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Thank you. I have a few suggestions:

- 1) Perhaps the paragraph on corticosteroid pharmacology could be shortened by a few sentences. I feel it is a bit too detailed.
- 2) The limitations of the retrospective observational studies should be discussed in more depth - what are the main reasons why we think they cannot produce a reliable answer? Also, what are their strengths?
- 3) Similarly the small RCT should be critiqued in greater depth

We agreed with all suggestions: 1) we shortened the corticosteroid pharmacology paragraph; 2 and 3) we included two sentences addressing flaws and strengths of observational studies in this context and a critical sentence about steroid use in the only RCT.