LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Reply to “Letter
to the Editor: Expanding
the Indications
for Latissimus Dorsi
Musculocutaneous Flap
in Totally Autologous Breast
Reconstruction”**

DEAR SIRS:

On behalf of myself and my coauthors, I would like to thank you for such a careful and thoughtful reading of our review article,¹ and for finding a topic that could be added: the “extended” latissimus dorsi flap. Although meant to be relatively exhaustive, we realize that our review could not be perfectly all-inclusive. We wholeheartedly agree that the “extended” latissimus dorsi flap is used in some centers

to create a fully autogenous reconstruction without implants, and thus welcome your addition to the literature. In that spirit, we encourage you to send your data in the form of a full manuscript to a scientific journal for peer-review, rather than simply as a letter to the editor, and thus greatly expand the validity and import of your contribution.

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