

SURGEON'S REPLY

Dear Sir,

With reference to Professor Khan's eloquent letter to the Editor regarding the adult conjoined twins' surgery, I would like to assure him and readers of the Singapore Medical Journal that the details of the surgical procedure have already been presented as lectures in several international conferences⁽¹⁻³⁾, and is also being prepared as a manuscript for submission to Journal of Neurosurgery. In addition, two papers describing related information concerning the twins have been published while another is under review⁽⁴⁻⁶⁾.

Like Professor Khan, I believe that details of such rarely performed and complex surgeries should be submitted to medical journals for the purposes of archiving such events, advancing scientific knowledge, and helping future clinicians who may have to treat such cases.

Yours sincerely,

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The Instructions to Authors have been updated. Please refer to pages 366-369 of the current issue of the journal and to the website (<http://www.sma.org/smj/instructions.pdf>).

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