Introduction

Chronic rhinosinusitis (CRS) is a widespread health problem that affects approximately 15% of the human population (**Fokkens et al.**, **2007**).

Inflammation of the nasal and paranasal sinus mucosa that lasts for more than 12 weeks leads to an impairment of the quality of life of affected people and causes a high financial burden to society (**Lund**, **2007**).

Chronic rhinosinusitis is divided into 2 subgroups: CRS with nasal polyps (CRSwNP) and CRS without nasal polyps (CRSsNP) (**Lund**, **2007**).

The outcome of endoscopic sinus surgery (ESS) depends on many factors, one of the most important being a clean surgical field during the procedure (Nair et al., 2004).

Excessive bleeding can severely compromise the already-restricted endoscopic view and thus lead to increased incidence of both major and minor complications (Lund, 2007) & (Nair et al., 2004).

Reduced visibility as a result of intraoperative bleeding is a source of increased operative time and sometimes can even cause cessation of surgery in order to avoid complications (Nair et al., 2004).

If significant inflammation is present within the sinuses, increased vascularity will most often contribute to notably increase bleeding. Consequently, efforts directed at reducing the inflammatory process should probably lessen bleeding (Sieskiewicz et al., 2006).

Thus the aim of the preoperative preparation in CRS is to reduce the mucosal inflammation and swelling, and hence, to improve the field and reduce bleeding during the surgical procedure (Fokkens et al., 2007).

As it is widely recognized that topical corticosteroids (TCs) are powerful anti-inflammatory agents, so it can be used in preparation before endoscopic sinus surgery (Albu et al., 2010).