NAIL MELANOMA
A study of the International Dermoscopy Society

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Aim
To evaluate whether the size of nail band and its color (brown versus gray) is related to melanoma diagnosis.

Method
International, multicenter, retrospective and observational study on nail melanoma.

Data collection
Inclusion criteria: Solitary nail band with histopathologic diagnosis. Please note that the lesion should be a pigmented band; red to black globules (i.e. in subungual hemorrhage) are excluded from this study.

Lesions with clinical and dermoscopic high quality images should be provided. It is mandatory to have a ruler on the image (either clinical or dermoscopy image) to measure the size of nail band.
Age, sex, location, histopathologic diagnosis are required.

In the case of any missing data, no further inquiry of the study coordinator will be possible to the sending centre and the case will not be available any more for this study.

Data collection will be closed in July 2014.

Data analyzing
The collected data will be analysed to determine the threshold of the size of nail band and its color that can potentially discriminate nail melanoma from other nail pigmentation.

Manuscript for publication
Everyone who sends at least one case will be named in a possible manuscript; if the number of participating colleagues is too high for the journal, the maximum of colleagues according to the number of included cases will be named and the remaining colleagues will be included into the "Group of IDS", which refers to the list of all participating colleagues into the manuscript.

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