Re: Commentary on ‘Changes in the Aetiological Spectrum of Leg Ulcers after a Broad Scale Intervention in a Defined Geographical Population in Sweden’

Dear Editor,

It was with great pleasure I read the positive commentary on our article made by associate professor R. Milner, especially since he considered it to be a role model for others to follow. However, regarding his comments regarding mixed arterio-venous ulcers it is apparent that this was caused by a misunderstanding of the results presented. I agree that these patients often do benefit from intervention and this was done in the present study, since they were included in the venous and arterial group respectively depending on which deficiency was deemed dominating. What we said was that ulcers of dominating venous or dominating arterial causation were both reduced. Multifactorial ulcer is a different entity not including mixed arterio-venous ulcers. They might show some minor arterial and/or venous deficiencies in combination with other multiple factors, but no major disturbances in the macro circulation.

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