

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR****Expression of concern—inadequate review of the literature  
(Richardson et al, *Psycho-Oncology*, 2017, 26, 724-737)**

Dear Editor,

The systematic review and meta-analysis published by Richardson et al in your journal (2017, 26, 724-737) is based on only a fraction of the relevant papers, as defined by the authors. Therefore, their paper presents an incomplete picture of the area the authors claim to review.

The publication by Broadbent et al "A systematic review and meta-analysis of the Brief Illness Perception Questionnaire" (*Psychology & Health* 2015, 30, 1361-1385) lists 27 papers where illness perceptions in persons with cancer, as assessed with the BIPQ, are studied. Only a small part of these 27 papers is included in the Richardson et al paper.

Furthermore, a number of papers in which I happen to be an author are missing in the Richardson et al paper. They are Kaptein

et al, *Lung Cancer*, 2011, 72, 384-390; Hoogerwerf et al, *Respiratory Medicine*, 2012, 106, 92-97; Mols et al, *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*, 2012, 73, 232-239; Kaptein et al, *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 2013, 31, 83-102; Husson et al, *Psychooncology*, 2013, 22, 490-498; van der Kloot et al, *Chinese Clinical Oncology*, 2016, 5, 3; Thong et al, *Journal of Cancer Survivorship*, 2016, 10, 898-905.

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