In the areas assessed the clinicians noted satisfaction in regards to all of the parameters. The majority being rated as ‘very satisfied’. The ActivHeal® Silicone Foam dressing performed well in regards to exudate management, maintaining a moist environment and wound progression which supports the essential requirements of foam dressing when treating patients with wounds (Thomas, 1993). Patients’ tolerance of dressings and ease of removal for the dressing is an important characteristic and fundamental aspect for an adhesive dressing. In terms of acceptability, clinician satisfaction was high with regards to the ease of removal as 90% (n=18) were ‘very satisfied’ and 10% (n=2) were ‘satisfied’. In regards to patient satisfaction to dressing comfort 80% (n=16) were very satisfied with the use of the dressing and 20% (n=4) were satisfied. Reducing the potential mechanisms for pain can help promote patient comfort.

Conclusion:
This study has shown that the New ActivHeal® Silicone Foam dressings to be an acceptable alternative to other silicone dressings in terms of patient comfort, performance and clinician satisfaction. It demonstrates positive endpoints for exudate management, moist wound environment and peri wound protection. Patient satisfaction was high with regards to dressing comfort and removal, and in the long term can assist in the management of friable, vulnerable traumatic damage skin whilst achieving satisfactory clinical outcomes for both the patient and the clinician.