



Letter to the Editor concerning “Local vancomycin therapy to reduce surgical site infection in adult spine surgery: a randomized prospective study” by Salimi S, et al. (Eur Spine J [2022];31:454–460)

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Dear Editor,

We have read the article by Sohrab Salimi et al. [1] entitled “Local vancomycin therapy to reduce surgical site infection in adult spine surgery: a randomized prospective study” with great interest and congratulate the authors for this thought-provoking topic; however, there are a few queries that need to be addressed:

1. It is nowhere mentioned about the surgeons who performed these surgeries. This becomes important as it is a well-known fact that the incidence of surgical site infection differs from surgeon to surgeon [2].
2. Did any of the cases with surgical site infection have dural tears intraoperatively? Multiple previous studies have shown dural tear cases to have higher incidence of infection [3, 4].
3. When was the negative suction drain opened postoperatively?
4. How many levels were instrumented in the patients who had surgical site infection? [5]
5. How could traumatic spine patients take a bath before the day of surgery?

Declarations

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