### Enrollment
- **1588 Patients contacted**
- **559 Patients assessed for eligibility**
- **422 Patients randomized**

### Allocation
- **212 Allocated to Acupuncture**
  - 206 Followed up at 8 weeks in year 1
    - 1 did not want to renounce additional medication
    - 1 SAR unevoked by birch pollen
    - 1 non-compliance
    - 1 personal reasons
    - 1 occupational activity
  - 204 Followed up at 16 weeks in year 1
    - 1 non-compliance
    - 1 personal reasons
  - 203 Followed up at 8 weeks in year 2
    - 1 non-compliance

- **102 Allocated to Sham Acupuncture**
  - 96 Follow-up until 8 weeks in year 1
    - 2 occupational activity
    - 2 without giving reasons
    - 2 personal reasons
  - 94 Followed up at 16 weeks in year 1
    - 2 non-compliance

- **108 Allocated to Rescue Medication**
  - 99 Follow-up until 8 weeks in year 1
    - 3 occupational activity
    - 4 personal reasons
    - 2 pregnancy
  - 96 Follow-up at 16 weeks in year 1
    - 1 non-compliance
    - 2 personal reasons
  - 91 Follow-up at 8 weeks in year 2
    - 3 non-compliance
    - 2 personal reasons

### Follow-up
- **212 in ITT population**
  - 1 no RQLQ at baseline
  - 4 no RMS at baseline
  - 1 no RQLQ and no RMS at baseline
  - 206 in the main ITT efficacy analysis
    - 47 violation of treatment protocol
    - 4 other protocol deviations
  - 155 in the PP analysis

- **102 in ITT population**
  - 1 no RMS at baseline
  - 4 no RQLQ and no RMS at baseline
  - 97 in the main ITT efficacy analysis
    - 22 violation of treatment protocol
    - 6 other protocol deviations
  - 69 in the PP analysis

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  - 7 no RMS at baseline
  - 1 no RQLQ and no RMS at baseline
  - 99 in the main ITT efficacy analysis
    - 26 violation of treatment protocol
    - 4 other protocol deviations
  - 69 in the PP analysis

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