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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Overall, this study is well conducted and written. However, the its impact is modest: The clinical usage of steroid to improve the facial nerve recovery after parotidectomy is generally not practised worldwide. The finding of this sytematic review is just to reinforce our usual practice of not advocating steroid for this purpose. The results of this study will not change our current clinical pracitce nor convey any new knowledge in this field.



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This is a very well conducted systematic review. The lack of RCT that addresses the research question is an important limitation. However, this review could motivate future research that shed light on this issue. One study included all patients undergoing parotid surgery, whilst the other included those who developed a FNP- This should be stated on Table 1.