

Table SII. Management decisions and adherence guidelines in basal cell carcinoma (BCC)

Characteristics	Overall population (n = 326)	Patients aged < 80 years (n = 239)	Patients aged ≥ 80 years (n = 87)	p-value
Treatment performed, n (%): ^a				
Conventional surgical excision	237 (72.7)	172 (72.0)	65 (74.7)	0.004*
Photodynamic therapy	34 (10.4)	25 (10.5)	9 (10.3)	
Topical imiquimod	17 (5.2)	15 (6.3)	2 (2.3)	
Mohs micrographic surgery	21 (6.4)	20 (8.4)	1 (1.1)	
Radiotherapy	15 (4.6)	6 (2.5)	9 (10.3)	
No treatment	2 (0.6)	1 (0.4) ^b	1 (1.1) ^c	
Compliance (guideline-adherence ≥ 90%), n (%)	178 (54.6)	134 (56.1)	44 (50.6)	0.378
Guideline-adherence in %, median (range)	90 (44–100)	90 (50–100)	90 (44–100)	0.301
Guideline-adherence, per recommendation, n (%):				
Prevention				
Advice on appropriate sun protection	230 (70.6)	185 (77.4)	45 (51.7)	<0.001*
Diagnosis				
Histological confirmation by skin biopsy	323 (99.1)	236 (98.7)	87 (100)	0.568
Histopathological subtype reported	326 (100)	239 (100)	87 (100)	NA
Reporting and/or photographing exact location	326 (100)	239 (100)	87 (100)	NA
Primary or recurrent tumor reported	293 (89.9)	212 (88.7)	81 (93.1)	0.244
Maximum tumor diameter reported	160 (49.1)	116 (48.5)	44 (50.6)	0.745
Treatment ^a				
Using 3-mm excision margin when recommended	90 (97.8)	76 (98.7)	14 (93.3)	0.301
Using 5-mm excision margin when recommended	117 (90.0)	80 (88.9)	37 (92.5)	0.753
Using PDT only in primary, superficial BCC	30 (88.2)	22 (88.0)	8 (88.9)	1.000
Using IMI only in superficial BCC < 20 mm and outside of the H-zone	12 (70.6)	11 (73.3)	1 (50.0)	0.515
Reason for choosing other treatment option reported	35 (94.6)	26 (96.3)	9 (90.0)	0.473
Follow-up				
At least yearly follow-up for high-risk and/or multiple BCCs	205 (91.9)	143 (90.5)	62 (95.4)	0.224
Follow-up examination at least included inspection of treated area and sun-exposed skin	204 (99.5)	142 (99.3)	62 (100.0)	1.000
Primary care physician is informed about diagnosis and management	293 (89.9)	209 (87.4)	84 (96.6)	0.016*

^aData regarding cryosurgery and curettage and cautery were not shown since these treatment options were not performed among the patients within this study. ^bSince no clinical tumour residue was seen after punch biopsy a wait-and-see policy was chosen. ^cPatient died before treatment; * $p \leq 0.05$ (shown in bold). Values may not add up due to missing data and rounding.
NA: not applicable.