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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting narrative review on phantom limb pain and its treatment. The paper is well written and clear. It is a useful reading for those physicians involved in chronic pain treatment. Please consider adding one or more tables to summarize the findings of your search. The reference list perhaps is too long. Please consider shortening it by 20-25%, in particular deleting the oldest references.



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The authors describe analyses of treatments of phantom limb pain. The authors should clearly state the methods to retrieve papers, and criteria of citing papers, I do not understand the importance of cited papers because the authors did not state the cited papers were double-blinded or open studies, or the numbers of patients studied. The title says "evidence-based treatment options." However, the authors cited a paper on only two patients. Specific comments: Page 2 I would like to recommend the last paragraph be deleted. Page 3 3 In the middle of the second paragraph, the authors say "Mirror therapy has primarily been used with upper limb amputations." I would like to recommend the authors cite the results of treatment of mirror therapy for patients with upper limb phantom pain in the first, then describe patients suffering from lower limb phantom pain. Page 4 I would like to recommend the authors report studies of pregabalin for the treatment of phantom limb pain. If there have been no reports of pregabalin treatment for phantom limb pain, the authors should state "There have been no reports of pregabalin for phantom limb pain." Page 5 The results of treatment of phantom limb pain with capsaicin should be stated. END



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thank you very much for inviting me to review this article. it is a very well written review of available treatment options for PLP. however, the title is not very convincing as there is no evidence based reviewing done here. the title can just be a review on the options available for treating PLP. the study on capsaicin also needs to be clarified.