

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

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The authors elaborate on a wide-spread and important medical topic.

The objective of the review has not been stated.

Although various important aspects of the TCS withdrawal/abuse problem have been highlighted the scientific message and conclusions remain somewhat blurred.

Since the scope of the article is TCS in prescription medicines, OTC products, and cosmetics used in very different health care systems and geographies it is difficult to get to take home messages. It would be easier to make firm conclusions when focussing on prescription medicines containing medium to highly potent TCS only.

Some statements lack a reference and can thus not be considered scientifically valid.

It is not clear how the cited literature has been identified. Has the published literature been comprehensively considered?