



Annual Report – 2025

Headache and Vascular Disorders Special Interest Group

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1) General information

The Headache and Vascular Disorders Special Interest Group (HVD SIG) was established in late 2024.

Proposed Aims:

The goals of the Headache and Vascular Disorders Special Interest Group are as follows:

- To promote research on the relationship between primary headache disorders, their treatments, and vascular disorders.
- To enhance knowledge of headache and vascular disorders among general neurologists, residents, and primary care physicians (e.g., when, what, and how to further investigate).
- To identify experts in this field who are interested in multicenter collaborations to advance understanding of headache and vascular disorders.

Proposed Activities:

The SIG will primarily function as a study group and an informal discussion forum. In addition, it will promote international research collaborations on these topics and contribute to educational activities, such as teaching courses within the IHS.

2) Meetings

The group had its inaugural meeting in January 2025 and the next meeting is scheduled for September 2025

3) Activities

The group is currently working on

- a systematic review and meta-analysis on the relation between migraine and white matter hyperintensities on MRI
- a series of video podcasts on topics related to primary headache disorders and vascular disease

More activities will follow.

On behalf of the Headache and Vascular Disorders Special Interest Group

Anders Hougaard, chair

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