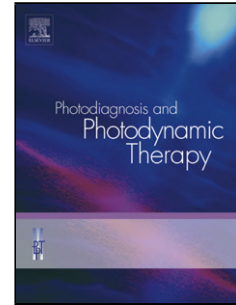


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Highlights

- Photodynamic therapy is a simple and effective type of treatment for potentially malignant disorders;
- It is a minimally invasive technique that results in less morbidity and mutilation;
- However, there is still a need for standardized of protocols for its application;
- With a protocol, the application of photodynamic therapy will be standardized and more reliable for clinical investigations.

ABSTRACT

Introduction: Oral cancer is a serious public health issue. Apart from its high rate of prevalence, incidence and mortality, it can often result in more complex and expensive treatment when diagnosed late. Potentially malignant disorders (PMDs) can precede oral cancer, and are usually treated by surgical excision. However, in many cases patients are elderly and multiple interventions may be

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