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Title: Daylight photodynamic therapy versus cryosurgery for the treatment and prophylaxis of actinic keratoses of the face – Protocol of a multicenter, prospective, randomized, controlled, two-armed study

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Dear Dr. Tu,

Please find enclosed the revised version of the manuscript “Daylight photodynamic therapy versus cryosurgery for the treatment and prophylaxis of actinic keratoses of the face – Protocol of a multicenter, prospective, randomized, controlled, two-armed study”.

Reviewer 1:

Our aim was to compare a lesion directed standard therapy (cryotherapy) with a field directed therapy (DL-PDT) with respect to an expected prophylactic effect of a repetitive field directed PDT. We chose cryotherapy as comparator, since cryotherapy was used in most studies as standard therapy comparator for PDT. (We included this in the discussion).
Would you please indicate the page so that we can add a reference at line 15 to define previous clinical experiences.

Reviewer 2:

In this clinical trial, the primary aim is the evaluation of the efficacy of repetitive daylight-PDT in the prophylaxis and treatment of AK. AK or field cancerization are considered to be a chronic skin disease and even after one successful PDT new lesions are expected to occur. Therefore, repetitive PDT-sessions in regular intervals could be a good therapeutic modality to treat and also prevent AK in this chronic disease. If the results of this study prove the efficacy of the preventive use of daylight-PDT, this treatment option might be of great value for many patients especially with field cancerization.

The content of the manuscript has not been published, or submitted for publication elsewhere.

We believe this revised version of the manuscript to be of interest to many readers of BMC Dermatology and hope it is suitable for publication.