Title: The use of economic evaluation in CAM: an introductory framework.

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Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear Miss Iratxe Puebla,

Resubmission of manuscript ‘The use of economic evaluation in CAM: an introductory framework’ (MS: 1622975491388786).

I am writing with reference to the manuscript named above. Many thanks to the reviewers for their suggestions and comments – we have found the feedback constructive and helpful. In response, we provide an edited manuscript. Please also find below an outline of our responses to specific points raised.

One discretionary revisions:
(i) Consider rewording the final two sentences as they are a bit ”clunky” for example: "Whether examining the use of CAM either alone or as an integrated component of contemporary health care provision, further consideration of economic evaluation as a valuable research tool is required. We hope this paper provides at least an impetus for those interested to pursue such a worthy goal."

In response we have re-worded the final two sentences in a similar format to that suggested (see Page 15).

“Whether examining the use of CAM alone or as an integrated component of contemporary health care provision, further consideration of economic evaluation as a research tool is required. This paper provides an impetus for those interested to pursue such a worthy goal”.

(ii) There appears to be a question mark where there should be a full stop on line
10 of the Summary section.

We have changed the question mark to a full stop (see Page 14).

‘Information about economic evaluation is widely available, however, without any formal training CAM practitioners may be challenged in an attempt to utilise these economic evaluation methods’.

The manuscript has also been modified to fulfil the requirements for the format of a correspondence article.

In light of the reviewers’ comments and our responses we feel that the manuscript has been further strengthened. We very much look forward to hearing from you regarding our resubmission. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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