

(1) Histopathological findings among the studied groups:

| Aspects | Pruritus group (n=20) | Non-pruritus group (n=20) | Healthy skin (N=20) |
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| Epidermis | | | |
| Epidermal hyperplasia (irregular acanthosis) | Present | Absent | Absent |
| Dermis | | | |
| Perivascular lymphocytic infiltrate | Mild to moderate density of perivascular lymphocytes and histiocytes (range: 5-8 cells) | Subtle (range: 2-4 cells) | Subtle |
| Dermal vascular ectasia | Present | Absent | Absent |
| Lymphocytic vasculopathy | Present | Absent | Absent |
| Hypertrophied nerves | Present | Absent | Absent |
| Mast cells (Giemsa stain) | Present (5-10 cells) in perivascular, about nerves (nerve-mast cell contact) and in interstitial distribution | Rare (range: 1-2 cells, in perivascular location) | rare (range: 1-2 cells, in perivascular location) |
| Subcutis | | | |
| | No significant pathologic changes | No significant pathologic changes | No significant pathologic changes |