

# 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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The article is a retrospective study of the donor site morbidity of infraumbilical flaps. There are several points to refine.

First, the novelty of this paper should be clearly stated. The authors should refer what is already known and what is not about infraumbilical flaps, and should show the difference of their paper from the past reports.

Second, the low donor site morbidity is not proved from the result of this paper since the overall rate of postoperative abdominal complications of infraumbilical flaps was 11%, which is not lower than the rate of abdominal complications of standard periumbilical flaps of 3.5%-20%. The authors should change the title of this paper at least and reveal the advantages of infraumbilical flaps compared to standard periumbilical flaps other than the donor site morbidity.

Finally, the relatively high flap necrosis rate (4/35 cases) cannot be overlooked. The authors should analyze the cause.