

# Author's Reply

## Reply to Klinger et al

Dear Editor,

We thank prof. Klinger et al for their interesting comment on our review<sup>1</sup>. His group has an extensive and well known experience on the use of lipofilling in several clinical conditions.

Concerning its use on irradiated expanders, who writes first described it<sup>2</sup> (on this journal, in 2011) for patients undergoing unplanned postmastectomy radiotherapy (early breast cancers with specific risk factors), and later on in 2013 expanded the applications<sup>3</sup> to patients where radiotherapy was planned in advance (advanced breast cancers). The rationale of our protocol, which we called "protective lipofilling", was to *protect* the expanded skin from ulceration and other complications.

As an adjunct to our protocol *before* second stage breast reconstruction, Klinger's group also uses lipofilling *during* the second stage, a practice which we have adopted since their contribution in 2014<sup>4</sup>.

We know that this philosophy has gained wide acceptance in several breast centers in Italy, because of its great results in terms of reducing complications.

### Conflict of Interest

The Authors declare that they have no conflict of interests.

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