Editor’s Note on: Clinical Trial Outcomes of High- and Extra High–Profile Breast Implants

Foad Nahai, MD, FACS

Dr Adams’s Commentary on the article entitled “Clinical Trial Outcomes of High- and Extra High–Profile Breast Implants” is the kind of thoughtful discourse and diversity of opinion we encourage in Aesthetic Surgery Journal (ASJ). Such discussions and disagreements are the hallmark of any respected scientific journal. It is my expectation that his hard-hitting Commentary will stimulate even further debate on this issue.

Whether the article was worthy of publication in ASJ was based on feedback given during our rigorous peer review process, the integrity of which I have commented upon previously in these pages.1 The article was evaluated by 7 reviewers, including members of our own Editorial Board. It was immediately clear to me from the reviews that this would be a controversial article. The majority of the reviewers felt that it would add worthwhile scientific information to our literature—not to mention that it would stimulate high-level critical thinking and debate among our readers, the goals of any scientific publication.

With regard to the question of including authors who are employees of the manufacturer, I have addressed conflict of interest and transparency issues in previous editorials,2,3 which I would encourage you to read so you can formulate your own opinion on how author relationships affect the overall scientific weight and validity of any article.

I thank the authors for submitting their work to us, and I am grateful to Dr Adams for his Commentary. I look forward to further debate on this issue and invite you to submit Letters to the Editor if you have anecdotal thoughts on high-profile implants in your own clinical practices.

Disclosures

The author declared no potential conflicts of interest with respect to the research, authorship, and publication of this article.

REFERENCES


Dr Nahai is Editor-in-Chief of Aesthetic Surgery Journal.