Reviewer’s report

**Title:** The role of tonsillectomy in the Periodic Fever, Aphthous stomatitis, Pharyngitis and cervical Adenitis syndrome; a literature review

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**Reviewer:** Anders Fasth

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As previously I find this a sound study performed according the rules (PRISMA) for a systematic literature review and and I have no new comment on the method based on the comments given by the other two reviewer. Methods and Results do not need any further changes. Thus, the issue is whether or not any minor changes could improve the manuscript related to Introduction and Discussion. In the Introduction you could add within parenthesis after short ("short () regularly episodes") a time frame = 3-5 days. Also a line on that the febrile episodes are accompanied by a marked inflammatory response with CRP > 100 mg/L with complete normalization between the episodes. After reading the comments by reviewer 2, I think adding a little more on the clinical presentation is essential as obviously many ENT physicians have limited knowledge about PFAPA. Reviewer 3 have given some suggestion for the Discussion and those have improved this part and thus I have no further comments.

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