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Title: Clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of pegvisomant for the treatment of acromegaly: a systematic review and economic evaluation

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Four minor corrections made to the main text of the paper. None are to the material of paper. All are typographical in nature and are documented below:

1. Background section, para 2, 1st sentence. This was a long sentence and has been now changed into 2 sentences by addition of a full stop after 6th word and capitalisation of next letter.

Was:

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Now:

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2. Methods section, Inclusion and exclusion criteria for clinical studies subsection, 2nd para, 1st sentence. Duplication of phrase noticed. Changed by removal a duplication of “were extracted”.

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3. Competing interests section. Full stop added to the end of the sentence.

4. Acknowledgements. Full stop added to the end of the final sentence.