

Table SIX. History of treatments for pruritus, overall and in strata of clinical and aetiological categories of chronic pruritus

	Total n (%)	Clinical category			p-value ^a	Aetiological category				p-value ^a
		I: Pruritus on diseased skin n (%)	II: Pruritus on non-diseased skin n (%)	III: Chronic scratch lesions n (%)		I: Dermatological n (%)	II: Systemic n (%)	III-IV: Neur/Psyc n (%)	V-VI: Mixed/Other n (%)	
Local treatments										
No	40 (23.5)	17 (21.0)	9 (30.0)	14 (23.7)	0.61	17 (21.0)	5 (19.2)	6 (46.2)	12 (24.0)	0.23
Yes	130 (76.5)	64 (79.0)	21 (70.0)	45 (76.3)		64 (79.0)	21 (80.8)	7 (53.8)	38 (76.0)	
Phototherapy (UVA/UVB/PUVA)										
No	134 (78.8)	59 (72.8)	27 (90.0)	48 (81.4)	0.12	59 (72.8)	20 (76.9)	13 (100.0)	42 (84.0)	0.11
Yes	36 (21.2)	22 (27.2)	3 (10.0)	11 (18.6)		22 (27.2)	6 (23.1)	0 (0.0)	8 (16.0)	
Systemic antihistamines										
No	116 (68.2)	58 (71.6)	20 (66.7)	38 (64.4)	0.65	58 (71.6)	17 (65.4)	10 (76.9)	31 (62.0)	0.60
Yes	54 (31.8)	23 (28.4)	10 (33.3)	21 (35.6)		23 (28.4)	9 (34.6)	3 (23.1)	19 (38.0)	
Other systemic treatments^b										
No	113 (66.5)	45 (55.6)	26 (86.7)	42 (71.2)	0.005	45 (55.6)	20 (76.9)	13 (100.0)	35 (70.0)	0.006
Yes	57 (33.5)	36 (44.4)	4 (13.3)	17 (28.8)		36 (44.4)	6 (23.1)	0 (0.0)	15 (30.0)	

^a χ^2 test, or Fisher's exact test, where required, and Kruskal-Wallis test were used for nominal and continuous variables, respectively. ^bIncluding methotrexate, cyclosporine, retinoids, glucocorticoids and other systemic antipruritics.
UVA: ultraviolet A; UVB: ultraviolet B; PUVA: psoralen plus UVA.