

# A Retrospective Cohort Study of Longitudinal Audiologic Assessment in Single and Fractionated Stereotactic Radiosurgery for Vestibular Schwannoma

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## Abstract

**Objective(s):** To evaluate the relationship between audiologic performance and SRS fractionation scheme.

**Methods:** We performed an IRB-approved retrospective review of patients treated with 1, 3, or 5 fraction SRS for VS at our institution from 1998 to 2016. Pre- and post SRS audiograms with speech awareness threshold (SAT) in treated and contralateral ears were obtained. Contralateral ear measurements were used for hearing normalization to account for presbycusis.

**Results:** Fifty-six patients with median audiologic follow-up of 2.0 years (mean 2.66 years, min-max 0.50-9.45 years) were included. Patients treated with single fractionation had a significantly worsened SAT (dB) compared to patients treated with 5 fractions ( $P = .008$ ) and compared to all multifraction patients ( $P = .009$ ) at 12 to 24 month follow-up.

**Conclusion(s):** This retrospective analysis supports the use of fractionated SRS to preserve hearing in patients with VS. SAT can be used as an objective metric of hearing response to radiosurgery.

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