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In our previous response to reviewers’ comments, we wrote:

“The interval since the cut-off date for including papers in the review represents the time required for detailed analysis, reporting and the submission process. It would be impractical, with current resources, to run, analyse and report the review again, without further substantial delay, at which point there would again be a gap between cut-off date and peer review”

To highlight this as a limitation of the study, we have now added in to the Discussion the following paragraph (lines 441-445, highlighted in yellow):

“The search was undertaken from database inception until 31st December 2013 and all data were extracted and analysed within six months of this date. The resources available prevent us from updating and re-analysing the search, and we are unable to examine the effect that any subsequent studies may have on our findings. This is an area for ongoing research, which will be supported by our included list of ongoing trials noted at the time of our analysis.”