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Title: Extended pectoralis major myocutaneous flap in head and neck reconstruction

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The manuscript has been improved according to the reviewers' suggestions.

Reviewer #1:

1. The length of the methods section of the abstract is now more detailed.
2. Previous publications have been added to the reference list and appropriately cited.

Reviewer #2:

1. The indications for the use of the extended flap is now more clearly stated in the Results section (lines 5-7).
2. Even though a few cases had a smaller sized skin paddle, an extended flap was utilized. The reasons are given in Discussion [para 3, lines 5-7].
3. The vascular pattern and blood supply of pectoralis major and rectus abdominis is now discussed in more detail (Discussion para 2 lines 8-13).
4. The error in attributing the first pectoralis major flap has now been corrected (Introduction Para 1 line 1)
5. Postoperative care is now specified in Methods Para 2.
6. Table corrections done.
7. Corrections in Abstract done.

Reviewer #3:

1. Technique detail and modification has been clarified in Methods para 1.
2. Even though Russel et al reported on a larger cohort of 27 patients with extended pectoralis flap, they had included upper trunk and shoulder defects, as well as post-traumatic defects in their paper. Our report has a limited, but more uniform cohort of patients with only one indication, i.e. post-ablative head and neck defects.
3. The recommended studies have been included and cited.
4. The reason why an extended flap, rather than a traditional flap, has been utilized is given in Discussion para 3.
5. Conclusion has been rewritten.
6. Years of study now mentioned in the Methods section.
7. Patient 1, with a sagging and thin breast tissue, has her nipple hidden under the drapes at 5'0 clock and is out of view of the picture.
8. Figure 2 legend corrected.
9. The photos that do not add much to the manuscript have been deleted.

10. Photo now oriented.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Otorhinolaryngology*

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