Reviewer's report

**Title:** Clinical Features and Outcomes of Foot Keloids Treated Using Complete Surgical Excision and Full Thickness Skin Grafting Followed by Corticosteroid Injections Combined with Applications of Silicone Gel Sheeting

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**Reviewer:** kwi Hwan DK Whang

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[Minor Essential Revisions]

This work is based on a retrospective study on 79 patients with foot keloids who underwent surgical excision followed by full thickness skin grafting combined with postoperative steroid injections combined with silicone gel sheeting between 2004 and 2012. Characteristics of these foot keloid patients in terms of demographic, etiology, previous treatment history, and modality were studied. In addition, recurrence were objectively analyzed and subjective satisfaction was analyzed by adopting POSAS.

Follow-up period (12-17 months) is reasonable according to my literature review. (6-18 months) While I enjoyed reading this manuscript, I have a number of concerns that the authors should take care to improve during revision.

1. **Title:** In my opinion, title ‘Clinical Features and Outcomes of Foot Keloids Treated Using Complete Surgical Excision and Full Thickness Skin Grafting Followed by Corticosteroid Injections Combined with Applications of Silicone Gel Sheeting’ could be changed to

   ‘Clinical Features and Outcomes of Foot Keloids Treated Using Surgical Excision and Full Thickness Skin Grafting Followed by Corticosteroid Injections.’

2. **Conclusion:** Page 8 Please delete the following phrases to consolidate overall main idea of the manuscript; ‘combined with-therapy’ This is true of abstract section.

   (method and conclusion section)

3. **Table 1 and 2 are missing.**

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**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:

None to declare