Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinical efficacy of submucosal injection of triamcinolone acetonide in the treatment of type II/III interstitial cystitis/bladder pain syndrome

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Authors report their personal experience on submucosal injection of triamcinolone acetonide in the treatment of type II/III interstitial cystitis/bladder pain syndrome as patients'collection is not an easy task. I think that the sample of 35 patients is already significant.

It would be interesting to discuss further on the 8 male patients, i.e. their voiding parameters and the possible concomitant chronic prostatitis (maybe with an estimation of CPSI).

The methodology is correct, as well as the IC definition according to ESSIC guidelines. The text is detailed in all sections and results are consistent.


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