

Dear Approved User,

We have included the information below to help you make the most of your dataset. Not all information may apply to your dataset or project. Please note that the most current releases of the CLSA datasets are: **Baseline Tracking Dataset version 4.0, Comprehensive Dataset version 7.0**
Follow-up 1 Tracking Dataset version 2.3, Comprehensive Dataset version 3.2

Datasets

1 - This table provides details on selected variables which do not appear in the CLSA questionnaires (e.g. derived variables, internal process information, re-coded open text, etc.) but may be useful to you in understanding your dataset.

	VARIABLE NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	RESPONSE OPTIONS
Tracking	startlanguage_TRM(_TRF1)	Tracking Questionnaire administration language - Baseline (Follow-up 1)	en (English), fr (French)
	startdate_TRM(_TRF1)	Tracking Questionnaire start date & time - Baseline (Follow-up 1)	
	ADM_FU1Status_TRF1	Administrative status of participant data at Follow-up 1.	1 (Provided FUP1 Data - data included in current release) 2 (Withdrawn) 3 (No FUP1 data provided) 4 (Provided FUP1 Data - data in preparation)
	MOR_VITAL201907_TRF1	Participant vital status (July 2019)	0 (No Death information collected) 1 (Death - Ministry confirmed) 2 (Death - Confirmation through other sources)
Comprehensive	startlanguage_COM(_COF1)	Comprehensive In-Home Questionnaire administration language - Baseline (Follow-up 1)	en (English), fr (French)
	startdate_COM(_COF1)	Comprehensive In-Home Questionnaire start date & time - Baseline (Follow-up 1)	
	ADM_startdate_COM(_COF1)	Data Collection Site visit start date & time - Baseline (Follow-up 1)	
	ADM_SPECIAL_INHOME_COF1	Flag for In-Home interview completed via telephone	0 (Regular In-Home visit) 1 (In-Home by phone)
	ADM_SPECIAL_STATUS_COM	Data collection site (DCS) visit special status - Baseline	0 (No special status) 1 (DCS by phone)* 2 (DCS at home)** 3 (DCS & phone)***
	ADM_SPECIAL_STATUS_COF1	Data collection site (DCS) visit special status – Follow-up 1	0 (no special status) 1 (DCS by phone) 2 (DCS at home) 3 (Reduced DCS – per SOP) 4 (Reduced DCS – not per SOP) 5 (DCS visit – not done)

	ADM_GWAS_COM	Genomics linking key (row number in genomics file)	
	ADM_EPIGEN_COM	Epigenetics linking key (row number in epigenetics file)	
Comprehensive	ADM_FU1Status_CO1	Administrative status of participant data at Follow-up 1.	1 (Provided FUP1 Data - data included in current release) 2 (Withdrawn) 3 (No FUP1 data provided) 4 (Provided FUP1 Data - data in preparation)
	MOR_VITAL201907_CO1	Participant vital status (July 2019)	0 (No Death information collected) 1 (Death - Ministry confirmed) 2 (Death - Confirmation through other sources)
Maintaining Contact Q.	startlanguage_MCQ	Maintaining Contact Questionnaire administration language	en (English), fr (French)
	startdate_MCQ	Maintaining Contact Questionnaire start date & time	
	TRA_VERSION_MCQ	Indicator variable to identify those participants who completed the old versus the new version of the Transportation (TRA) questionnaire	1 (version 2) 0 (version 1)
	ADM_COMPLETE_MCQ	Indicator for whether participant completed the Maintaining Contact telephone interview	1 (completed MCQ) 0 (did not complete MCQ)

*For 134 participants, the baseline DCS site visit was completed by phone for various reasons including time constraints for recruitment fulfillment toward the end of Baseline data collection and some cases where the participants were unable to physically present at the DCS but wished to remain part of CLSA

** For 2 participants, the Baseline DCS site visit was completed in person at the participant's residence as a pilot for the DCS at home.

**For 1 participant, the Baseline DCS consisted of a DCS site visit for the collection of physical measures with the questionnaires being administered by phone.

Data Support Documents

Data Support Documents for Sampling Weights, Derived Variables and other data are currently available on our website [<https://www.clsa-elcv.ca/researchers/data-support-documentation>].

Amendments

Should you need to make changes to your approved application, including changes to the study personnel, timeline or project details, please complete an Amendment request in Magnolia. If your application is not in Magnolia (pre-2019), reply to access@clsa-elcv.ca to request an Amendment Form.

Publication & Acknowledgements

We would like to remind you that manuscripts intended for publication must be sent for review to the CLSA at least 15 working days prior to submission to the journal. Please consult the [Publication and Promotion Policy for CLSA Data Users](#) before submitting your manuscript to ensure that you have included the correct acknowledgements and dataset version number(s).

Disclaimer

The CLSA takes great care to check the accuracy and completeness of the alphanumeric data prior to release. However, because of the size of the dataset and the large number of variables, we cannot guarantee the accuracy, completeness or fitness of the data for any particular use. If you have any questions, please contact us via access@clsa-elcv.ca.

Keeping participants informed

The CLSA platform is a publicly funded resource and as such, we work to promote use of the platform by highlighting findings on our website, social media and through other communications channels. Help us keep participants informed by sharing a short paragraph written *in lay language* summarizing your findings once you have published. You can send this information to access@clsa-elcv.ca.

Questions

Please contact us via access@clsa-elcv.ca.

Best wishes for a successful research project,

The CLSA Team