

Appendix 5: Side effects reported during the 13-week follow-up in the active treatment groups,* by location of warts (*n* = 152)

Location of warts; side effect	Treatment arm		<i>p</i> value†
	Cryotherapy <i>n</i> = 37	Salicylic acid <i>n</i> = 38	
Common warts	<i>n</i> = 37	<i>n</i> = 38	
No. of side effects			0.012
0	5 (14)	8 (21)	
1	8 (22)	19 (50)	
≥ 2	24 (65)	11 (29)	
Type of side effect			
Pain	29 (78)	5 (13)	< 0.001
Blistering	22 (59)	2 (5)	< 0.001
Scarring‡	8 (22)	–	0.003
Skin irritation	6 (16)	27 (71)	< 0.001
Skin pigmentation	3 (8)	2 (5)	0.62
Bleeding after filing	–	6 (16)	0.012
Crust	3 (8)	–	0.08
Plantar warts	<i>n</i> = 37	<i>n</i> = 40	
No. of side effects			< 0.001
0	3 (8)	14 (35)	
1	14 (38)	19 (48)	
≥ 2	20 (54)	7 (18)	
Type of side effect			
Pain	31 (84)	4 (10)	< 0.001
Blistering	16 (43)	5 (13)	0.003
Scarring‡	1 (3)	–	0.30
Skin irritation	6 (16)	21 (53)	0.001
Skin pigmentation	3 (8)	2 (5)	0.58
Bleeding after filing	–	1 (3)	0.34
Crust	1 (3)	–	0.30
Other minor side effect	4 (11)	4 (10)	0.91

†Two-sided χ^2 , linear-by-linear association, comparing the two active treatment groups.

‡Five out of nine participants with scarring reported that their scars disappeared at 26 weeks.

*Data were missing for three participants with common warts and three participants with plantar warts.