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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee HE-031, Traditional Chinese Medicine.

The objective of this Standard is to ensure the product safety and efficacy for the sterile acupuncture needle for single use. To achieve this qualitative and quantitative evaluation methods are provided to evaluate sharpness and puncture performance of the needle tip, an important aspect of clinical significance. In addition, the Standard specifies terms and definitions, nominal needle body diameter and length dimension tolerance, needle body drawing strength, needle body hardness, resistance to needle body breakage and a test method for resistance to corrosion for the needle body.

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