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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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Reviewer: Giacomo Maria Pirola

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However, I still believe that further details should be expressed:

1- were the male patients already on therapy for alpha-blockers or other drugs (i.e. phytoterapeutics)? How did you certainly rule out a concomitant bladder-outlet obstruction?

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- line 233 discussion: change the term "surgery" to "treatment"

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