Harvesting split skin graft from degloved skin—why waste dermis?

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Sir,

Mopuri et al. describe a technique for harvesting a split skin graft from degloved skin, but have totally missed the point about how best to manage the degloved skin.

McGrowther and Sully describe the use of the Gibson–Ross dermatome because the whole point is to convert the degloved skin into a full-thickness skin graft which will give a much better cosmetic and functional result than a split skin graft.

If the skin surface of the degloved skin is damaged, it would be unsuitable for taking a split skin graft, yet as long

as the dermis/fat interface is undamaged, it can still be used as a Wolfe graft.

The take of properly defatted degloved skin is excellent. Why waste precious dermis?

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