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Advances in otology: highlights from the August 2026 Issue

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This month's issue of the *Journal* includes many articles on otology. We have studies on enlarged vestibular aqueduct syndrome,[1] cholesteatoma recurrence,[2] choice of bone conducting hearing device osseointegrated implant,[3] tinnitus in chronic suppurative otitis media,[4] hearing outcomes after ear surgery,[5] cochlear implantation under local anaesthesia[6] and the microbiology of persistent ear infection.[7] Many of the articles included in this issue are also published as Open Access.

The article of the month reports the use of Steriwave® for photodisinfection in endoscopic skull base surgery,[8] demonstrating significant reduction in surgical site infection postoperatively following its use. This study suggests a significant improvement over the current prophylaxis method and may offer improved adherence to NICE guidance[9] on prevention of surgical site infection.

For readers interested in other aspects of ENT, this issue also has articles on head and neck cancer, rhinology and medical education in ENT anatomy.

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