Correspondence

To the Editor,

I read with interest the article “Hypospadias: anatomy, etiology, and technique” by L Baskin and MB Ebbers [1]. I need to inform you that the method mentioned there—tubularized incised plate repair, also known as the Snodgrass procedure, was originally reported by me in detail in Urologia Polska (Polish Urology) in 1987 [2] and presented internationally in Vienna in 1989 [3]. Late results have been reported recently [4]. In addition, an informal story about the method has been presented recently [5]. The authors rightly describe the technique as a revolution which had long been ignored, as I feel it now, partly because it appeared too versatile, too easy to learn, and too revolutionary. The evolution of my studies into how wide a urethra we should reconstruct in order to further standardize hypospadias repair, with suggestions of a new hypospadias classification, is accessible online [6].

Yours sincerely,

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Reply to letter to the editor

Dear Dr. Orkiszewski,

I read with interest your letter to the editor concerning our article on hypospadias (J Pediatr Surg. 2006;41:463). I appreciate the chance to review your description of your procedure for redo hypospadias titled “Urethral reconstruction in skin deficit,” published in Urologia Polska [Polish Urology] 1987;40:12-15. I have taken the liberty of republishing Fig. 1 from this article, reinforcing the idiom that a picture is worth a thousand words. Congratulations on your outstanding contribution to hypospadias reconstruction, which has proven to be successful for not only redo hypospadias but also for primary urethral reconstruction. In the future, I encourage you to publish your data in journals that are accessible via Medline so that all hypospadiologists and their patients may benefit.

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Fig. 1 Primary tubularization with incision of urethral place. Reprinted with permission from Urologia Polska. 1987;40:12-15.