

Review of: "An Analysis of Literature on Topical Steroid Withdrawal in Dermatology"

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This is an important topic to be discussed, however there are some points that need more explanation and revision:

- The background section describing potencies, it is better to include different classifications like the European and Australian. Might be better tabulated for more clearance and indications to be reviewed (steroids are not used to treat scabies unless you mean post-treatment). The section was dependent mainly on one reference.
- Distinction between steroid addiction and withdrawal was not clarified well and made more confusion. Tachyphylaxis was not mentioned early to appear later in the text without clarification.
- The section of Treatment of topical steroid withdrawal needs revision and better referencing for the second paragraph. Role of emollients and topical calcineurin inhibitors were not explained clearly in the strategies.