

**Table 2:** Large loop excision of the transformation zone (LLETZ) treatment features of the two groups of women treated by the two colposcopists.

	Colposcopist A (n=60)	Colposcopist B (n=18)	p-values
Pretreatment cytology test (severe dyskaryosis + moderate dyskaryosis)			
No	20 (34.5)	1 (5.6)	<b>0.017<sup>c</sup></b>
Yes	38 (65.5)	17 (94.4)	
Colposcopic appearance at treatment			
Normal/Low-grade/HPV/inflammation	24 (40)	12 (66.7)	<b>0.047<sup>b</sup></b>
High-grade	36 (60)	6 (33.3)	
TZ type			
Type 1	58 (96.7)	14 (77.8)	<b>0.012<sup>c</sup></b>
Type 2	2 (3.3)	2 (11.1)	
Type 3	0 (0)	2 (11.1)	
Loop size used			
12 mm	1 (1.7)	1 (5.6)	<b>&lt;0.001<sup>c</sup></b>
15 mm	10 (16.7)	14 (77.8)	
18 mm	49 (81.7)	2 (11.1)	
20 mm	0 (0)	1 (5.6)	
Presumed excised depth (mm), median (IQR)	12 (10-12)	10 (8-15)	0.174 <sup>a</sup>
Actual excised depth (mm), median (IQR)	11 (8.5-12)	14.5 (11-16)	<b>0.002<sup>a</sup></b>
Absolute difference between presumed and actual excised depth (mm), median (IQR)	2 (1-3)	3.5 (1-5)	0.100
Percentage difference between presumed and actual excised depth (%), median (IQR)	16.6 (10-30)	35.4 (10-50)	<b>0.041<sup>a</sup></b>
Excised volume (cm <sup>3</sup> ), median (IQR)	1.5 (1-1.9)	1.7 (1-2.5)	0.217 <sup>a</sup>
Excised tissue base surface (mm <sup>2</sup> ), median (IQR)	200.2 (153.5-282.6)	203.3 (153.1-247.3)	0.522 <sup>a</sup>
d1 diameter of excised tissue (mm), median (IQR)	17.5 (15-20)	18 (15-21)	0.900 <sup>a</sup>
d2 diameter of excised tissue (mm), median (IQR)	15 (13-18)	13.5 (13-15)	0.257 <sup>a</sup>
Excised cervical tissue histopathology			
CIN1	10 (16.7)	2 (11.1)	0.900 <sup>c</sup>
CIN2-CIN3	43 (71.6)	14 (77.8)	
HPV/inflammation/normal	7 (11.6)	2 (11.2)	
Excision margin status			
Incomplete endocervical margin	5 (8.6)	1 (6.3)	0.458 <sup>b</sup>
Incomplete ectocervical margin	26 (44.8)	7 (43.8)	
Incomplete both margins	4 (6.9)	0 (0)	
Complete excision	23 (39.7)	8 (50)	

Values represent number of patients (with percentage in brackets) unless stated otherwise, <sup>a</sup>: Mann-Whitney test, <sup>b</sup>: chi-square test, <sup>c</sup>: Fisher's exact test, LLETZ: large loop excision of the transformation zone, TZ: transformation zone, IQR: interquartile range, CIN: cervical intraepithelial neoplasia, HPV: human papilloma virus. There are missing values for the pretreatment cytology test for women treated by colposcopist A, as two women were referred for a clinically suspicious cervix and therefore only a cervical punch biopsy was taken and not a cytology test. This means that the only cytology test available would be the one taken many years ago and therefore does not reflect the current pretreatment cytology status and for this reason it was not included.