

Appendix E3. Studies or results missing from meta-analysis (Bowen therapy)

| Record ID | Study ID | No. randomised to intervention group | Comparator | Comparator name | Meta-analysis from which study is missing | Population-specific outcome | Main reason for missingness (studies coded as (a) were included in the MA, so do not appear here) | Specific reason result is missing from MA |
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| BO-005-S | Qamar 2023 | 22 | inactive comparator | inactive - sham | Pain | headache intensity | (b) missing from MA - unsuitable | Missing SD. A reasonable imputation of the SD could not be found in this case (no other studies in people with tension-type headache). |
| BO-001-S | Aslam 2023 | 29 | active comparator | active - massage + TENS | Pain | (neck) pain intensity | (c) missing from MA - unavailable/uninterpretable | A median (IQR) and p value at each timepoint (pre and post intervention) was reported, but it is unclear whether this is for the entire sample or something else. As such the median (IQR) is considered to be uninterpretable. |
| BO-003-S | Dalal 2020 | 16 | active comparator | C1 active - ischaemic compression + conventional therapy | Pain | (neck) pain intensity | (c) missing from MA - unavailable/uninterpretable | Irreconcilable errors. Identical results [means and SDs] for both active comparator arms in table. Cannot determine which arm has the correct result. |
| BO-003-S | Dalal 2020 | 16 | active comparator | C2 active - myofascial release + conventional therapy | Pain | (neck) pain intensity | (c) missing from MA - unavailable/uninterpretable | Irreconcilable errors. Identical results [means and SDs] for both active comparator arms in table. Cannot determine which arm has the correct result. |
| BO-001-S | Aslam 2023 | 29 | active comparator | active - massage + TENS | Function (disability) | disability - global | (c) missing from MA - unavailable/uninterpretable | A median (IQR) and p value at each timepoint (pre and post intervention) was reported, but it is unclear whether this is for the entire sample or something else. As such the median (IQR) is considered to be uninterpretable. |