

Fat Grafting in Composite Breast Augmentation with Round Implants: A New Concept for Breast Reshaping

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Sir,

We read with great interest the article entitled “Fat Graft in Composite Breast Augmentation with Round Implants: A New Concept for Breast Reshaping” by Maione et al. [1]. Unfortunately, the so-called new concept of this article is not new: It is identical to the anatomization of round implants by fat grafting (Fig. 1) described by Auclair, Blondeel and Del Vecchio in their 2013 paper in *PRS* [2]. Even if sharing clinical experience can be of great interest, we believe that the authors should not ignore that the concept of composite breast augmentation has been largely described previously [2–7]. A large retrospective review was published in *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery* in 2017 on the same subject over 150 patients [8]. Major advantages of the technique have been precisely described

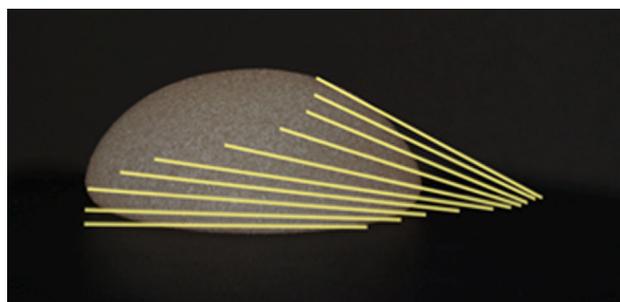


Fig. 1 Anatomization of round implant by fat grafting

such as avoiding the risk of malrotation or implant animation and achieving a natural result (Fig. 2a, b).

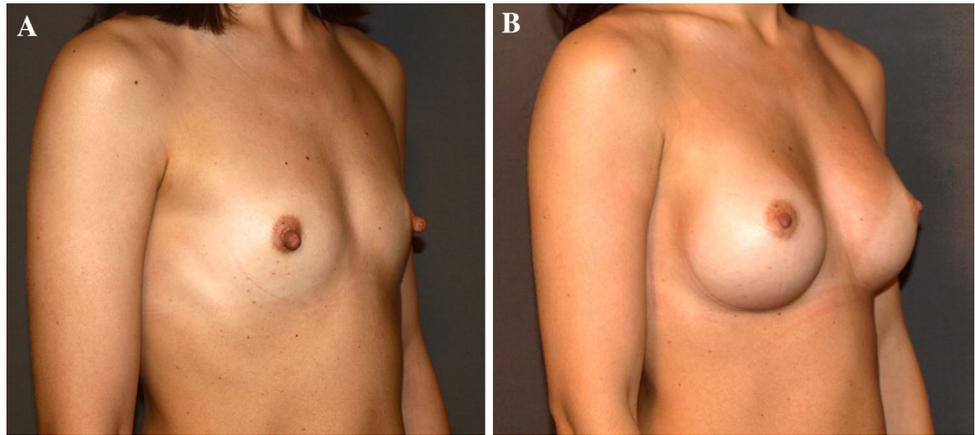
We strongly believe that results of cosmetic procedures need to be published, but effort must be made to perform a solid bibliography to avoid declaring previously published procedures as a new concept. Nevertheless, we are glad to see that other teams around the world are able to produce harmonious and natural looking results using composite breast augmentation.

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Fig. 2 **a** Preoperative photograph **b** postoperative photograph taken 2 years after composite breast augmentation



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