

## 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
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.