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## Manipulating truth

IN relation to “Censured chiro again offering cheap deals” (*The Advertiser*, 22/1/10) and in response to the letter from Dr Zoe Love, president, Chiropractors Association of Australia (SA), (*The Advertiser*, 2/2/10), I was quoted as saying “there’s very little evidence anywhere about any benefits of chiropractic treatment”.

This comment was addressing claims about the chiropractic treatment of asthma, headache and various non-specific conditions, and claims that the benefits of chiropractic treatment come through correcting “disrupted channels” for the passage of “innate intelligence”, as made in the advertisement of the chiropractor in question.

None of these treatments are evidence-based, compared to the benefits of pure musculoskeletal manipulation, which is more widely accepted by the medical community.

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