



Optimization of sympathectomy to treat palmar hyperhidrosis

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To the Editor,

We read with interest the article by Deng et al. [1] and compliment them for the important review they performed. This review, which includes articles from the last decade, comes to a conclusion regarding the best level of sympathetic ablation for the treatment of primary palmar hyperhidrosis shared by many authors (T3). However, in a thorough review (246 references) on the subject comparing the correlation of the method for sympathetic ablation with the subsequent occurrence of compensatory sweating [2], the authors could not define any such correlation.

In reviewing your study, we found that five articles for the period 2000–2006 were not included. These articles report the ablation of single ganglia [3–7]. Were there other similar omissions for the years 2007–2010? We would appreciate the comment of the authors about these omissions. Would the inclusion of these series in their study possibly change their conclusion?

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