

# Seborrheic Keratosis Removal in Multi-Center Phase I/II Trial Using a Novel Topical Formulation (BL-5010)

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# Introduction: Seborrheic Keratosis

- The most common non-cancerous skin lesions of the older age
- Appears in various colors, forms and sizes
- Often patients present with multiple lesions, generally asymptomatic



but occasionally irritation or trauma may occur with itching, pain and bleeding

- Develop from the basal cell layer of the epidermis and migrate towards the surface of the skin where they die and make a keratin layer that acts as a protective layer for the skin
- Treatments (mostly for cosmetic reasons) include cryosurgery, laser therapy, curettage or electrocautery, which are painful and often result in local bleeding, infection, blistering, and hematoma and do not provide a solution for removal of large numbers of lesions in the same patient

# BL-5010: Preclinical Activities

- Mode of Action
  - Non-surgical removal of the skin lesion by a caustic cell burn, due to a low pH
  - Non-specific crosslinking of cellular proteins leading to cell death, fixation and mummification of the tissues
- Animal Studies (GLP certified facility accordance with CHMP guidelines):
  - A single dose dermal tolerance study in minipigs
  - A sensitization study in guinea pigs
  - Minimal skin injury - consistent with the intended clinical use
  - Hair growth observed within the treated skin area suggests that the injury is reversible
  - BL-5010 is not a contact sensitizer, suggesting no additional safety concerns on repeated administration
- Based on the MoA and safety results, BL-5010 has been classified as a Medical Device in Europe

# Phase I/II Clinical Trial

## Open-label, single-arm, single application, safety and efficacy study

- 60 SK patients were recruited for a single application
- Patients were treated and followed-up for 6 months
- Clinical sites: Germany and the Netherlands
- Endpoints:
  - Primary: Physical examinations, adverse events, and vital signs (pulse and blood pressure)
  - Secondary:
    - Assessments of dermal irritation (erythema, edema formation) at the site of application
    - Investigator-assessed clinical lesion response post treatment
    - Investigator-assessed and patient-assessed cosmetic outcomes at the site of the index lesion
    - Proportion of patients who provide index lesion adequate for pathological assessments

Clinical Lesion Response Categorical Scale

Response	Assessment
Complete	Complete disappearance of "index lesion"
Partial	Reduction in "index lesion" $\geq 25\%$ and $< 100\%$
None	$< 25\%$ reduction or an increase in size of the "index lesion"

Clinical Lesion Response Categorical Scale

Outcome	Investigator/Patient Cosmetic Assessments Categories
Excellent	No scarring, atrophy, or induration, slight or no redness or change in pigmentation compared with adjacent skin
Good	No scarring, atrophy, or induration, moderate redness or increase in pigmentation compared with adjacent skin
Fair	Slight to moderate occurrence of scarring, atrophy, or induration
Poor	Extensive occurrence of scarring, atrophy, or induration

## BL-5010 was Applied via a Wooden Stick

- Dermatologists pressed the wooden stick onto lesion to cover its whole surface, both perpendicularly (at a  $90^\circ$  angle) and circularly at a  $45^\circ$  angle
- The procedure was repeated on all aspects of the lesion until it softened and completely flattened
- Each process lasted few minutes



# Clinical Trial Results

## Efficacy

### I. Lesion removal

>96% of the patients (58/60) by day 30

### II. Cosmetic outcome

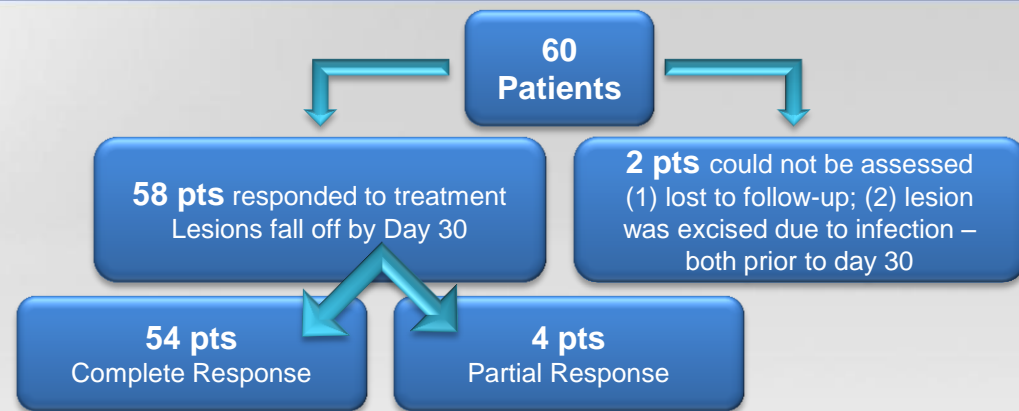
94.6% of investigator and 84% of patient-assessed cosmetic outcomes were good or excellent 180 days following treatment

### III. Lesion preservation for further analysis

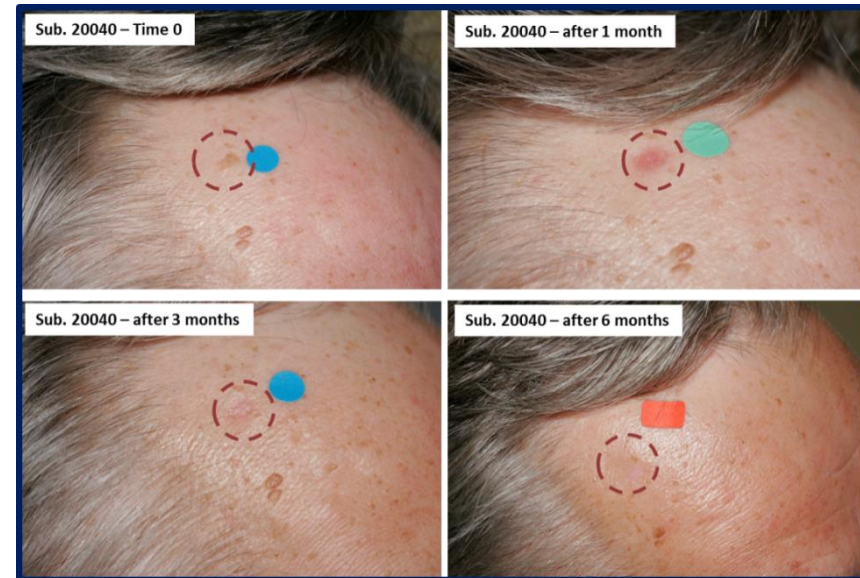
BL-5010 allows lesion preservation following detachment, for subsequent histopathological diagnosis

## Safety

BL-5010 was safe and well tolerated with no persistent or irreversible adverse effects at all treated sites



Adverse Event	n=60					
	Mild		Moderate		Severe	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
One or more drug-related AEs	6	10	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>General Disorders and Administration Site</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<i>Feeling hot</i>	1	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
<i>Secretion discharge</i>	1	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Infections and Infestations</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<i>Wound infection</i>	1	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Nervous System Disorders</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<i>Burning sensation</i>	1	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<i>Pruritus</i>	4	6.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
<i>Scab</i>	1	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
<i>Skin hyperpigmentation</i>	1	1.7	0	0.0	0	0.0



## Summary and Conclusions

- A single application of BL-5010 was safe and resulted in detachment of the Seborrheic Keratosis (SK) lesion from the skin with no serious accompanying complications
- BL-5010 presented a superb and complete SK removal rate of 96.7%
- BL-5010 obtained very good cosmetic outcome according to patients and dermatologists
- Easily, safely and accurately applied on lesions with minimal training required
- Highly versatile and could potentially be extended to treat various indications such as actinic keratosis, skin tags and warts
- BL-5010 may be considered as an alternative treatment to painful, invasive and expensive therapy

## Conflict of Interest

Study was sponsored by BioLineRx Ltd

- **Dr. Etgar Levy-Nissenbaum** – BioLineRx's employee
- **Prof. Hok Bing Thio** – was investigator in this clinical trial
- **Dr. Pinchas Burstein** – the inventor of BL-5010 and BioLineRx's consultant
- **Prof. Diamant Thaçi** – was investigator in this clinical trial