






Increased projection of the nasal tip with “pseudo-flaps” obtained from lateral cephalic excesses of the alar cartilages

Aumento da projeção da ponta nasal com “pseudo-retalhos” obtidos dos excessos cefálicos laterais das cartilagens alares

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Mr. Editor,

We read with great interest the article with the title: “Increase in the projection of the nasal tip with ‘pseudo-flaps’ obtained from excess cephalic alar cartilages” by Bozola et al. in 2019¹, published in the Brazilian Journal of Plastic Surgery. The authors describe a different technical approach to the projection of the nasal tip, using the resected cephalic portion to reduce alar cartilage in rhinoplasty. The concept of using the alar cartilage itself for reuse in the nose area, as reinforcement of alar cartilage², in use as an expander graft³, in the back filling⁴ or the filling of the soft triangle region⁵ has been described in the current literature and we believe that its reuse, in rhinoplasty techniques, is the ideal way.

According to the description of the results, we would like the authors to comment on the following questions regarding this article:

- **First:** An increase in the projection of the nasal tip was observed. What was the instrument used to compare and evaluate the projection objectively?
- **Second:** In increasing the nasal projection, we have several techniques used with sutures and use of grafts, in addition to the technique described, which other techniques were used together in the patients studied?
- **Third:** In the description, patients reported a satisfactory result. Which instrument was used to measure the pre and postoperative evaluation of these patients?

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Finally, we congratulate the authors for their work and innovation regarding the rhinoplasty technique.

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Answer

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Dear Reader,

In clarifications to the questions requested regarding the article “Increase of nasal tip projection with pseudo flaps obtained from cephalic excesses of the alar cartilages”:

- **First:** The instrument used for comparison were the photos of Pre and Postoperative profile.
- **Second:** The patients studied were initially submitted to the tactic described without using other procedures.
- **Third:** The instruments used for the analysis of the results were the clinical examination and photos as reported and also the evaluation of the patients themselves. Metric measurements were not used in any of the cases.

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