Reviewer's report

Title: The effectiveness of salicylic acid plasters compared with 'usual' scalpel debridement of corns: a randomised controlled trial

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Reviewer: Ivan Bristow

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An interesting paper which examines the use of commonly available product for corns. Having reviewed the paper would suggest the following discretionary change:

In the background, it is mentioned that Podiatrists are reluctant to use them due to concern for potential complications. It was noted that 4 adverse events were reported. In view of the stated concern, the authors may wish to elaborate on the nature of these?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests.