Langerhans' cell histiocytosis of the vulva: The use of photodynamic therapy (Article)

Fabbrocini, G., De Vita, V., Izzo, R., Marasca, C., Donnarumma, M., Monfrecola, G. Department of Clinical Medicine and Surgery, Section of Dermatology, Allergology and Venereology, University of Naples Federico II, Italy Journal of Plastic Dermatology Volume 10, Issue 2, 2014, Pages 99-101 Abstract Background: The evaluation of possible efficacy of Photodynamic Therapy (PDT) in a rare condition of vulvar Langerhans' cell histiocytosis (LCH), in a 43-years-old women with one year history of pruritic vulvar lesions. Main observations: After a cycle of 5 sessions of PDT, with aminolevulinic acid (ALA) in low percentage (5%), the patient reported an improvement of lesions, and an high improvement of local symptoms, with a significant reduction of itch and pain. Conclusions: Our case confirms this single experience of literature for the treatment of vulvar LCH by PDT, with an improvement of disease's symptoms, and can suggest the use of PDT for this

rare and untreated disease.