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Thanks for recommending me as a reviewer. This paper was to analyze the audiological characteristics of a rare condition of acute otitis media (AOM) associated sudden hearing loss and evaluate the efficacy of a combination therapy of tympanostomy tube placement (TTP) and intratympanic methylprednisolone injection after failure of conventional medical therapy. If the authors complete minor revisions, the quality of the study will be further improved.

1. Eight subjects were enrolled in this study. In this case, it seems more appropriate to use a non-parametric test rather than a T-test, which is a parametric test.
2. Authors need to be more specific in the discussion section about the reasons for their findings (results).
3. The following references are too old studies. It is necessary to change to the latest research. Ref#1. Media AAoPSoMoAO. Diagnosis and management of acute otitis media. *Pediatrics* 2004; 113: 1451-1465 [PMID: 15121972 DOI: 10.1542/peds.113.5.1451] Ref#6. Mutlu C, Odabasi AO, Metin K, Basak S, Erpek G. Sensorineural hearing loss associated with otitis media with effusion in children. *Int J Pediatr Otorhinolaryngol* 1998; 46: 179-184 [PMID: 10190588 DOI: 10.1016/s0165-5876(98)00159-1] Ref#7. Gravel JS, Wallace IF. Effects of otitis media with effusion on hearing in the first 3 years of life. *J Speech Lang Hear Res* 2000; 43: 631-644 [PMID: 10877434 DOI: 10.1044/jslhr.4303.631] Ref#10. Byl FM. Seventy-six cases of presumed sudden hearing loss occurring in 1973: prognosis and incidence. *Laryngoscope* 1977; 87: 817-825 [PMID: 850455 DOI: 10.1002/lary.5540870515] Ref#14. Margolis RH, Nelson DA. Acute otitis-media with transient sensorineural hearing-loss - a case-study. *Arch Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg* 1993; 119: 682-686 [PMID: 8499103 DOI: 10.1001/archotol.1993.01880180102020] Ref#15. Linder T, Funke G, Schmid S, Nadal D. Acute otitis media and otitis media with effusion: Review of pathogenesis and therapeutic recommendations. *Schweiz Med Wochenschr* 1996; 126: 2223-2233 [PMID:



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