

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in word format (file name: 19778-Review.doc).

Title: Facial nerve paralysis in children: A review

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

Reviewer 1: This article is well written and should be published in the World Journal of Clinical Cases. However, before being accepted there are two issues that should be addressed. References that do not show better results with antivirals in adult Bell's palsy versus corticosteroids alone should also be included. Moreover, the authors should discuss further on results in the medium and long-term with surgical and rehabilitation treatment of facial nerve paralysis in children, including a table with a summary of the achievements that have been published at least in the last 5-10 years.

A: Many thanks for your comments. References that do not show better results with antivirals in adult Bell's palsy versus corticosteroids alone, have now been included. The results in the medium and long-term with surgical and rehabilitation treatment of facial nerve paralysis in children have also been added, when available in the Literature; in particular these data have been included in Table 2 (please see the new column on outcome).

Reviewer 2: I read the manuscript named "Facial nerve paralysis in children: a review". (ESPS Manuscript NO: 19778) and my recommendations are as follows. Title: It accurately reflects the contents of the study. Abstract: Adequate, summarizing the topic. Discussion: Topics has been discussed with all aspects. References: References are appropriate and updated. Tables: Tables reflect the major findings of the study, and they are appropriately presented. This manuscript was well-written and documented. This study is clearly presented. Facial paralysis can be caused by numerous conditions. Facial paralysis has a major impact on a person's quality of life. It is crucial that the authors point out to this subject. I think that this manuscript is suitable and worth to be published in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

A: Many thanks for your comments. We have now stressed again in the Clinical Features section the impact of facial paralysis on quality of life.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

Thank you again and best regards,

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