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Editorial Comments:

At present we feel that the conclusions stated in your Abstract are too positive with regards to your findings. In particular, we feel that the use of the word 'demonstrated' is misleading given the poor methodological quality of the trials identified by your review. Please amend this to better reflect your findings. We would also suggest that you repeat your point about there being a high risk of bias here.

We have made the revisions according to the suggestions.

At present it appears that two of the references are not complete (refs 17 and 18 - title of webpage and date accessed are missing). Please ensure that these are included as a full reference, rather than simply the sites referred to by the
referee.

We have looked through the ‘Instructions for authors’ of ‘BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine’, it shows that for reference of Link or URL, only the name and the address of website are needed (the given example is The Mouse Tumor Biology Database [http://tumor.informatics.jax.org/mtbwi/index.do]). I formatted my references according to this instruction. I am not quite sure where to insert ‘title of webpage and date accessed’. Please check it out if I am right.