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Dear Editor

With reference to the study entitled “Augmentation brachioplasty: surgery for improving the appearance of the arms”¹, by Abadesso and Serra, published in the *Rev Bras Cir Plást.* 2012;27(1):97-1011, I would like to add that a similar approach was reported by Dini and Ferreira²⁻⁵.

The original article² was published in 2002 after extensive research on corpses of newborns and the preparation of silicone implants of 3 different sizes manufactured by the Brazilian company Silimed (Figure 1).

Initially, these silicone implants were similar to calf implants. Based on averages observed during the dissection, although the silicone implants were bigger than the calf implants, they were thinner and shorter. The drawback of these original prototypes was that the implants could rotate inside the pseudocapsule.

In August 1997, Mr. Cláudio Carvalho, Process Manager, who was responsible for Silimed implant manufacture, arranged for the production of cylindrical implants (shaped like kibes) on our request, to avoid the uncomfortable sensation of a prosthesis that sometimes is vertical and sometimes horizontal. These implants were patented by Silimed, under the numbers 2424899 and 2424900. The authors have forfeited any benefit related to the patent with consideration for the patients and the advancement of the specialty.

These cylindrical implants were manufactured on request as special products, thus becoming custom-made implants. In 2005, the original implant was donated to Dr. Moisés Wolfenson, director of the Museum of the Sociedade Brasileira de Cirurgia Plástica (Brazilian Society of Plastic Surgery), to be included in the collection of historical pieces.

Sincerely,

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Figure 1 – Silicone implants for augmentation brachioplasty manufactured by the Brazilian company Silimed.

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