Hello again Glen!

I like to stress that the study was designed (by myself) to show significant reduction of wound areas in HBO treated wounds compared with the placebo treated wounds – nothing else.
That's why only 30 treatments were chosen – and thus saving research-money.
It is not possible to extrapolate to the follow-up results simply because the number of treatments (30) was too few to expect wound healing.
That the small wounds healed after 30 treatments is of course interesting – remembering there had been no tendency to wound healing for at least two years before being treated with HBO!!

A majority of the patients had more than one wound and all wounds in the HBO-group showed the same reduction in wound areas and the wounds in the control group did not show any healing (more than 2-3%).
To compare matching wounds any patient was only chosen once.
Of course you can calculate on all the small wounds in order to get a higher number of wounds, but then you have to give up using just patients once and that would have been a completely different design of the study

If, however, I had given at least 60 treatments (like in the open two studies) the results at the follow up would have been valuable. So ask them to comment on the results of the two open studies instead!

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