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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Important clinical guideline for the pharmacological management of neuropathic pain in patients with vestibular schwannomas based on the experience of a Canadian clinic. Some minor concerns:

- avoid "marketing" sentences like "The Atlantic Lateral Skull Base Clinic is internationally recognized ..." (page 4) or "The clinic provides an ideal environment..." (page 4) A scientific report speaks for itself and needs no advertising slogans.
- some remarks are too "Canadian-centered" and thus not "helpful" for the international reader (i.e., page 8: Is it really interesting for the international reader that the "5% lidocaine patch is currently unavailable in Canada" ?!) - the authors mention some specifics in treating the elderly - what's about (even in rare cases) children? - one cannot generalize that "Gabapentin [...] is without clinically relevant drug interactions" - please consider the literature and provide references
- Table 1: please explain abbreviation "q4h" (page 20)
- check interpunction, i.e. page 9 line 3



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The ms is generally well written and informative. However, it seems to vary as to its specificity with regard to treatment of acoustic neuromas or head and neck pain more generally. Apart from mentioning surgical options for treatment of these tumore, virtually nothing else is mentioned regarding surgery. In fact, in the surgical literature, the chronic pain following surgery is one of the most significant this is extensively detailed in the literature. Perhaps an additional case could be included that exemplified surgery. This should be addressed in the ms. The title is somewhat misleading, as it implies the quantitative review of the clinic's expericne. In fact, no real data is present. It would be better if the title included wording that suggested this was a review.



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The authors summarized the treatment algorithm for different types of neuropathic pain. The provided information will be useful to guide primary physicians in pain management for patients with Vestibular Schwannomas. Regarding mechanisms of action for gabapentin, the calcium channel regulation is only one of the mechanisms underlying its effect. There are also several other mechanisms involved (such as, synaptic GABA modulation and synaptogenesis).