

Table XXXIII. New Table

Operative procedure	Reference <i>Abstracts corresponding to references can be found using the listing "RCTs by alphabetical order" or "RCTs by topic."</i>	Summary
<p style="text-align: center;">EVLA or RFA +/- Polidocanol Foam</p>	<p>Vasquez M, Gasparis P. A multicenter, randomized, placebo-controlled trial of endovenous thermal ablation with or without polidocanol endovenous microfoam treatment in patients with great saphenous vein incompetence and visible varicosities. <i>Int. Angiology</i> 2016; 32:272-81</p>	<p>117 symptomatic patients with GSV and SFJ incompetence. C2-C5 CEAP class Group I (N=38 patients): ETA+placebo Group II (N=39 patients): ETA+PEM 0.5% Group III (N=40 patients): ETA+PEM 1%</p> <p>Post-operative complications With PEM 34.5% superficial thrombophlebitis</p> <p>Outcome 8 weeks- 6 months:</p> <p>At 8 weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physician-rated vein appearance was significantly better with PEM compared to placebo .P= 0.001 - Patient-assessed appearance no significant difference. P=0.16 <p>At 6 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician-rated vein appearance was significantly better with PEM compared to placebo .P= 0.001 • Patient-assessed appearance no significant difference. P=0.034 • PEM reduced the proportion of patients who received additional treatment for residual varicosities between week 8 and month 6. P.=0.037

Abbreviations

GSV = great saphenous vein ; m-VEINES-QOL/Sym= modified Venous Insufficiency Epidemiologic and Economic Study; PA-V=patient self- assessment of visible varicose veins ;PEM= polidocanol endovenous microfoam ; SFJ= saphenofemoral junction