10	18	0	0	4
1-3 years	21	0	60	27	50	0	22
> 3 years	77	100	30	55	50	100	74
Median duration of trial, weeks	10	8	6	6	6	7	9
Study design, %							
parallel	64	62	83	73	50	100	66
crossover	36	38	17	27	50	0	34
Dropout > 20%, %	40	31	18	55	50	50	40
Country of study, % United States	23	25	45	18	100	50	28
Industry sponsored, %	42	50	50	33	0	100	45