

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Comments regarding: Goldstein G and Vyas S. Defining the ascending ramus:
A search. J Prosthet Dent 2018;119:925-7

Dear Editor:



In the article by Drs Gary Goldstein and Santvana Vyas (Defining the ascending ramus: A search. J Prosthet Dent 2018;119:925-7.) the following statement appears on page 926: "The RMP [retromolar pad] as well as the buccal shelf of the mandible, are considered stress-bearing areas that are used to provide support for mandibular dentures." An article by Jacobson and Krol (J Prosthet Dent 1983;306-13) was provided as a reference. Actually, Jacobson and Krol stated (page 309), "The retromolar pad is not a favorable denture-bearing area. The junction of the pear-shaped and retromolar pad demarcates the distal border of a properly extended mandibular complete denture."

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Reply:



We offer thanks to Dr Tarlow for his interest in our article and for picking up the typographic error. The sentence should have only had #38 as the reference. In this article, the retromolar pad was mentioned solely as a reliable, fairly consistent, posterior landmark for the mandibular complete denture.

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