

# Review of: "Low Donor Site Morbidity Supports the Use of Infraumbilical Flaps for Head and Neck Reconstruction: A Retrospective Cohort Study"

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- Though the author has mentioned the article as infraumbilical flaps, the flap with vertical skin paddle has the design and scar which is beyond the umbilicus superiorly. Almost 20% of the scar crosses beyond the umbilicus. Moreover VRAM is the most commonly performed flap.
- In VRAM, generally there is lateral displacement of the scar. Also the author has mentioned that the scar was assessed objectively by the surgeons. There should have been subjective assessment of the scar and umbilical position by the patient.
- The author has mentioned that unilateral DIEAP flap has been done in 3 patients. How was the donor site closed in such patients. If the contralateral abdominal skin is excised, to maintain symmetry, then the benefit mentioned by the author to use the contralateral side for another flap is lost in such cases. If the other side is not removed, then there would be a gross deformity.
- How was the donor site closed in the case where bilateral VRAM was performed.
- The skin quality and availability in the infra umbilical area grossly differs between men and women. Will this influence the flap selection. This has not been mentioned in the study.
- Also request the author to do the necessary language corrections and a better representation of the contents