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I have a couple of issues that should be clarified. First, because this is a trial with an active control (artificial tears), how good is the evidence that the active control is useful for dry eyes? Is there just the one trial cited, or is there other evidence? In the current trial, if acupuncture is not shown to be superior to artificial tears, will noninferiority be claimed? If so, what delta will be used? Second, the primary outcome will use the OSDI, translated into Korean. Has this instrument been successfully and validly used in other translations? Two minor issues: a) In the Abstract, Methods section lines7, rather than “treated” might say “used”; b) In the Acknowledgements, it is said that the study “was” supported. Is the study completed? If not, should say that the study “is” supported.