SDC 1: Scar Severity Scales and Patient Reported Assessment of Outcome

1a: Physician global assessment (Overall Opinion item of Patient and Observer Scar Assessment Scale [POSAS]):

Physicians were asked to rate the severity of the patient’s scar using the overall opinion question of the POSAS scale. The scale (see below) has ten points, ranging from 1 = normal skin to 10 = worst imaginable scar.
1b: Physician scar assessment (complete POSAS)
Physicians rated the severity of the patient’s scar using the complete POSAS questionnaire. This included vascularity, pigmentation, thickness, relief, pliability, surface area, overall opinion. The scale (see above) has ten points, ranging from 1 = normal skin to 10 = worst imaginable scar and each component was rated accordingly.

1c: Patient Global Assessment (Overall Opinion of POSAS)

Patients were asked to rate the severity of their own scar, using the overall opinion question of the POSAS scale. The scale (see below) has ten points, ranging from 1 = normal skin to 10 = very different from normal skin.