Author's response to reviews

Title: Cutaneous lesions of the nose

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Dear Professor Stamm,

Thank you for the constructive suggestions of reviewer 1 and 2.

The following changes have been made:

Reviewer 1:

1) We thank reviewer 1 for his valuable advice regarding punctuation. The manuscript has been thoroughly revised by a teacher of literature for punctuation marks.

2) We agree with reviewer 1 that the manuscript would benefit from brief explanation about the content of the subtitle which has been added to the manuscript.

3) We agree with reviewer 1 that keratoacanthoma should be stated as a Premalignant lesion which has been changed in the manuscript.

4) We have added actinic keratoses and Freckles to the manuscript.

5) We thank reviewer 1 for the advice to rearrange the diagnoses from the most frequent seen to the least frequent seen diagnoses which is certainly a good idea however we would prefer to order the diagnoses by their clinical importance as they present in our daily clinical practice as dermatologic surgeons. Therefore we have allowed ourselves not to rearrange the diagnosis within a paragraph.

Reviewer 2:

1) We agree with reviewer 2 that “senile comedo” should be added to the manuscript which has been done.
2) We have added the peace of information that Hydrocystoma usually present as solitary translucent bluish nodule and that the blue color is due to Tyndall effect caused by scattered light. Additionally we have added the fact that it histologically may be of apocrine or eccrine origin.

3) We have added the fact that other conditions mimick Rhinophyma and may require surgical correction, like lupoid cutaneous leishmaniasis presenting as rhinophyma which has been added to the manuscript.

4) We have added Rosacea as an important cause of Telangiectasis which may require treatment with IPL/ other lasers.

5) The first part of the review deals with cutaneous lesions of the ear and can be downloaded online: http://www.head-face-med.com/content/4/1/2

6) We thank the reviewer for the long list of additional skin diseases of the nose which we certainly agree would fit within the scope of this review article. However considering the present length of the manuscript (which we feel is already extraordinary long), considering the limited experiences we have in Europe with most of the diseases you mention and the limited access to good clinical pictures from the additionally listed diseases (which are extremely rare in Germany) we hope that you agree to limit the review to the diseases which have been described in the present version of the manuscript.

Thanks to both reviewers and the Editor - in advance - for your kind attention and timely reconsideration of our review:

This review has not been submitted to any other journal and is not currently under consideration by another journal. All authors have contributed significantly and read and approved the present evrsion of the manuscript.

Sincerely yours

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