

## ESPS Peer-review Report

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A (Excellent)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority Publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C (Good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: a great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D (Fair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: rejected	BPG Search:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	

## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Overall considered, the manuscript is excellent. I have some remarks to improve the paper. Authors state that this review is an update. However they do not specify which time interval they considered for inclusion of studies (for instance, did they focus on studies published in the last 5 or 10 years) nor they provide any search strategy (indicating which databases were searched and with which keywords). Authors may consider summarizing some results in a table (it would be much easier for the reader to get the main points of the topic).

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Well written, comprehensive review

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The field of BoNT clinical investigation is a very curious one because the number of narrative reviews and expert opinion papers that have been published is without comparison much higher than the number of clinical studies. This is another example of such papers. It adds no new information to what is known and to previous similar papers on this matter. Nevertheless, it is well written and I have only a few minor comments (please see below). In this reviewer opinion, a couple of tables and figures will help reading the manuscript. Minor comments: Abstract and Dystonias Hemifacial spasm is not a focal dystonia Introduction "the effects of local injections of BoNT are limited to the applied area" This is not entirely true. Dystonias Update reference 17 (Toxicon 2013;67:94-114) Spasticity Functional and quality of life outcomes after BoNT are not addressed.