

Peer Review

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

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1. Nice background regarding how topical steroids came to use
2. Duration of topical steroids usage may vary depending on which guidelines and literature reviewed
3. Active scabies should not receive topical steroids
4. It is difficult to review topical steroid addiction as there is no diagnostic criteria. Patients may perceive a lack of response, or stopping topical steroids too early and causing a flare, or underlying condition not well controlled and flaring, as due to steroid addiction.
5. Should explore the source of steroid information for patients and its reliability. There are publications regarding social media and its influence on patients' perception.

## Declarations

**Potential competing interests:** No potential competing interests to declare.