

## **Methods**

Fourteen patients with typical features of HS (axillae and groins) and ectopic HS lesions on the abdomen at the level of the waistband were identified during routine appointments at the HS outpatient clinic of the Department of Dermatology of the Deventer Hospital in the Netherlands.

The HS questionnaires were completed by all 14 patients attending the department at the first consultation [13]. All questionnaires and notes with clinical information were retrospectively reviewed. Furthermore, clinical photographs and routine HE histological preparations were reviewed, where available. For this type of retrospective investigation, no medical ethical committee approval is required under Dutch law.