

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

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The authors have reviewed the data about “topical steroid withdrawal syndrome”, which is one of the most challenging issue in dermatology in terms of pathophysiology, diagnosis and management.

Here is my recommendations for the final version of manuscript;

1. From an endocrine perspective, osteoporosis is an overlooked side effect of long term and potent topical steroid use. This is especially important for this publication, because long standing and potent steroid use are risk factors for both osteoporosis and topical steroid withdrawal syndrome. So authors should add this to the manuscript.
2. The most important limitation of the review is the quality of published medical data, which depend on low quality of evidence of the available studies and reports, and this should be mentioned somewhere in the conclusion section.
3. To aid further investigations in this challenging field of dermatology, the manuscript may have a short section about possible pathophysiological mechanism of topical steroid withdrawal syndrome.