Reviewer's report

Title: Differences in permeation assessed in vivo by skin surface biopsy

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

Advice on publication: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the compulsory revisions

Compulsory revisions
To "Abstract":
Part "Results": In this section the authors must present some results and not only conclusions of the study. The outlines should be transferred to the chapter on "Conclusions".
To "Material and Methods":
This part should be completely revised. The technique of Skin surface biopsy must be described. It is not sufficient to refer to the reference list. A few of the citations are in fact a part of the chapter on discussion.
To "Results":
This part should be renamed to "Results and Discussion". The units of the y-axes of all figures are not given. A discussion of the results with the findings of other scientific publications is completely missing.
To "Conclusions":
The most part of "Conclusions" belongs to the chapter on "Discussion".
In general a language editing is necessary by a native English speaker.

Competing interests:

None declared.