Reviewer's report

Title: Calciphylaxis - a challenging & solvable task for plastic surgery ? A case report

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Interesting case report of a novel intervention in a rare condition.

I quote your own criteria "BMC Dermatology does not consider case reports describing preventive or therapeutic interventions, as these generally require stronger evidence"

and this is exactly that.

Despite this the paper is written reasonably well.

There are typo's and some grammatical issues which could be corrected.

In this case it is not clear whether the patient had end stage renal failure or the dialysis modality.

This aggressive approach appears to have worked well here but equally this does not constitute a recommendation and in fact surgical approaches to calciphylaxis are felt by many to result in worsening of the ulcers (as quoted by the authors).

I think the paper is interesting, the approach has been good for the patient but it does not contribute evidence for the treatment and should not be a recommendation for treatment for all calciphylaxis patients.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests’