Pemphigus Vulgaris vs Bullous Pemphigoid

Depth of the blister, Nikolsky sign and age

PV Pemphigus vulgaris

- flaccid, intraepidermal blisters
- Nikolsky positive
- mucosal involvement
- anti-desmoglein
- more severe

BP Bullous pemphigoid

- tense, subepidermal blisters
- Nikolsky negative
- spares mucosa
- anti-basement membrane
- older adults

Flaccid	Tense	Antibodies
Nikolsky positive, mucosa: pemphigus	Nikolsky negative, older adult: pemphigoid	Pemphigus: desmoglein Pemphigoid: basement membrane

Pemphigoid has the better prognosis