
Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor

I would like to congratulate you and your team, for the inclusion of our journal in SciELO. This is, indeed, a great achievement for our society. However, the references of the articles published in our journal should be accurate so as to ensure that important studies are not prevented from being cited. Such inaccuracies recently occurred in 2 articles, namely, “Ninoplasty: classification and technical refinements”¹ and “Inclusion of calf implants for the correction of lower limb amyotrophy”², published in the 26.3 edition (July to September 2011) of the **Revista Brasileira de Cirurgia Plástica (Brazilian Journal of Plastic Surgery)**.

In the first article mentioned above, the authors proposed a classification for the hypertrophy of small lips, without mentioning another classification previously published³⁻⁶. We would also like to emphasize that the hypertrophy of small lips is a pathology that differs from the hypertrophy of prepuce, the latter being a different condition that may not be related.

In the second article, we would like to suggest 2 of our published articles^{7,8}.

I recommend both articles for publication, as they mainly deal with subjects that have so far been poorly described in the national and global literature. Moreover, the personal experience of the authors will certainly contribute to new publications.

Before publishing their articles, I would like to remind our colleagues to search in the Bibliographic Index of SBCP, authored by Evaldo Alves D’Assumpção and Osvaldo Saldanha.

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Dear Editor

With reference to the study entitled “Augmentation brachioplasty: surgery for improving the appearance of the arms”¹, by Abadesso and Serra, published in the *Rev Bras Cir Plást.* 2012;27(1):97-1011, I would like to add that a similar approach was reported by Dini and Ferreira²⁻⁵.

The original article² was published in 2002 after extensive research on corpses of newborns and the preparation of silicone implants of 3 different sizes manufactured by the Brazilian company Silimed (Figure 1).

Initially, these silicone implants were similar to calf implants. Based on averages observed during the dissection, although the silicone implants were bigger than the calf implants, they were thinner and shorter. The drawback of these original prototypes was that the implants could rotate inside the pseudocapsule.

In August 1997, Mr. Cláudio Carvalho, Process Manager, who was responsible for Silimed implant manufacture, arranged for the production of cylindrical implants (shaped like kibes) on our request, to avoid the uncomfortable sensation of a prosthesis that sometimes is vertical and sometimes horizontal. These implants were patented by Silimed, under the numbers 2424899 and 2424900. The authors have forfeited any benefit related to the patent with consideration for the patients and the advancement of the specialty.

These cylindrical implants were manufactured on request as special products, thus becoming custom-made implants. In 2005, the original implant was donated to Dr. Moisés Wolfenson, director of the Museum of the Sociedade Brasileira de Cirurgia Plástica (Brazilian Society of Plastic Surgery), to be included in the collection of historical pieces.

Sincerely,

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Figure 1 – Silicone implants for augmentation brachioplasty manufactured by the Brazilian company Silimed.

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Dear Editor

With reference to the letter by Dr. Gal Moreira Dini, I would like to make the following comments.

The article entitled "Augmentation brachioplasty" by Dini and Ferreira¹, should be listed in our references, as indexed in the main databases. This article, published under section "Letters and Viewpoints," was not found during our initial search. Because of its relevance and to render it easily available, we recommend its publication as an original article.

This study proposes a new technical method that involves a different approach, considering that the implant used differs from those used in previous studies. Our premise is that an ideal implant should provide volume to the region in which is located, an effect achieved by using solid silicone (elastomer). Moreover, it should also define the contour, which can be ensured by placing silicone gel on the surface. This would allow the creation of a mixed implant, which is not yet available commercially.

Silimed® has requested that patents not be held on its products.

In our opinion, this technical method is particularly relevant. It could stimulate the interest of surgeons for this subject area and the generation of new products by this company, which would only occur if the demand for this implant increases. Moreover, we are always open to suggestions and criticism.

The development of new techniques and their constant improvement is essential for Brazil to maintain its position as the leading country in Plastic Surgery.

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