

Appendix 5 (as supplied by the authors): Operative details

On average, the tonsillectomy operation required a one-hour stay in the operating room, a one-day stay in hospital, and a 17-day recovery period with postoperative throat pain. The severe throat pain lasted on average five days (SD 4). There were no serious adverse effects related to the tonsillectomy. Three patients (6%) were readmitted because of severe throat pain and two (4%) because of mild secondary bleeding one and four days after the operation.