


Response to Comments Made on “Alternative Rhinoplasty Technique: Rotational Spreader Flap (Rabbit Flap)”

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Dear Sir,

We were pleased to read the comment on our study entitled: “An Alternative Rhinoplasty Technique: Rotational Spreader Flap (Rabbit Flap)” [1]. First, we did in fact cite the paper of Bohluli et al., who first described the technique [2]. We used the adjective “alternative” rather than “novel”. The paper of Bohluli et al. appeared in 2013 [2]. Unfortunately, 1 year later, Kuran et al. and Bertossi et al. described identical techniques, mistakenly describing them as “novel” [3, 4]. Ozucer and Ozturan [5] did comment that this was inappropriate, but Kuran et al. [6] did not respond in a substantive manner. Gruber described the cephalic part of the lower lateral cartilage as “the tails of the lateral crus”, but the details remain those of Bohluli et al. [2, 7].

As your correspondent opined, our study is essentially methodological in nature. We objectively measured both the nasolabial and nasal axis angles preoperatively, and no earlier than 1 year post-operatively. Patient satisfaction is critical when evaluating rhinoplastic outcomes. We thus

asked all patients to complete rhinoplastic outcome questionnaires both pre- and post-operatively.

We agree that the technique must be enshrined in textbooks, and given a unique descriptor to prevent confusion. We thank the correspondents for their useful comments.

Compliance with Ethical Standards

Conflict of interest The author declares that he has no conflicts of interest to disclose.

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