Supplementary Material

Supplementary Table S1. Results of the statistical analysis for wound closure rates at weeks 2, 4, 6, and 8 in ChitoCare and placebo arms. Number of patients with event/number of all patients with rates in brackets are presented with *P* value based on Fisher's exact probability test.

	ChitoCare arm	Placebo arm	P value
Complete wound closure:			
Week 2	0/18 (0.0%)	0/24 (0.0%)	/
Week 4	1/18 (5.6%)	0/24 (0.0%)	0.429
Week 6	1/18 (5.6%)	1/24 (4.2%)	1.000
Week 8	1/18 (5.6%)	1/24 (4.2%)	1.000
75% wound closure:			
Week 2	2/18 (11.1%)	1/24 (4.2%)	0.567
Week 4	3/18 (16.7%)	1/24 (4.2%)	0.297
Week 6	6/18 (33.3%)	3/24 (12.5%)	0.139
Week 8	7/18 (38.9%)	3/24 (12.5%)	0.070
50% wound closure:			
Week 2	2/18 (11.1%)	2/24 (8.3%)	1.000
Week 4	5/18 (27.8%)	3/24 (12.5%)	0.256
Week 6	9/18 (50.0%)	4/24 (16.7%)	0.041
Week 8	11/18 (61.1%)	5/24 (20.8%)	0.011

Supplementary Table S2. Results of the statistical analysis for the relative reduction in wound surface area and the improvement in wound state at weeks 2, 4, 6, and 8 in ChitoCare and placebo arms. Total N is smaller for some outcomes due to patient drop-out or missing data. Statistically significant results (P values < 0.05) are marked in bold. P values are based on nonparametric Mann-Whitney U test.

	ChitoCare arm	Placebo arm	P value
Relative reduction (%) in wo	ound surface area* (N total)		
Median (Q ₁ ; Q ₃)			
Mean (SD)			
Week 2	18	24	
	20.3 (2.1; 40.0)	1.4 (-18.3; 23.8)	0.124
	16.6 (42.2)	2.4 (38.3)	
Week 4	15	20	
	34.6 (-7.0; 72.0)	6.5 (0.2; 39.6)	0.199
	34.9 (41.8)	17.6 (35.6)	0.100
Week 6	13	19	
	68.3 (41.0; 81.0)	18.0 (9.3; 41.8)	0.009
	60.3 (30.3)	24.8 (36.6)	
Week 8	13	17	
Weeko	76.8 (64.6; 89.5)	29.6 (6.4; 48.8)	0.004
	70.3 (27.7)	19.1 (70.7)	0.004
Bates-Jensen wound assesn	nent (N total)		
Relative change (%) from ba	seline score: Median (Q ₁ ; Q ₃)		
Score [†] : Median (Q ₁ ; Q ₃)			
Week 2	16	22	
	2.0 (-13.9; 0.0)	0.0 (0.0; 0.0)	0.023
	25 (23; 30)	27 (26; 28)	0.467
	25 (25, 50)	27 (20, 20)	0.407
Week 4	14	19	
	-18.5 (-36.7; 0.0)	0.0 (-4.2; 3.7)	0.006
	20.5 (19; 28)	27 (23; 29)	0.020
Week 6	12	18	
	-22.6 (-43.7; 2.0)	-1.7 (-7.7; 3.7)	0.027
	20 (16; 25)	27 (23; 29)	0.009
Week 8	12	17	
	-27.5 (-45.9; -11.6)	-3.6 (-14.8; 3.3)	0.023
	19.5 (15; 23.5)	24 (21; 28)	0.023
	crease in wound surface area	- ((, 20)	0.020

* A negative value implies an increase in wound surface area

[†] A lower score implies a better wound state

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