**6. Conclusions**

* post\_table commands can be used to generate complex tables as stata datasets.
* Some table producible with post\_table could be produced more easily with other commands, I believe that for certain formats that we use when reporting trials it is the best command.
* The command is highly flexible and can accommodate a lot of different tables
* For best results all variables should be labelled and value labels should be used.
* Putdocx can then be used to make word tables, or export excel can output these as spreadsheets.
* Putdocx has several limitations
  + You cannot custom set table column widths
  + It is a bit of a pain to write extended text.
  + You can use words style options but not a saved style from another document
  + It is therefore difficult to work with styles, and automatic contents pages, from existing documents
  + Can’t set headers and footers
  + The list goes on