

TABLE E-1 Baseline Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of Each Group*

Parameter	Control (N ≤ 67)	Corticosteroid (N ≤ 64)	P Value	No Response, Control + Corticosteroid†
Male‡	10 (15%)	10 (16%)	0.91	
Age§ (yr)	51.6 (12.9)	54.7 (17.4)	0.26	2+4
Current smoker‡	12 (18%)	9 (15%)	0.87	1+4
Currently employed‡	41 (62%)	38 (63%)	0.98	1+4
Degree or equivalent‡	19 (29%)	21 (34%)	0.53	1+3
Body mass index§ (kg/m ²)	27.7 (4.3)	27.6 (5.3)	0.91	4+3
Left foot assessed‡	38 (58%)	38 (61%)	0.67	1+2
Neuromas on both feet‡	10 (15%)	8 (13%)	0.71	2+3
Multiple neuromas on assessed foot‡	25 (39%)	25 (42%)	0.77	3+4
Neuroma size§ (mm)	10.9 (4.4)	9.6 (2.7)	0.26	3+4
Patient global assessment of foot health, pain, and function§#				
Foot Health Thermometer (patient global assessment of foot health)	46.7 (24.2)	44.7 (21.0)	0.62	3+4
Foot pain VAS	66.9 (18.3)	68.0 (14.6)	0.74	13+13**
MAPS sensory pain	2.0 (0.7)	2.1 (0.7)	0.26	24+15††
MAPS emotional pain	1.2 (0.9)	1.2 (0.7)	0.95	24+15††
MFPDS walking/doing	44.7 (23.6)	47.8 (17.8)	0.44	15+11††
MFPDS pain-related	47.8 (21.0)	55.6 (20.5)	0.04	13+11††
MFPDS work and activities	30.3 (28.2)	34.0 (29.4)	0.50	10+11††
Generic health measures§#				
EQ-5D	0.529 (0.334)	0.523 (0.306)	0.91	3+4
General health thermometer	79.6 (16.0)	78.0 (16.4)	0.57	5+4
MAPS well-being	2.3 (1.1)	2.6 (1.0)	0.12	24+15††

*A total of 131 participants were randomized. †Three (pilot) baseline questionnaires (one from the control group and two from the corticosteroid group) were not completed and one (from the corticosteroid group) was only partially completed; these participants did not complete any further questionnaires. In addition, some participants who did complete further questionnaires did not respond to all questions. ‡Values are given as the number of participants, with the percentage of respondents in parentheses. §Values are given as the mean and the standard deviation. #The Foot Health Thermometer and general health thermometer range from 0 (worst) to 100 (best), the EQ-5D ranges from -0.59 (worst) to 1 (best), and the foot pain VAS ranges from 0 (best) to 100 (worst). MFPDS scores have been converted from Likert scale averages to scales that range from 0 (best) to 100 (worst). MAPS sensory pain and emotional pain values range from 0 (best) to 5 (worst); MAPS well-being scores range from 0 (worst) to 5 (best). **This question was missing from several pilot questionnaires. ††Most of these participants answered some, but not all, of the questions in the relevant section.