Letter to the Editor

Dermatologica, 1983;167:111

Elastosis perforans serpiginosa

F.		Ayala
P.		Donofrio

Cologne

Prof. Dr. med. G.K. Steigleder, Direktor der Universitäts-Hautklinik Köln, Joseph-Stelzmann-Strasse 9, Cologne (FRG)

Sir,

The introduction of this article reads as follows: 'First described by Lutz and shortly after recognized by Miescher, elastosis perforans serpignosa (EPS) is a rare cutaneous connective tissue disorder

As I mentioned in my paper, Allgemeine Pathologie der Haut, p. 291 , in Dermatologie und Venerologie (edited by H.Ä. Gottron and W. Schönfeld, vol. 1, part 1, Thieme, Stuttgart 1961), comparable cases were already described in 1947 by Jones and Smith (Archs Derm. Syph. 56:425,1947). This article, which is often quoted with regard to an outline of porokeratosis, has obviously not been read, for the pictures make positively clear that the very clinical picture, later on called elastosis perforans serpiginosa, is concerned. I have corresponded on this matter with the late Prof. G. Miescher who perfectly agreed with my point of view.

I permit myself once more to draw your attention to these facts and remain with the kindest regards,