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The safety of the superomedial pedicle for gigantomastia

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Corrections made, as per recommendations Examiners

Examiner 1(corrections made highlighted in blue)

- Sensation tested in 5 quadrants of NAC: a) Light touch b) Subjective opinion of the patient after the operation, regarding the sensation of their nipple and areola. They were asked to comment if the sensation was 'the same, 'increased' or 'decreased' compared to before the operation.

- Criticism acknowledged regarding sensation testing.

It would be advisable, in order to make this test more scientific and representative in future would be to test prospectively: light touch, deep touch, pain and temperature and pressure, pre operative and then done at pre-determined intervals post operatively in 5 quadrants.

- The Results Analysis (now p.46, previously p.49): word 'most' was removed.

Corrections made (in blue)

1. Pedicles have been re-drawn as recommended
2. BMI was corrected to BMI ≤ 31
3. IMF-clearance of parenchymal tissue along the IMF is clarified
4. The line is actually redundant and so was removed. The paragraph has been modified for improved clarity.
5. Unfortunately unable to change the title to the one as suggested by Examiner, as all the study patients were not of African origin.

Examiner 2: (corrections made highlighted in green)

- Title: Saved Doc 'Title' spell correction made: Gigantomastia
- The 2 surgeons performing the surgeries have been noted
- The independent panel of judges have been recorded
- Abstract: format corrected according to protocol format:
- Introduction, Patients and Methods, Results and Conclusion.

- **Written permission from Dr. Lakshmi/ unable to find the initial e-mail sent from Dr. Lakshmi-have therefore removed his graft from the study
- Personal pronouns: have been removed from the document
- Short phrases have been converted to full sentences
- Page 28 (now page29) a reference for paragraph 2 has been added
- Page 29 (now p.30) reference of Courtis, Goldwyn,PRS, 1976) has been added
- Etiology of Breast Hypertrophy
- - has been expanded to included the suggestions made as well as references to the works of Bland and Copeland
  - The word 'junk' has been put in inverted commas
  - Penicillamine drug side effects has been discussed under Aetiology (now p.32)
  - The sentence under the title: Iatrogenic has been re-written
  - Sentence 'Void of.' has been re-written as recommended (now p.33)
  -Breast amputation is explained, p.31, with new diagram added, p.25
- Under Objectives

-'Found that' has replaced 4illustrated and the abbreviation for ICS is given (now p.38)

-'Can' is replaced by 'to'

- Spelling error corrected
- P44: 'wont' replaced by 'will not'
- P45: changed to 'which is '
- P40: 42 corrected wording (now p43-45)
- P46: 3 line modified
- An account of NAC sensory competence testing was included. Also it was noted in the Limitation of the study that the manner in which NAC was tested and recorded, and how it should be improved.
- Also guidelines for the opinion of the independent judges have been suggested

- Table 3.2 has been added and so the number of women with decreased NAC sensation is reflected.
- Due to text change pages 45, 46 and 48, which contained mostly tables, whilst available in the electronic version may have not 'printed' well due to errors in text margins of the Tables.

-Tables have been re-sized to fit better and should all be visible, in both electronically and print versions.

- Fat necrosis is described and the study patient presentation, the size and diagnosis thereof noted.
- A discussion on Makki's review of 296 breast reduction patients has been added
- P51-53 sentence and word changes made according to recommendations of examiners
- P.58: Reference has been added for 'sexual sensibility' (now p.56)
- P.59-63-word changes made according to recommendations