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Re: “Lower Eyelid Involutional Ectropion Repair With Lateral Tarsal Strip and Internal Retractor Reattachment With Full-Thickness Eyelid Sutures”

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To the Editor

We read with interest the report by Ghafouri et al.¹ on “Lower eyelid involutional ectropion repair with lateral tarsal strip and internal retractor reattachment with full-thickness eyelid sutures.” The authors present a useful technique to repair ectropion associated with lower eyelid retractor disinsertion. We believe that numerous patients would benefit from readvancement of the lower eyelid retractors, in addition to horizontal tightening. We also mention a method of reinserting the retractors using the Putterman ptosis clamp (Manchester, MD).² This method allows the surgeon to advance the retractors and resolve the ectropion with a stable eyelid and minimal bleeding. Using this ptosis clamp simplifies the procedure and avoids the need for dissection and isolation of the retractors, while still using a scarless posterior approach. Thus, we support the Ghafouri et al.¹ in their approach to lower eyelid ectropion repair, but we suggest using the Putterman ptosis clamp as another option for these patients.

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