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We would like to thank Licciardone for his comments on our article ([Steel et al., 2017](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2468781217300334#bib1)). The ongoing contribution of researchers such as Licciardone to the field of osteopathy is of utmost importance. The cost-effectiveness study reported by Licciardone was published and indexed after our research database search was conducted (May 2015). While we did conduct hand-searching of included articles in September 2015 to identify any citations overlooked during the database search, as per standard practice we did not repeat the electronic database search at this time. As is always the case in any field of research, new research will continually be produced. We look forward to including Licciardone's most recent publication in any updates to our review at an appropriate time in the future. The other minor errors will be addressed in an erratum to be published in the journal at the editor's discretion.

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