

DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION

SHAM ACUPUNCTURE

A Capsule Study

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*Results:* A significantly greater number of the sham group felt that the placebo was effective.

100% of the acupuncture group. The sham group reported relief as much as the acupuncture group.

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