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--- to determine whether real acupuncture is superior to sham acupuncture for the treatment of chronic pain conditions and, if so, to determine the effect size. Here 'real acupuncture' is defined as the experimental intervention which the investigators believe may have activity against pain. 'Sham acupuncture' is defined as any intervention that is designed to prevent the patient from knowing whether or not he or she received real acupuncture but which is thought to have minimal activity against pain.

To determine whether real acupuncture is superior to usual care control for the treatment of chronic pain conditions and, if so, to determine the effect size. 'Usual care' is defined as care, such as medication 'as needed', that is also received by the acupuncture group. Usual care controls as defined here are sometimes described as 'waiting list' controls, 'standard care' controls or controls receiving 'no additional treatment'.

The secondary scientific objectives of the collaboration are:

To determine whether the effects of acupuncture vary by indication.

To determine characteristics of acupuncture treatment associated with outcome.

To determine whether the effects of the various types of sham control differ.

Time course of acupuncture effects

Analysis of acupuncture responders

Analysis of differences between practitioners

Analysis of predictors of acupuncture effect

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Members of the Acupuncture Trialists' Collaboration represent 25 trials and over 18,000 patients.

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