

**TABLE 2**

## Comparison of average number of hours of basic sciences

|                            | <b>NATUROPATHIC</b> | <b>ALLOPATHIC</b> | <b>OSTEOPATHIC</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Anatomy (gross/dissection) | 350                 | 380               | 362                |
| Physiology                 | 250                 | 125               | 126                |
| Biochemistry               | 125                 | 109               | 103                |
| Pharmacology               | 100                 | 114               | 108                |
| Pathology                  | 125                 | 166               | 152                |
| Microbiology/immunology    | 175                 | 185               | 125                |
| <b>Total hours</b>         | 1125                | 1079              | 976                |

Source: Jensen CB. Common paths in medical education: The training of allopaths, osteopaths and naturopaths. *Altern Complement Ther* 1997; 3:276-280