

**Table 1 | Baseline characteristics of patients with leg ulcer allocated to one of three treatments for debridement: loose larvae, bagged larvae, or hydrogel. Values are numbers (percentages) of participants unless stated otherwise**

Characteristics	Loose larvae (n=94)	Bagged larvae (n=86)	Hydrogel (n=87)	Overall (n=267)
Men	36 (38.3)	29 (33.7)	44 (50.6)	109 (40.8)
Mean (SD) age (years)	74.1 (12.9)	73.5 (12.2)	74.3 (12.8)	74.0 (12.6)
Area of ulcer (cm <sup>2</sup> ):				
≤5	23 (24.5)	20 (23.3)	22 (25.3)	65 (24.3)
>5	71 (75.5)	66 (76.7)	65 (74.7)	202 (75.7)
Median (range) area of ulcer (cm <sup>2</sup> )*	12.2 (0.6-174.9)	17.3 (1.8-197.9)	12.2 (1.0-116.8)	13.2 (0.6-197.9)
Duration of ulcer (months):				
≤6	33 (35.1)	46 (53.5)	35 (40.2)	114 (42.7)
>6	61 (64.9)	40 (46.5)	52 (59.8)	153 (57.3)
Median (range) duration of ulcer (months)*	9.0 (1.0-240.0)	6.0 (1.0-204.0)	8.0 (1.0-372.0)	7.0 (1.0-372.0)
ABPI, treatment:				
≥0.8, high compression	50 (53.2)	46 (53.5)	61 (70.1)	157 (58.8)
≥0.8, lower or no compression	31 (33.0)	30 (34.9)	17 (19.5)	78 (29.2)
0.6-0.8	13 (13.8)	10 (11.6)	9 (10.3)	32 (12.0)

ABPI=ankle brachial pressure index.

\*Median presented as data were skewed.