Response to Letter to the Editor on “Extended Inferior Turbinate Flap for Endoscopic Reconstruction of Skull Base Defects.” J Neurol Surg B 2014;75(B4):225–230

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Thank you for bringing this omission to our attention. The omission is understandable considering that the article by Rivera-Serrano et al¹ was solely an online publication requiring journal subscription and was not available to us for review. A PubMed search for “inferior turbinate flap” does not list the publication presumably because it is described as a “posterior pedicle lateral nasal wall flap.” In our opinion, the inclusion of the septal mucosa as an extension of the inferior turbinate flap is a novel modification of the inferior turbinate flap that greatly enhances reconstructive options.²

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This reply letter was scheduled to be published in the April issue of the journal along with the original Letter to the Editor by Dr. Carrau. The publisher regrets this omission and apologizes for any inconvenience caused.