

### **Editor's Comment:**

I have some comments about the answered from authors:

1.- What was the sampling method used? A: Convenient sampling

The results in a convenient sampling is valid only by the group but they cannot be generalized to the population.

2.- What was the sample size calculation? A: Fifty patients were included without using any specific formula for calculation.

The sample size is used to try control errors alpha and beta. The results could be biased if there is no sample size calculation.

3.- What was the study design: cohort, experimental? A: Ambidirectional case-series

Commonly, a case-series are no more than 10. The authors reports 50. The, the design should be cohort or experimental.

4.-In the manuscript write "patients". It is a mistake, they are subjects or participants. The research is not a medical act. A: The study included patients have had signs and symptoms of chronic rhinosinusitis

When patients accept to participate in a research study, they are subjects or participants, not patients (This issue should be checked with ethics committee)

5.-What Bioethics Committee approved the study? A: Verbal consent was taken from each patient involved in the study and the administrative agreement of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology in Sulyaimania Teaching Hospital

The verbal consent is not valid. It should be written and previously approved by the Bioethics Committee or Institutional Review Board.

There are many methodology mistakes.

I cannot approve to publish the article. The answers from authors are not satisfactory.

I recommend to the authors review the Declaration of Helsinki of American Medical Association.

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