

Peer Review

Review of: "Living with a Vestibular Schwannoma: Bridging the Gap Between Treatment and Quality of Life—A Review of 25 Years of Quality of Life Outcomes in Patients"

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Nice narrative review, clear-cut, with The author is unbiased towards conservative treatments and surgical ones, giving a clear-cut overview of the advantages and disadvantages of each approach.

The conclusion section is solid and offers worthy recommendations for future research in the field in order to bring in new insights on treatments which are otherwise already quantitatively well known.

Some minor corrections could improve the clarity and conciseness of this overall really appealing review:

- I would change the title to "living with a sporadic vestibular schwannoma..." in order to state from the very beginning that no NF2 studies were taken into consideration.
- The section "Synthesis of literature" should stress that the quality of life results of the micro surgically treated patients could be explained by the already manifest symptoms, more aggressive approaches, less favourable prognosis, and previously failed therapies. Surgery is still a valid option, carrying more immediate consequences, in symptomatic cases, and it should be tailored to patients' needs and expectations in a realistic way. That could be discussed based on the already quoted results of the prospective and retrospective studies which compared all the therapeutic options.
- The impact of previous attempted therapies should be mentioned: Microsurgery is usually a solution of last resort when other approaches failed or were discontinued. That has negative consequences and implications on the overall quantitative results and the perceived QoL of patients.

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