The Bony Cartilaginous Unit

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Abstract To achieve an acceptable result in septorhinoplasty, sufficient septal cartilage is needed. There are many cases in which septal cartilage is insufficient, especially in revision surgery or in some races such as Asian. To obtain an ideal outcome, a bony cartilaginous unit (septal cartilage/ethmoid bone composite graft) is proposed as a versatile graft for different purpose such as caudal extension graft.

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To the Editor,

In January 2017, *Aesthetic Plastic Surgery* published an article by Soo Hyang Lee et al. entitled “Septal Cartilage/Ethmoid Bone Composite Graft: A New and Improved Method for the Correction of Underdeveloped Nasal Septum in Patients with Short Noses” [1].

The article explained using a cartilaginous bone complex as a septal extension graft to correct short noses in patients with limited amounts of cartilage. The authors claimed that they developed a new technique for the first time that simultaneously harvests the ethmoid bone and septal cartilage as a whole unit.

We acknowledge the excellent study. However, the above-mentioned technique was already published in August 2016 by the senior author (AAS) “The bony cartilaginous unit: the missing graft in septorhinoplasty” [2]. In his article, he explained the very same technique to harvest the cartilaginous septum and posterior bony part as an integrated unit to compensate for the limited amount of cartilage available. Our unit has also experienced excellent outcomes with the use of this type of graft in septorhinoplasty.

I would be happy to provide you with additional information. Thank you for your appreciation.

Compliance with Ethical Standards

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