Case #7:

NEVUS

Patient- Female 35 years old.

Patient had a nevus on the left shoulder. We performed shaving followed by electric cautery and treated with modified collagen amorphous gel*. Healed in 13 days.

Case #8:

TRAUMATIC ULCER.

Patient: Male 52 years old.

Patient had a lesion on the lower tibia of left leg after trauma and use of cast, wound measuring 2 1/2" by 1". Duration before collagen was 45 days. Used modified collagen amorphous gel*. Healed in 18 days.

Case #9:

STASIS ULCER

Patient: Male 58 years old.

Patient with serious venous insufficiency in the lower left leg, presenting stasis ulcer measuring 2 1/2" in diameter measuring three years. Started using modified collagen amorphous gel*, after site cleaning. Reepithelialization occurred in 60 days. (photo not shown)

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The authors would like to stress that the use of amorphous gel and dressings based on modified collagen and glycerine resulted in an advance in acceleration of wound closure and provided an early prevention of hypertrophic scarring. The authors being familiar with the many discussions and publications on tissue repair agents and with the many products entering the market at very high prices, conclude that this combination dressing technology with its multiple advantages (slowing down or eliminating the infection process with its bacteriostatic/fungistatic capacity and accelerating the normal healing process), presents economical and viable solution to eliminating or reducing many of the common challenges for these types of wounds.

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Case #1:

KERATOACANTHOMA
Patient - Male 55 years old.

Photo 1: 09/21/05
Patient had a nodular ulcer in the shin of his left leg. Excision was performed and use of modified collagen amorphous gel* began immediately. Healed within 25 days.

Photo 2: 10/31/05

Photo 3: 12/05/05

Case #2:

KERATOACANTHOMA
Patient - Male 63 years old.

Photo 2: 10/31/05
Patient had a rapidly expanding ulcer in the tibia region. Biopsy showed keratoacanthoma profile. Excision was performed followed by skin graft which later necrotized. After 40 days wound did not heal with our standard treatment and modified collagen amorphous gel* protocol began.

Case #3:

ACNE SCAR
Patient: Male 45 years.

Patient had crater-like scars caused by acne on his face. After mechanical dermabrasion, we used a gel sheet of modified collagen**. Patient experienced comfort while using dressing and did not show presence of infection.

Case #4:

ACNE SCAR
Patient: Male 23 years.

Case #5:

TRAUMA SCAR DUE TO AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.
Patient - Female 43 years old.

Case #6:

ACNE SCAR
Patient – Female 23 years old.

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