

**Appendix 7 (as supplied by the authors): Details and adverse effects of tonsillectomy and operative findings in adults with recurrent tonsillitis randomized to immediate tonsillectomy**

Figures are numbers (percentages) unless otherwise indicated.

Characteristic	(n=46)	Tonsillectomy
Operation type <sup>*</sup> :		
Tonsillectomy		45 (98)
Adenotonsillectomy		1 (2)
Operation technique:		
Blunt dissection		11 (24)
Diathermy dissection		35 (76)
Mean (SD) times(min):		
In operating room		61 (13)
Under general anesthesia	45 (12)	
Operation		20 (10)
Median (IQR) blood loss (ml) 5 (0-20)		
Mean (SD) time of postoperative throat pain (days)		
		17 (6)
Hospitalization for:		
postoperative haemorrhage	2 (4)	
postoperative pain		1 (2)
Findings at operation <sup>†</sup> :		
Scarred tonsils		20 (46)
Extracapsular microabscesses		10 (23)
Granulating infected tonsils	10 (23)	
Merely large tonsils		18 (41)

IQR= interquartile range

<sup>\*</sup>) One patient had uvulectomy and one patient had rigid esophagoscopy at the same operation.

<sup>†</sup>) Data missing in 2 patients. More than one clinical feature possible.