Reviewer's report

Title: Treatment of hemangiomas in children using a Nd:YAG laser in conjunction with ice cooling of the epidermis. Techniques and results

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Level of interest: A paper whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Advice on publication: Accept after discretionary revisions

As stated in my initial review, I think this manuscript describes an interesting technique for treatment of hemangiomas. As such, I think this paper should be published. I appreciate the authors addressing my original comments. The current manuscript requires some editorial revision:

Discretionary Revisions:
1) The following grammatical changes should be made to improve readability of the manuscript:
   a) Abstract, line 13 should be "followed in 30 out of 38 patients"
   b) Abstract, lines 19 and 20, "decreases the number of sessions"
   c) Page 5, line 1, "followed in 30 out of 38 patients"
   d) Page 5, line 5, "study. Six months"
   e) Page 5, line 24, "at the end of the 1960’s"
   f) Page 6 lines 5 and 6, "corticosteroid therapy as there are well-documented risks"
   g) Page 6, line 8, "also reasons to limit their use in children."
   h) Page 6, line 9, "treated with different types of lasers."
   i) Page 6, line 13, "because its irradiation penetrates"
   j) Page 6, line 19, "who cooled the lesions with cryogen"
   k) Page 7, line 19, "remaining 30 patients needed"
   l) Legend for Figure 2, "Massive hemangiomas"
   m) Legend for Figure 2, Regression after three"
   n) Legend for Figure 3, "patient after two treatments"
2) Page 6, 4th paragraph: Blood vessels are not present in the epidermis. Perhaps "superficial vessels" would be appropriate.
3) References 28 and 29 are not listed in the text.
4) The figures should be referenced in the text.

Competing interests:

None declared.