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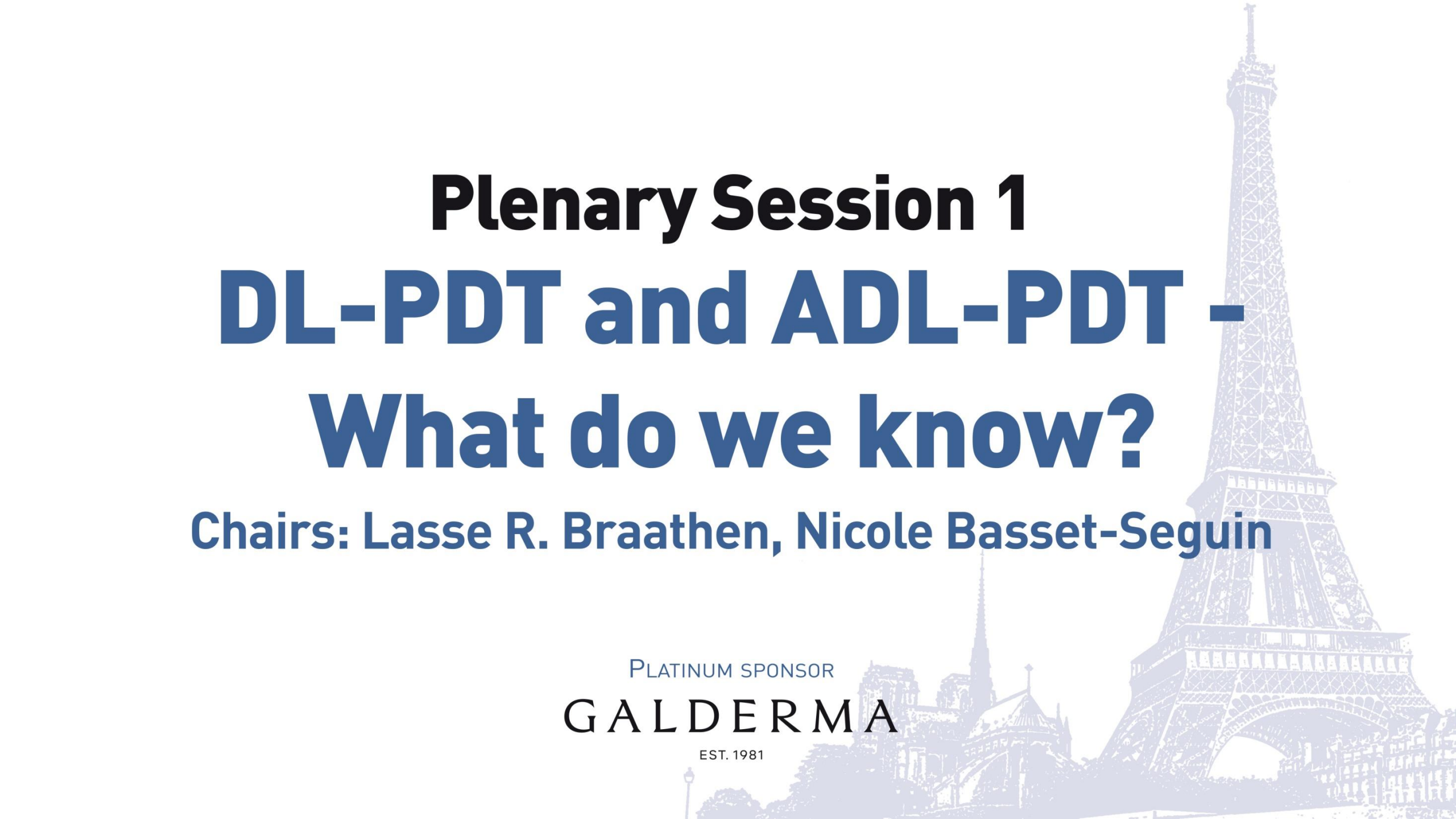
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Plenary Session 1

DL-PDT and ADL-PDT -

What do we know?

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Photodynamic Therapy

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EURO-PDT. An educational platform for PDT in Europe



- Aims:
 - Promote research, development and clinical use of PDT in Europe
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What is new from the current guidelines?

- Update 2022

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European Dermatology Forum Guidelines on Topical Photodynamic Therapy – Updated 2019/2020

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<https://www.edf.one/home/Guidelines/Guidelines.html>

European Dermatology Forum Guidelines on PDT 2020

Part 1 – Cancer Indications

C A Morton, R-M Szeimies, N Basset-Seguin, et al. Part 1. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol* 2019;33:2225-38

Strength of Recommendation	Quality of Evidence	Indication
A	I	<i>Actinic keratoses (conventional/Daylight)</i> Squamous cell carcinoma in-situ Superficial and nodular BCC
B	I	NMSC in organ transplant recipients Prevention of NMSC in OTR Field cancerization
C	II iii	CTCL Extramammary Paget's disease
D	II iii	Invasive SCC

European Dermatology Forum Guidelines on PDT 2020

Part 2: Inflammatory/Infective Dermatoses

C A Morton, R-M Szeimies, N Basset-Seguín, et al. Part 2. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol* 2020;34:17-29

Strength of Recommendation	Quality of Evidence	Indication
A	I	Photorejuvenation
B	I	Acne Refractory warts, plane/genital warts Cutaneous leishmaniasis Onychomycosis
C	II iii	Superficial fungal infections C II-III Deep cutaneous mycoses Hypertrophic and Keloid Scars Sebaceous gland hyperplasia
C	III	Lichen sclerosus Granuloma annulare Necrobiosis lipoidica Porokeratosis
D	I	Psoriasis

What's new- 2022?



EDF PDT and BCC guidelines:

- High quality evidence for use of PDT in approved indications – AK, Bowen's, BCC
- Consider where PDT best fits into your practice – offering choice to patients
- PDT in field cancerization/immunosuppressed
- Enlarging evidence base to consider combination therapy
- Substantial evidence for PDT in emerging indications

Global verification of a model for determining daylight photodynamic therapy dose

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Use of illuminance as a guide to effective light delivery during daylight photodynamic therapy in the U.K.

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Table 1 Start and end treatment months and times of the day for daylight photodynamic therapy (dPDT) at each location, with respect to minimum conditions for dPDT – protoporphyrin-IX (PpIX)-weighted exposure dose $> 4 \text{ J cm}^{-2}$ and ambient temperature $> 10^\circ \text{C}$

	Latitude ($^\circ \text{N}$)	Start		End		Shortest time to achieve minimum dose	
		Month	Time	Month	Time	Month	Time (min)
Lerwick	60.15	May	09:00–16:00	Oct	09:00–16:00	May	22.9
Inverness	57.48	Apr	09:00–16:00	Oct	09:00–16:00	Jul	21.4
Glasgow	55.85	Apr	09:00–16:00	Oct	09:00–16:00	Jul	21.3
Malin Head	55.35	Apr	09:00–16:00	Nov	09:00–16:00	Jun	20.4
Belfast	54.60	Apr	09:00–17:00	Nov	09:00–17:00	Jun	19.6
Leeds	53.80	Apr	09:00–16:00	Oct	09:00–16:00	Jul	19.6
Swansea	51.62	Apr	09:00–17:00	Dec	09:00–17:00	Jun	16.1
London	51.51	Mar	09:00–17:00	Dec	09:00–17:00	Jul	18.3
Camborne	50.21	Apr	09:00–17:00	Dec	09:00–17:00	Jun	16.2

These recommendations are based on a 2-h exposure time. For the times of day presented, these represent the times in which treatment should take place, e.g. for Lerwick in May treatment should not start earlier than 09:00 and finish no later than 16:00. Shortest times to reach the minimum PpIX exposure dose in the months with the highest mean dose are included, i.e. on average, how long will it take to receive the minimum PpIX exposure dose in the corresponding month. These minimum times are indiscriminate of weather conditions.

Weather and Daylight PDT - The Scottish Experience

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Patients with superficial AK on sites that can be exposed to daylight

April to September unless raining

Apply non-reflectant sunscreen

Lesion preparation 10-15 min later

Apply prodrug (MAL or ALA) thinly without occlusion

Attach HOBO device to clothing

Within 30 min expose to daylight

Continuous exposure for 2 h

Wipe off excess prodrug

Spend rest of day indoors

Follow-up – may need to retreat at 1-3 months



Plenary Session 2

DL-PDT and ADL-PDT -

What is new?

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Future of light devices for PDT

Pr. Dr. Serge Mordon



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Fluorescence guided PDT for optimization of the outcome of skin cancer treatment

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The photodynamic therapy (PDT) is an alternative technique that can be used for treating superficial basal cell carcinoma (sBCC), Bowen's disease and actinic keratosis with high efficiency. The objective of this study is to present a method where fluorescence imaging together with PDT as a monitoring guidance in real time. Confirming that the lesion is well prepared and the photosensitizer shows a homogenous distribution, the outcome after few PDT sessions will be more predictable and the recurrence is minimized. Our proposition in this study is use the widefield fluorescence imaging to evaluate the PDT protocol *in situ* and in real time for each lesion. This evaluation procedure is performed in two steps: first with the monitoring of the production of protoporphyrin IX (PpIX) induced by methyl aminolevulinate (MAL), a derivative of 5-aminolevulinic acid (ALA) and second with the detection of PpIX photobleaching after illumination. The fluorescence images provide information correlated with distinct clinical features and with the treatment outcome. Eight BCC lesions are presented and discussed in this study. Different fluorescence patterns of PpIX production and photobleaching could be correlated with the treatment response. The presented results show the potential of using widefield fluorescence imaging as a guidance tool to customized PDT. This procedure is being incorporated to the main PDT skin cancer protocol applied in Brazil with an excellent outcome.

Keywords: PpIX fluorescence, skin cancer, wide-field imaging, photodynamic therapy, photodiagnosis

Clinical evaluation of smartphone-based fluorescence imaging for guidance and monitoring of ALA-PDT

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Smartphone fluorescence imager for quantitative dosimetry of protoporphyrin-IX-based photodynamic therapy in skin

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Ruiz et al.: Smartphone fluorescence imager for quantitative dosimetry...

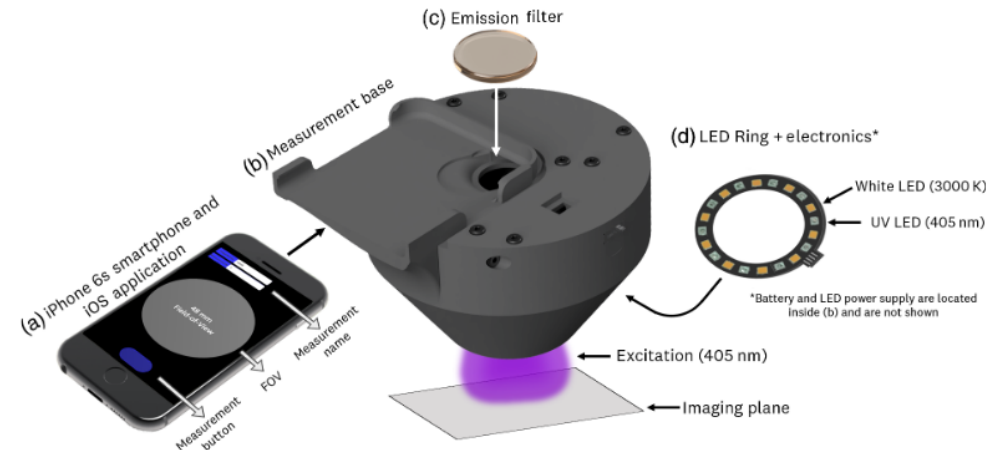


Fig. 1 Schematic representation of the dosimeter system: (a) iPhone 6s smartphone and custom iOS application for RAW image acquisition and image analysis; (b) 3D-printed measurement base for system integration and measurement distance and light leakage standardization; (c) 600-nm wavelength long-pass emission filter for PpIX signal isolation; and (d) 405-nm wavelength LED ring and electronics for excitation and to provide rechargeability in a modular package. FOV, field of view.

Ambulatory photodynamic therapy



With the Ambulight, patients only need to spend a short amount of time in hospital while the cream is applied, and can then carry on with their daily routine.

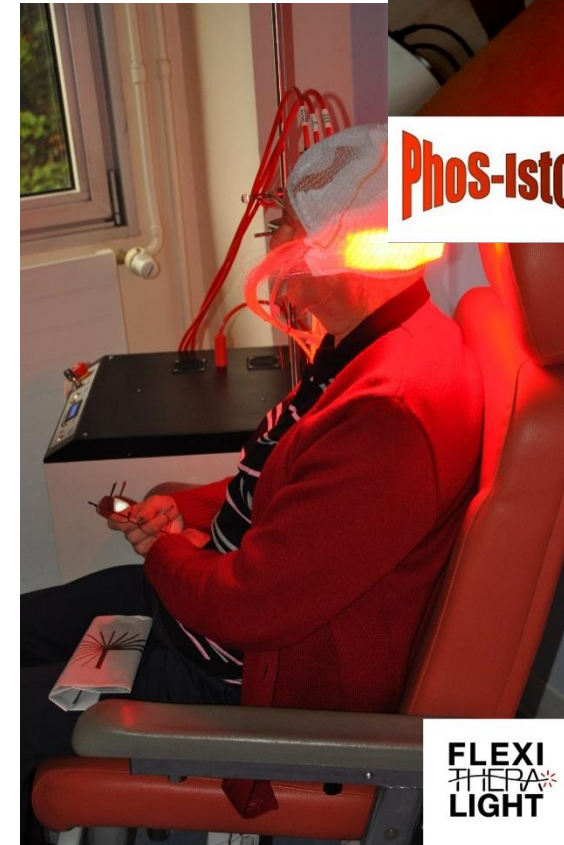
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New developments – Light Emitting Fabrics

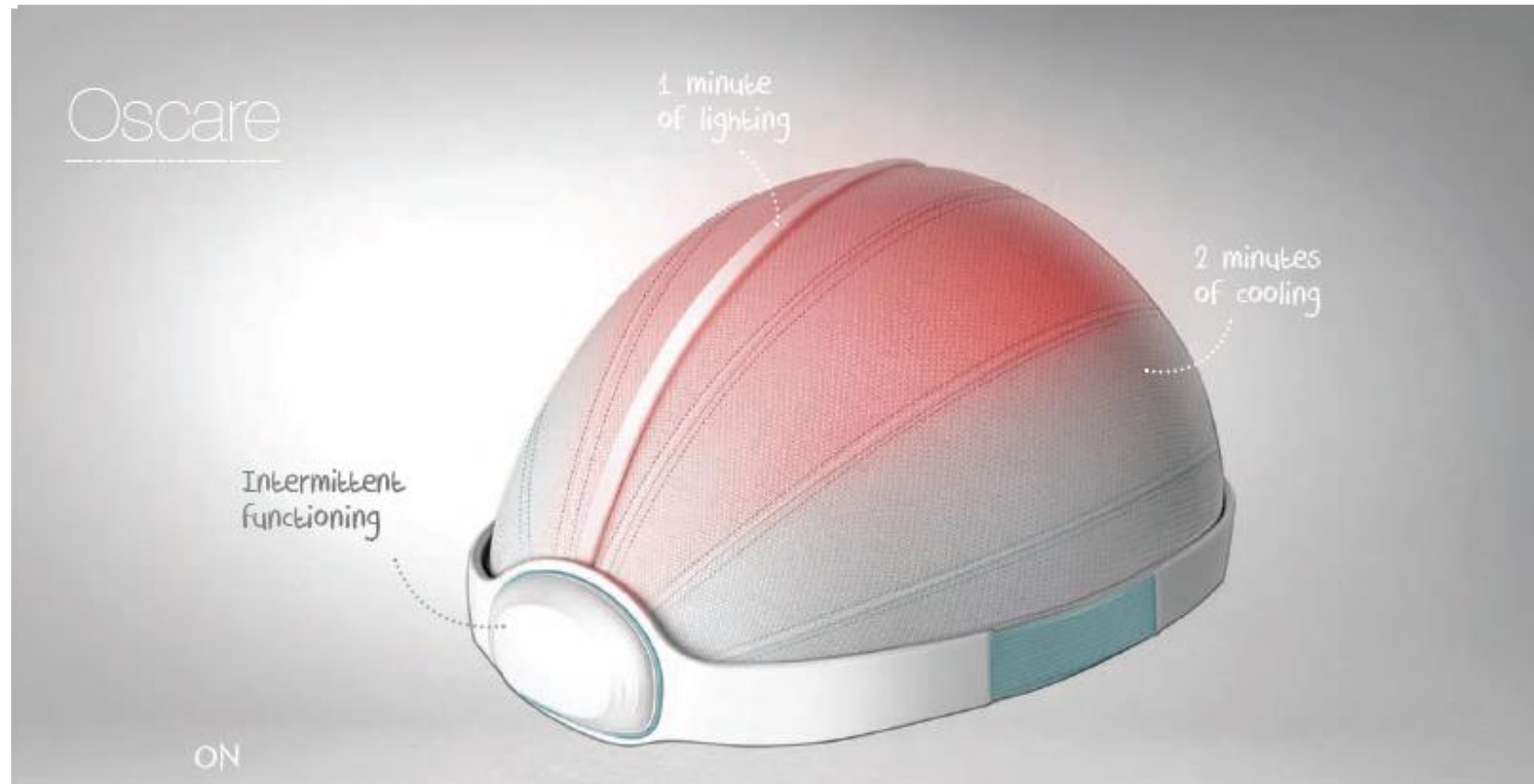
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LIGHT

Future: Portable Device



Thanks to a their high efficiency and very small footprint, these laser diodes can be embedded in the cap - The device can be easily monitored and controlled with a mobile phone

Photodynamic therapy and melanoma: latest progress

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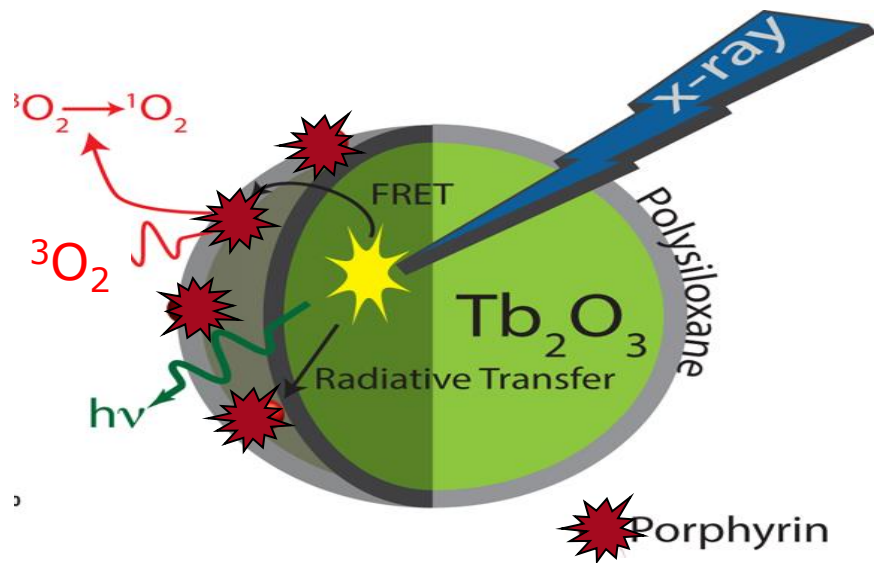


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PDT-X: X-ray induced PDT



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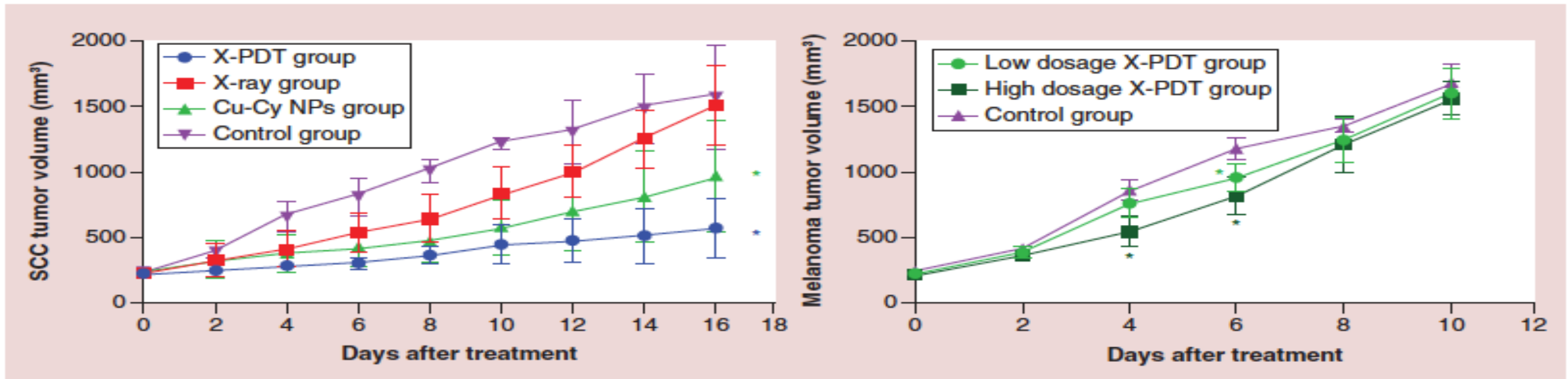
PDT-X to treat melanoma
L. Mortier and N. Delhem, Lille



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PDT-X and melanoma: 1 publication

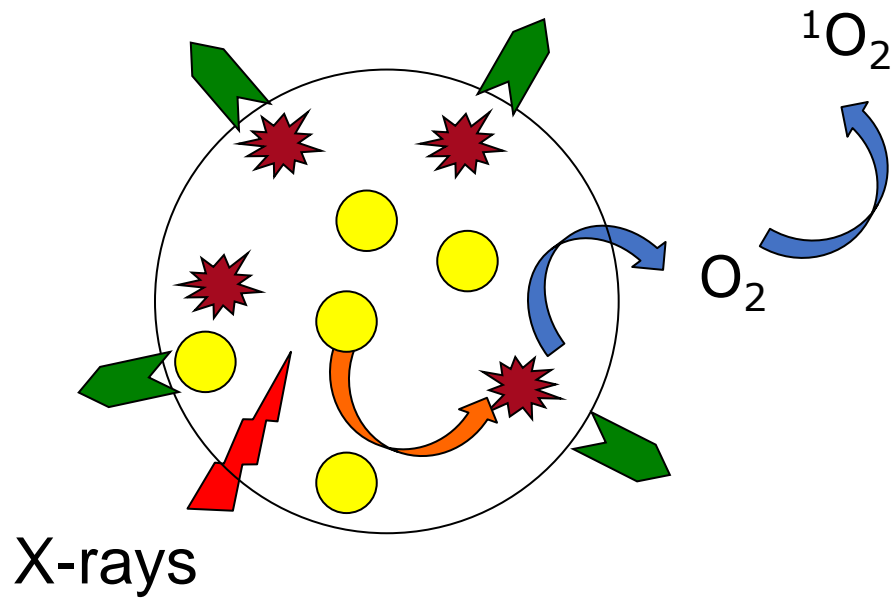
Copper-cysteamine NP



PDT-X (100 KVp, 200 cGy or 400 cGy) against squamous cell carcinoma and BF1610 melanoma

Shi et al., Nanomedicine, 2019

X-rays instead of light



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PDT-X to treat melanoma

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Sequential treatment with calcitriol and MAL DL-PDT for patients with multiple AK of the upper extremities

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A randomized, half-side comparative study of DL-PDT vs. calcitriol plus DL-PDT in patients with multiple AKs of the upper extremities

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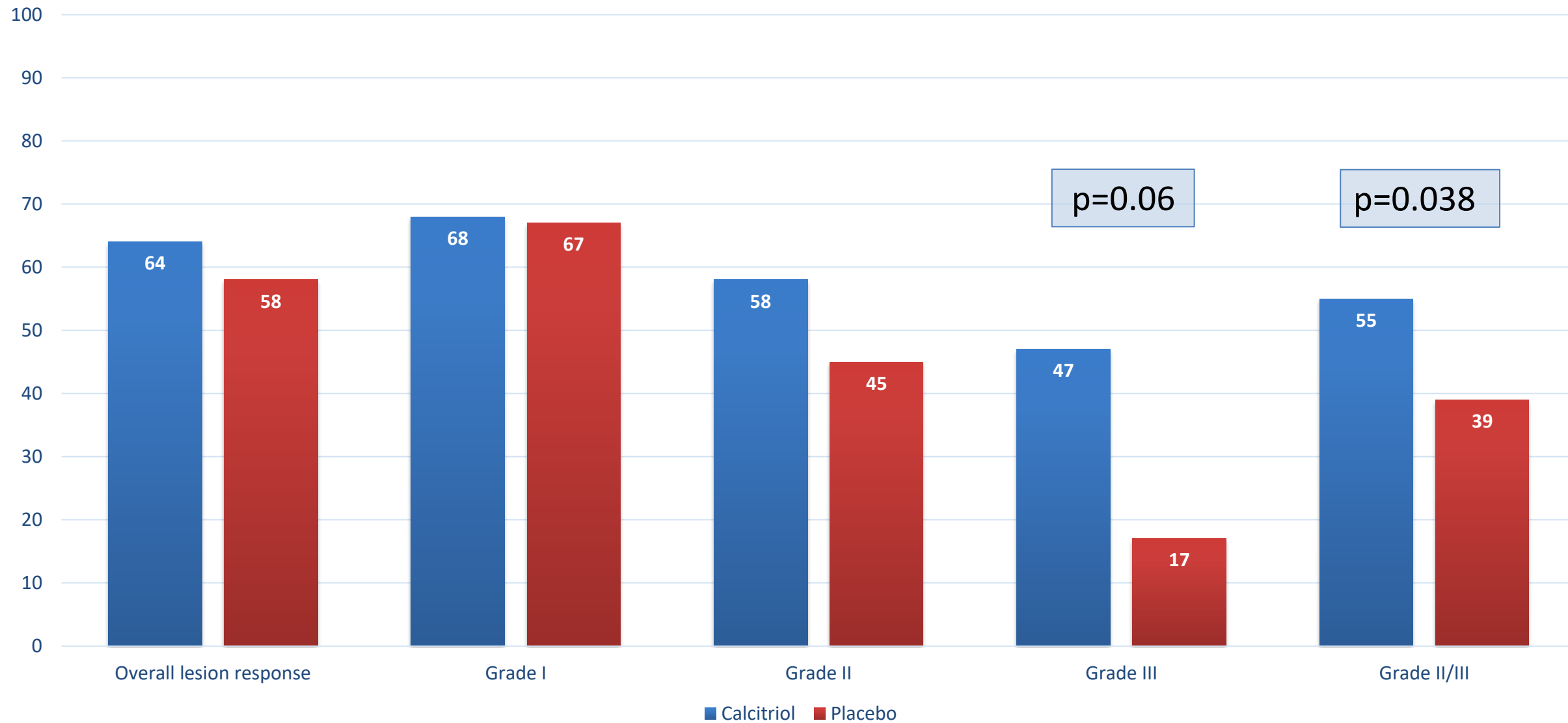
- A pilot, intra-patient, prospective study

- Aim:

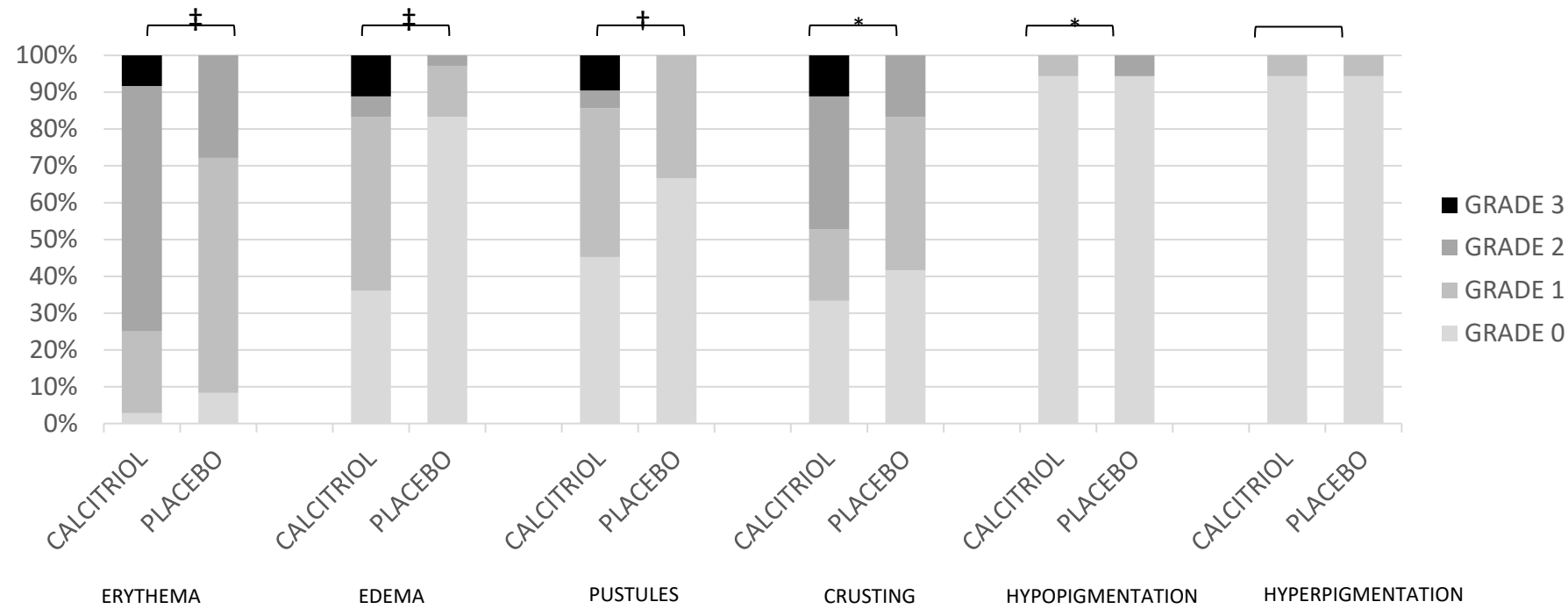
Investigate the clearance rate of multiple AKs on the dorsum of the hand or the forearms treated with 2 sessions of DL-PDT (1 week apart)

- One arm was pre-treated with 2 weeks of calcitriol (36 patients)
- The other arm was treated with a placebo cream.

Results



Local skin reactions after the first session of DL-PDT



* < 0.05, † < 0.01, ‡ < 0.001.

- DL-PDT efficacy on difficult-to-treat areas (forearm and hands) can be increased by pre-treatment with calcitriol
- The effect size is +16% (lesional response) for grade II/III AKs

Sequential treatment of AK and photoaging by daylight-PDT and injectable NASHA gel as SkinBooster

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Patient expectations

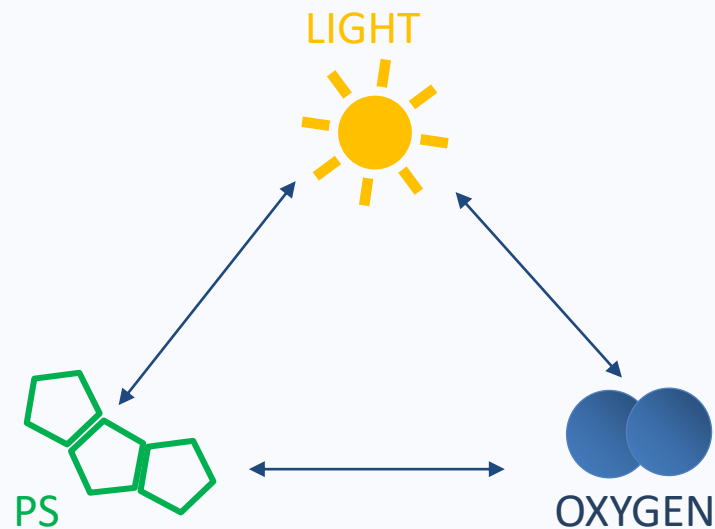
- Treating AK
- Reducing photoaging damages
- Improving skin texture
- Getting «healthy look»
- No aggressive treatments, no downtime
- High tolerability



Sequential treatment DL-PDT and cross-linked-stabilized hyaluronic acid-gel injection in patients with AK lesions

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DL-PDT photochemical reaction¹

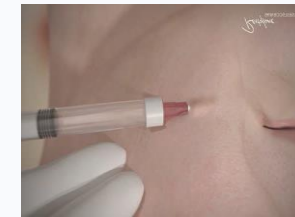


[Image adapted from Wan MT and Lin JY, 2014]

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Injectable treatment with NASHA gel as skin booster²

- NASHA gel specifically designed to improve skin quality
- Patented NASHA technology:
 - Maintains natural **entanglements** of hyaluronic acid molecule
 - Only Minimal modification by 1,4-butanediol diglycidyl ether (BDDE)³

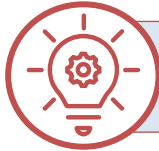
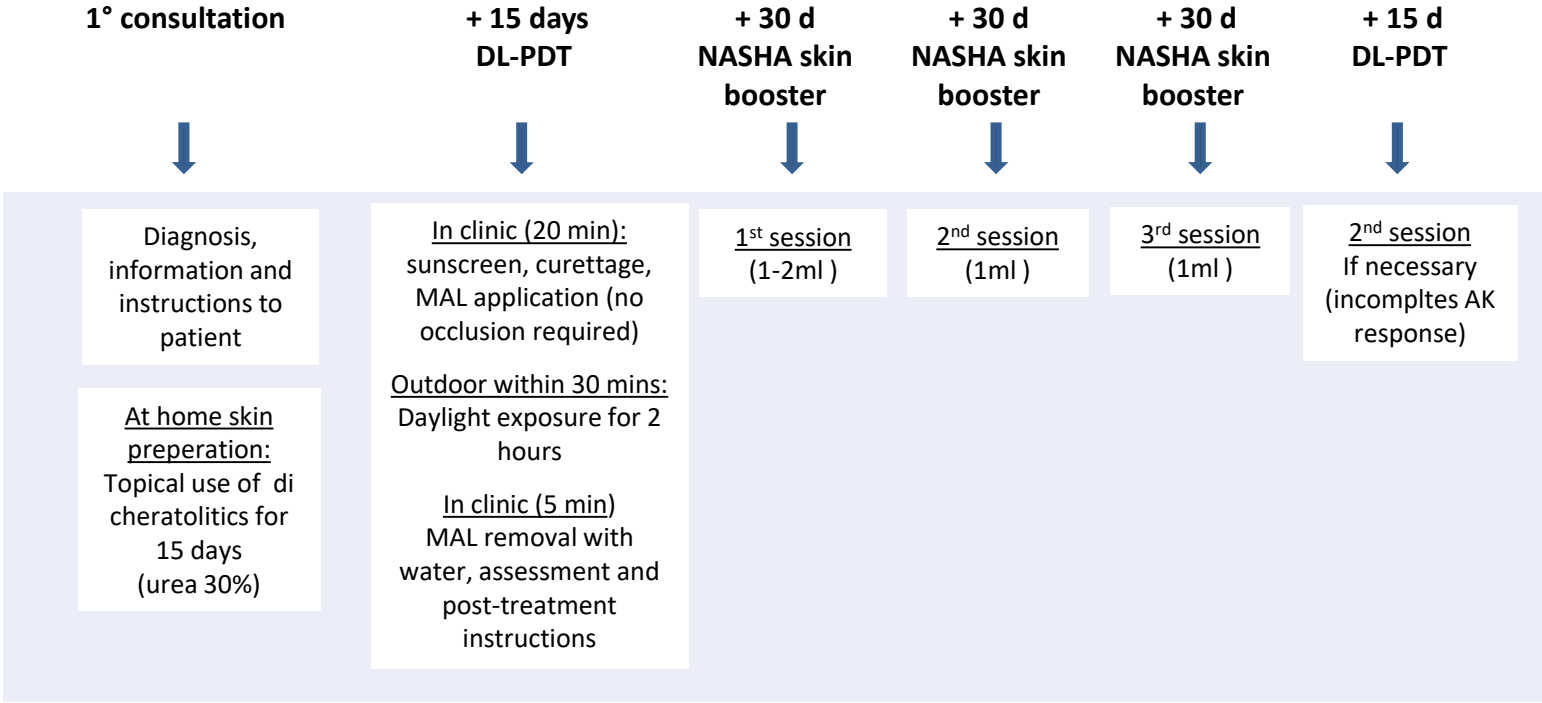


AK, actinic keratosis; BDDE, 1,4-butanediol diglycidyl ether; DL-PDT, daylight photodynamic therapy; NASHA, non-animal stabilized hyaluronic acid; PS, photosensitizer; PDT, photodynamic therapy.

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Sequential treatment of AK and photoaging by DL-PDT and injectable NASHA gel as a skin booster

Protocol used in study: *1



To treat AK lesions and field cancerization as well as improving skin quality

*This study tested the treatment using sequential sessions of DL-PDT and injectable NSBs on 4 patients with AK on head and neck. Two further sessions of NSBs were scheduled, 30 and 60 days after the first injection, to improve the overall skin quality. Patients had multiple AKs (mostly grade 1) and moderate-to-severe photoaging on face and/or scalp were treated.¹

AK, actinic keratosis; DL-PDT, daylight photodynamic therapy; NSB, NASHA gel skin booster; NASHA, non-animal stabilized hyaluronic acid; PDT, photodynamic therapy.

.1. Belmontesi M. J Drugs Dermatol. 2020;19(11):1065–8.

Conclusions

The combination of two minimally invasive, effective and well-tolerated therapies characterized by excellent compliance allowed:

- almost complete resolution of actinic keratosis and
- a clear improvement of skin texture,
- with noticeable reduction of the clinical signs of skin photoaging,
- meeting patient's expectations

Successful treatment of palmoplantar dyshidrotic lesions of mycosis fungoides with conventional and daylight PDT

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Mycosis fungoides and cPDT

- **Used in:**
 - IA/IB stages (patches or plaques)
 - Uni or paucilesionals
 - Resistant localized lesions
 - Difficult or sensitive areas (face, neck, scalp, axillary and inguinal folds, breast, palms, soles or buttocks)
- **Case reports and case series** (lack of randomized controlled trials and prospective reports)
- **No standard protocols:**
 - MAL, 5-ALA
 - N of sessions/lesion: 1-11. More than 1 session
 - Periodicity: 1-8 weeks
 - More common schedule: **6 sessions at 2 o 4-week intervals**
- **Objetive response 50-100%, complete response 63%**

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Mycosis fungoides and PDT

PALMS AND SOLES

- Lower overall response rates to different treatments

Acta Derm Venereol 2012; 92: 264–268

ACNE, RETINOIDS AND LYMPHOMAS
Acta Derm Venereol 2012; 92: 264–268

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Photodynamic Therapy with Methyl-aminolaevulinic Acid for Mycosis Fungoides

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Acta Derm Venereol. 2012;92:264–268.

SHORT REPORT

Unilesional plantar mycosis fungoides treated with topical photodynamic therapy – case report and review of the literature

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J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol. 2017;31:1633-1637.

Conventional PDT (cPDT)

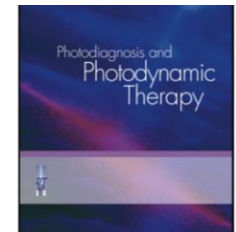
PALMS: Complete response

SOLES: **PAIN** limited the treatment

Title: Photodynamic therapy: an option in mycosis fungoides.

Authors: Pileri Alessandro, Sgubbi Paola, Agostinelli Claudio, Infusino Salvatore Domenico, Vaccari Sabina, Patrizi Annalisa

Photodiagnosis Photodyn Ther. 2017 Dec;20:107-110



Daylight PDT

- 16% MAL, 5- ALA
- Mild-moderate AQ and field cancerization
- Exposition to daylight within < 30 min for 2 h between 9 - 18 h
- MAIN ADVANTAGE: **lower pain** (2 vs 6.6, 0.7 vs 4.4)* and easy to use

Daylight PDT (TFD-Id)

SOLES: complete response with minimal discomfort

Weigell SR et al. Br J Dermatol. 2008
Lacour JP et al. J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol. 2015
Gilaberte Y et al. Actas Dermosifiliogr. 2015
Morton CA et al. J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol. 2019

Conclusions

- We present a patient with palmoplantar lesions of MF resistant to multiple treatments treated with cPDT and dIPDT with good results
- Ours is the first published case of MF successfully treated with DL-PDT
- DI-PDT, as well as cPDT, could be considered as a second-line option in the therapeutic arsenal against this condition

Plenary Session 3

PDT outside AK

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PDT combination therapies for AK/NMSC

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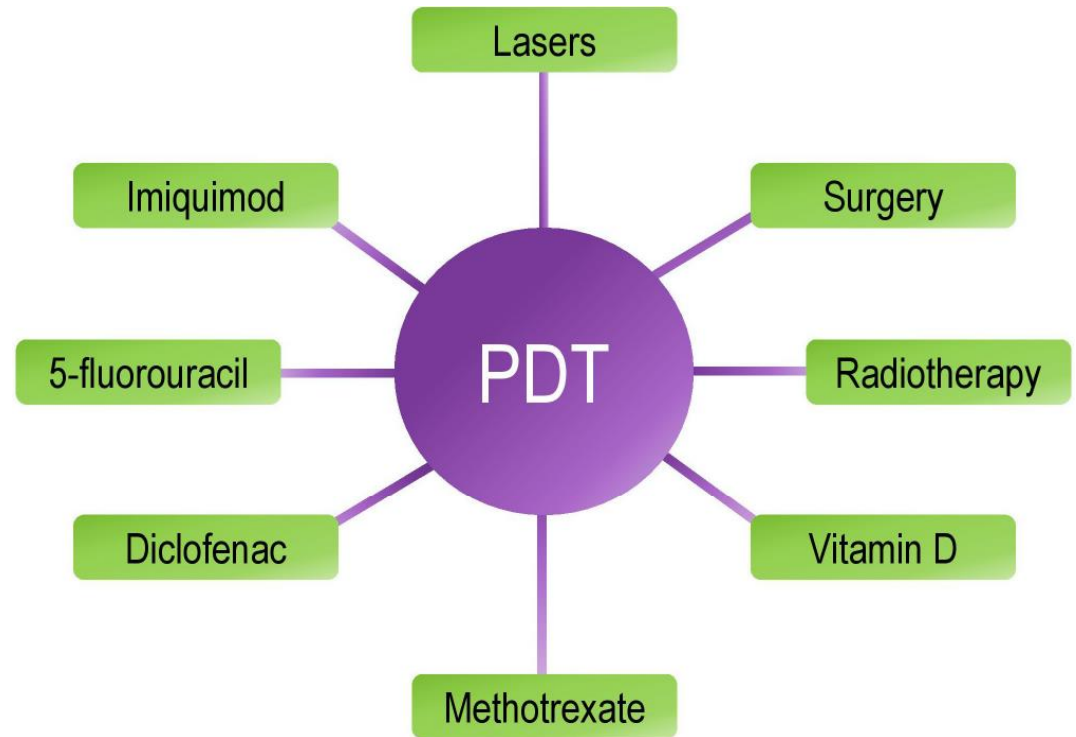
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Review

Combined Treatments with Photodynamic Therapy for Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer

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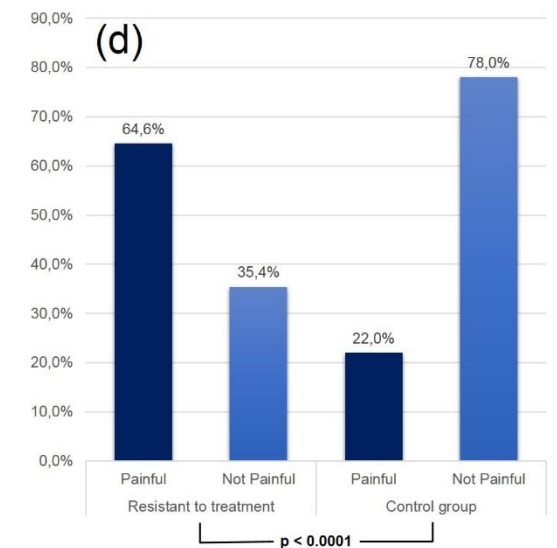
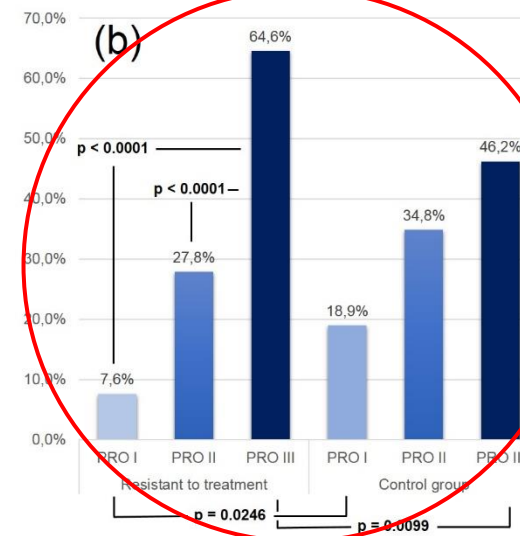
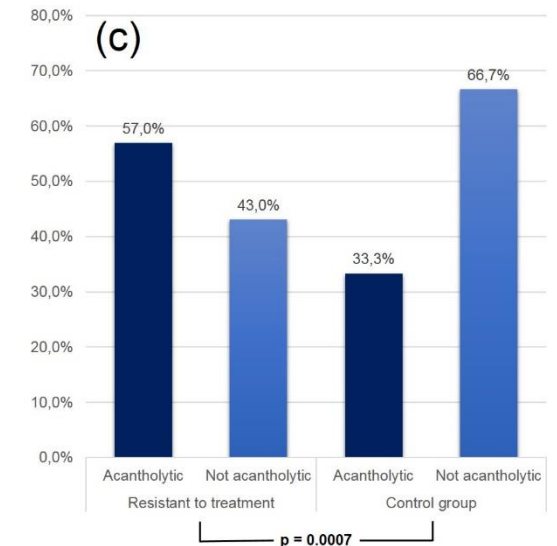
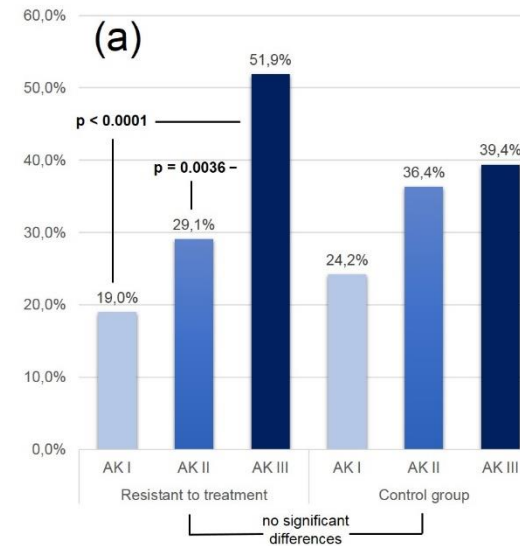
Treatment-resistant actinic keratoses are characterized by distinct clinical and histological features

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211 treatment resistant Aks in 171 patients have been biopsied and were compared to AK before treatment



Conclusions

- Clinical trials comparing AK combination treatments have substantial deficiencies:
 - Lesion count not standardized
 - Area size not determined
 - Point of time to look at treatment success not standardized
- The pure number of cleared lesions does not provide information on SCC promotion
 - Treatment resistant AK carry a elevated risk to turn into SCC
- PDT can be of value as diagnostic tool to separate less-aggressive vs. more aggressive AK
- Although most trials show increased treatment response the relevance of pure increase of cleared lesions remains unclear!

Is there a place for PDT in inflammatory dermatoses?

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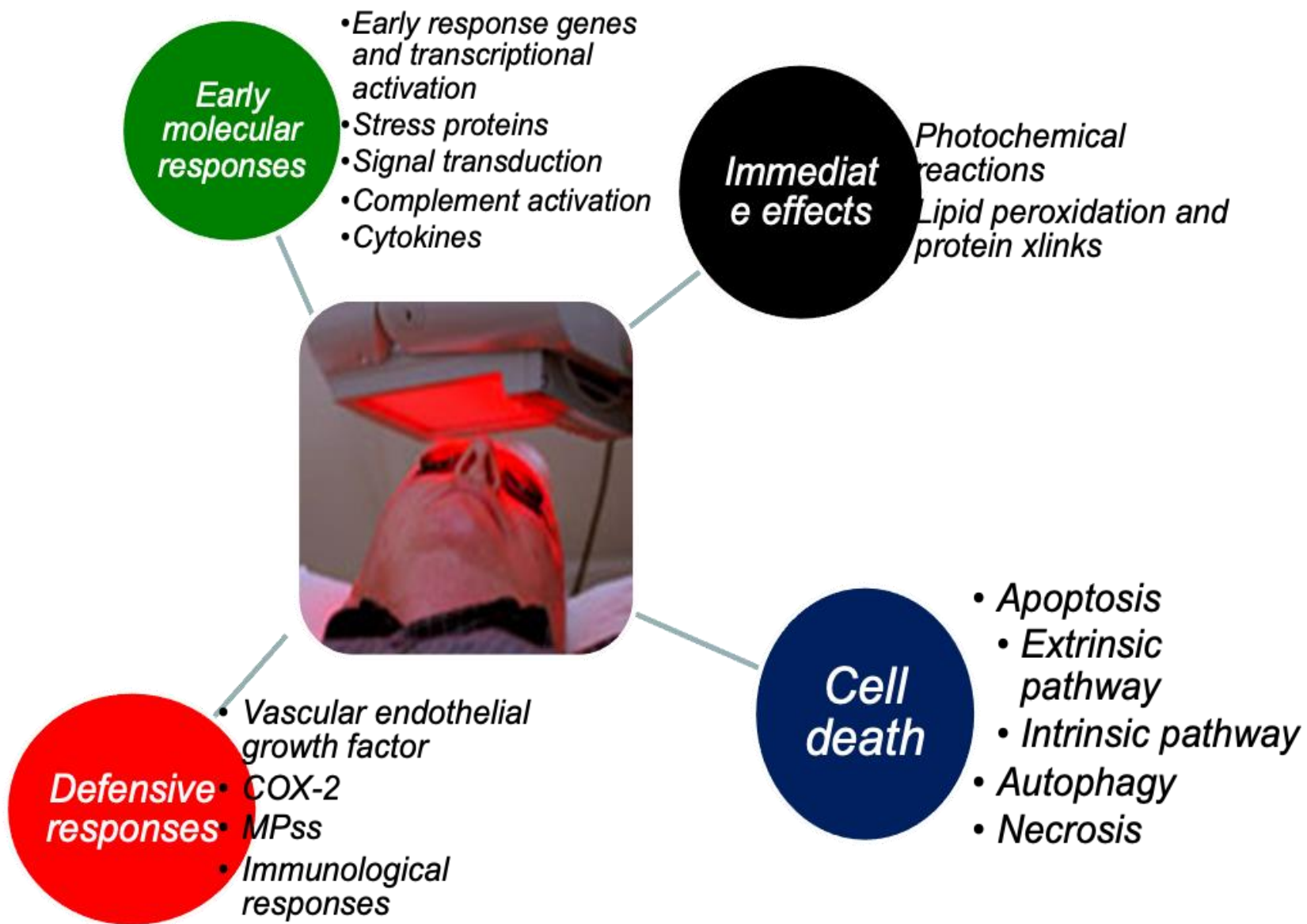
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A broad variety of molecular mechanisms has motivated the use of ALA/ MAL-PDT for the treatment of more than 60 inflammatory, infectious and oncologic skin disorders

GUIDELINES

European Dermatology Forum guidelines on topical photodynamic therapy 2019 Part 2: emerging indications – field cancerization, photorejuvenation and inflammatory/infective dermatoses

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A Critical Reappraisal of Off-Label Use of Photodynamic Therapy for the Treatment of Non-Neoplastic Skin Conditions

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Suppurative hidradenitis: Conventional PDT

Pts number	13
Gender (M/F)	1/5
Mean age (range)	34.2 (21-52)
Groins	7
Armpits	4
Mild/ moderate/ severe	6/3/4
No exposures	4.8±2
Interval (days)	41.3±53.9
Follow-up (mos)	2.6±0.5



Calzavara-Pinton et al. 2013

Suppurative hidradenitis

PDT combined with surgery

Patient satisfaction and quality of life after surgery combined with 5-aminolevulinic acid–based photodynamic therapy for hidradenitis suppurativa

Li Y, et al. JAAD2021

Table I. Surgical option and nursing method of different stage HS

	Surgical method	PDT method	Wound care
Stage I	Direct resection and suture	4 times after surgery with an interval of 1 week.	Routine cleaning and disinfection
Stage II	Extensive resection, and the suture was performed 3 days after the surgery	1 PDT was performed on the wound surface during the surgery. 3 subsequent PDT were performed 1 week later with an interval of 1 week.	Clean secretions twice a day, refill with rivanol gauze, and the wound was covered with sterile gauze dressing
Stage III	Excision, reconstructive open space. The suture was performed 3 days after the last PDT.	Intraoperative photodynamic irradiation of the wound. 3 subsequent PDT at an interval of 1 week.	Clean secretions twice a day, refill with rivanol gauze, and the wound was covered with sterile gauze dressing.

Table II. Dermatology Quality Life Index and Vancouver Scar score of patients

	Stage I	Stage II	Stage III	Total	P value
No. patients	10	15	7		
Dermatology Quality Life Index*					
Before	10.7 ± 1.9	13.73 ± 2.42	21.14 ± 1.92	14.41 ± 3.81	<.05
After	2.3 ± 0.56	4.07 ± 1.81	5.43 ± 2.04	3.78 ± 1.73	
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your treatment result? [†]	1.70 ± 0.56	1.67 ± 0.44	1.71 ± 0.61	1.69 ± 0.52	>.05
Would you recommend this therapy to a friend or relative? [†]	1.60 ± 0.60	1.60 ± 0.56	1.57 ± 0.49	1.590.56	>.05
Vancouver Scar score	2.90 ± 0.36	4.26 ± 1.48	7.71 ± 1.18	4.59 ± 1.92	<.05
Recurrence	0	2	2	4	<.05

*Scores range from 0 (no effect on patient's life) to 30 (extremely large effect on patient's life)

[†]Responses were scored on a scale from 1 (very satisfied) to 5 (very dissatisfied).

Suppurative hidradenitis: intralesional PDT

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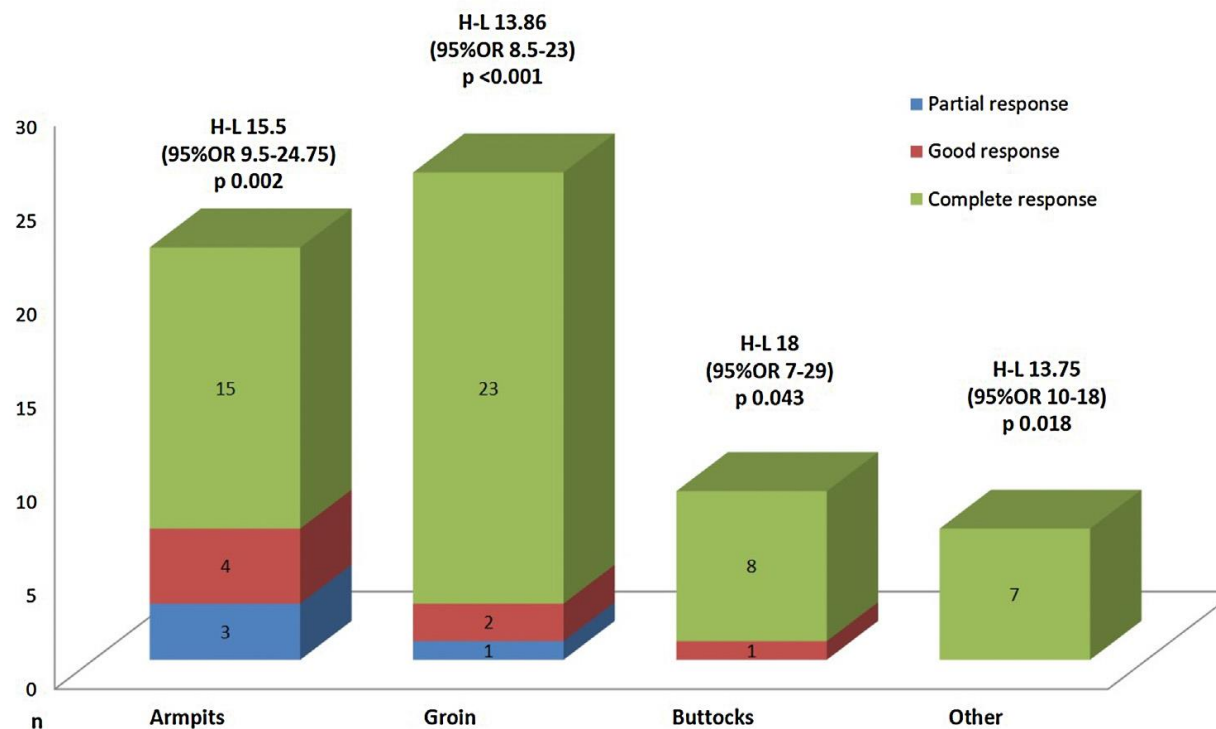
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Treatment of hidradenitis suppurativa with intralesional photodynamic therapy with 5-aminolevulinic acid and 630 nm laser beam

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Sebaceous gland hyperplasia: Strength of Recommendation C, Quality of Evidence II-III

Table 1
Studies on the use of aminolevulinic acid photodynamic therapy for sebaceous skin

Reference	ALA incubation time (h)	No. of treatments	Light source	Results	Follow-up (mo)
Horio et al [20]	4 (under occlusion)	3	Halogen, > 620 nm	Small and large lesions decreased in size and reduced sizes persisted for 12 mo; temporary erythema, edema, hyperpigmentation.	12
Alster et al [52]	1	1, 2	PDL (595 nm)	7 of 10 patients cleared with 1 treatment, 3 patients cleared after 2 treatments; transient erythema, edema, focal crusting.	3
Goldman [54]	0.25	2–4	IPL or blue	Acne and SH lesions cleared after 2–4 treatments.	—
Richey et al [53]	0.75–1	3–6	Blue	70% lesion clearance after 6 mo; 10%–20% recurrence 3–4 mo after final treatment; temporary erythema, edema, hyperpigmentation.	6
Gold et al [55]	0.5–1	4	Blue, IPL	55% reduction in lesions with blue light, 53% with IPL; temporary mild erythema and blisters.	1, 3

Abbreviation: IPL, intense pulsed light.

Adapted from Nestor MS, Gold MH, Kauvar AN, et al. The use of photodynamic therapy in dermatology: results of a consensus conference. *J Drugs Dermatol* 2006;5(2):148; with permission.

Five patients with sebaceous gland hyperplasia received standard MAL-PDT protocol with marked improvement in 2 and moderate response in 2. (Calzavara-Pinton PG, et al 2013).

Granuloma annulare:

Strength of recommendation C; Quality of evidence III



Complete healing in two patients, marked improvement in 2, poor/ no response in 3 with 2-3 ALA-PDT sessions .

(Weisenseel P, et al. 2008)

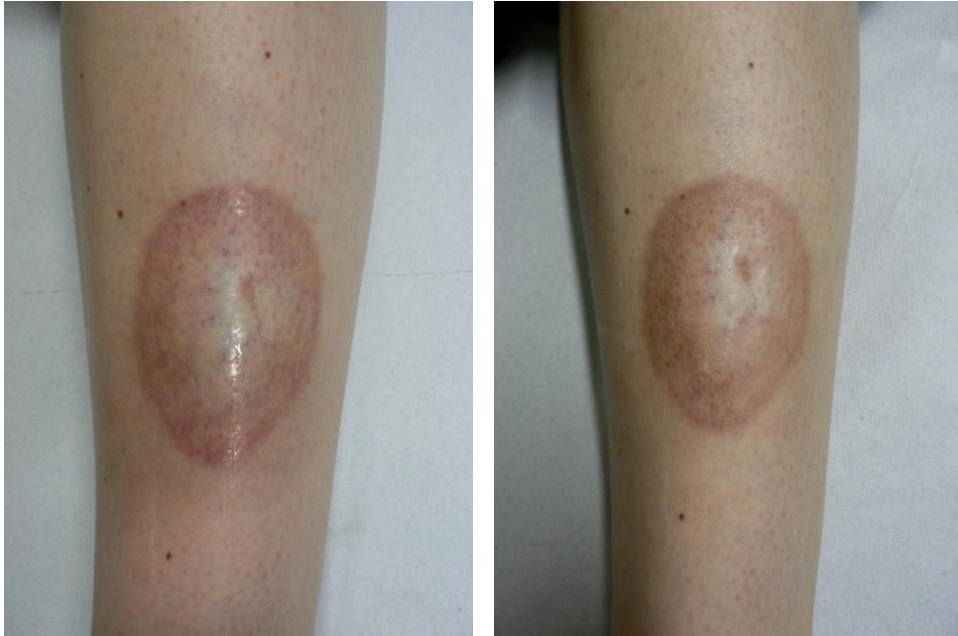


A complete/ marked improvement in 7/ 13 patients with a mean of 2.8 MAL-PDT treatments.

(Calzavara-Pinton PG, et al. 2013)

Necrobiosis lipoidica:

Strength of recommendation C; Quality of evidence III



1 patient had a complete response, 6 a partial response and 11 no/poor response after 9-14 ALA-PDT treatments.

(Berking C et al. 2009)

3/8 patients had a partial response after a mean of 10 MAL-PDT sessions.

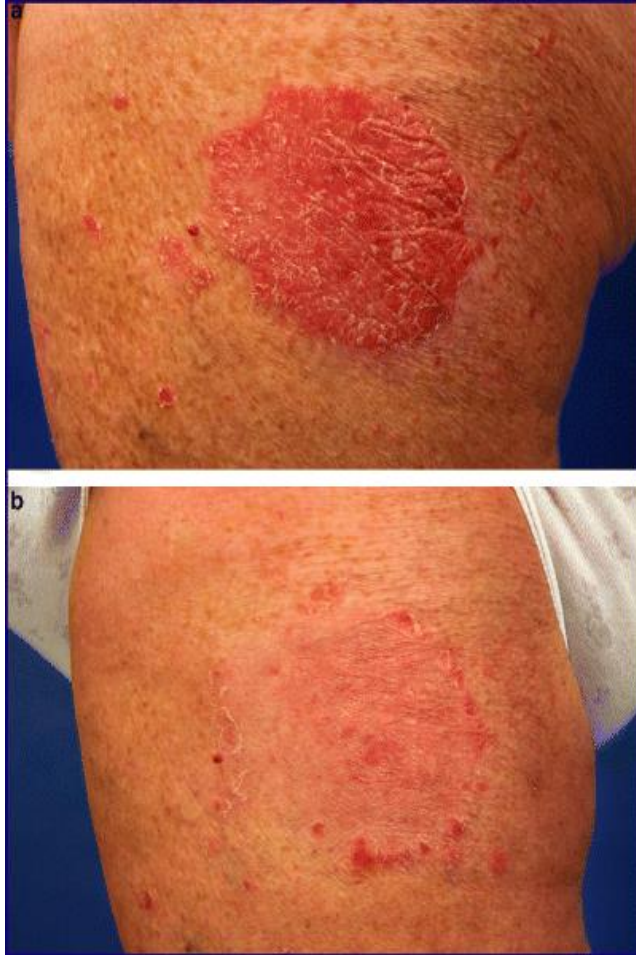
(Calzavara-Pinton PG, et al. 2013)

43/ 65 patients had a complete/ partial response with MAL-PDT after superficial curettage

(Kaae J, et al. 2018).

Psoriasis:

Strength of recommendation D; Quality of evidence I



In 12 patients, the mean improvement was 37.5%, 45.6% and 51.2% in the 0.1%, 1% and 5% ALA-treated groups, respectively. Treatment was frequently interrupted due to severe burning and pain

(A randomized, observer-blinded study by Radakovic-Fijan, S et al. 2005).

6/17 patients showed short-term improvement following MAL-PDT, whilst psoriatic lesions worsened in 2 patients.

(A retrospective study by Calzavara-Pinton PG, et al. 2013)

Tinea capitis caused by *Microsporum canis* treated with MAL-daylight-PDT and ketoconazole shampooing

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Homebase DLPDT protocol

- Signed inform consent for off label used
- Shave the area and remove scales with 70% alcohol
- MAL 16% crema (Metvix®) (2 cm around) incubated for **30 minutes**
- Daylight exposure: **2 hrs**
- Wash the area and protection from the light for 24-48 hours
- **Side effects:** mild erythema after the PDT session

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Follow-up....

- 10 days after last PDT session the lesion recurred
- Culture was positive (a few colonies)
- Ketoconazole shampoo is recommended in the guidelines of *tinea capitis* added to oral antifungals in order to decrease arthroconidia, reducing transmissibility



Limitations of antimicrobial PDT

- Possibility of regrowth of microorganisms not inactivated during the PDT session
- In *tinea capitis* recurrence is probably due to persistence of the fungus in areas of the scalp where MAL was not applied
- Several sessions are needed
- Cost of the treatment

Conclusions

- ALA or MAL PDT can be useful in the treatment of *tinea capitis* especially in:
 - Children with comorbidities
 - Failure of antifungals
 - Maybe especially convenient for kerion
- Combination with antifungals is needed:
 - Ketoconazole shampoo
 - Systemic antifungal for a short time
- Daylight PDT is a very friendly treatment for children
- Treatment could be made at homebase
- More studies are needed to define the protocol



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