Primary analysis

Identify principal endpoint

Acupuncture vs. Sham
• Osteoarthritis
• Headache
  ▶ Chronic tension
  ▶ Migraine
• Non-specific musculoskeletal pain
  ▶ Back
  ▶ Neck
• Shoulder pain

Acupuncture vs. No acupuncture
• Osteoarthritis
• Headache
  ▶ Chronic tension
  ▶ Migraine
• Non-specific musculoskeletal pain
  ▶ Back
  ▶ Neck
• Shoulder pain

Sensitivity analysis

Analysis of acupuncture and sham effects

• Variation in the effects of acupuncture by indication
• Effect of acupuncture characteristics on outcome
• Effects of different types of sham control
• Time course of acupuncture effects
• Individual-patient differences in response to acupuncture
• Differences in outcome between practitioners
• Predictors of acupuncture effect

Secondary endpoints
Pain  Function  QoL  Medication
1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 12 months
Arthritis  Headache  Musculoskeletal  Shoulder
Sham control  No acupuncture control