

Response to reviewers

Many thanks for your comments on the article 'Prosthetic Reconstruction of the Trachea: A Historical Perspective'. Your comments were very helpful in improving the quality of this mini-review.

1. Work from the FREGAT group have been emphasised, discussing in more detail their use of fresh and cryopreserved aortic grafts (1990s onwards section).
2. Delaere's work using allotransplants is added to the future developments section.
3. Publication by the Boston airway unit is mentioned in the aortic homografts section.
4. Thank you for suggesting blood supply being a challenge, this nicely links onto the controversies of replacement, and has been added to the conclusion of the article.

We thank you again for reviewing the article, your suggestions were very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

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