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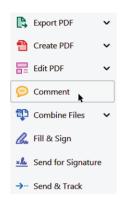
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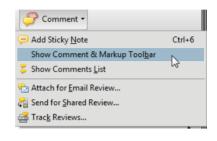


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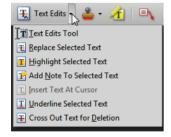


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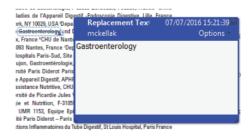
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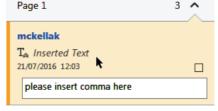


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Response to: Anatomical Variations in the Course of Labial Arteries: A Literature Review

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Thank you for your letter¹ regarding our article entitled "Anatomical Variations in the Course of Labial Arteries: A Literature Review."² We thank the publisher for confirming how the error regarding Figure 1 was introduced and that they are correcting it.

The objective of this article is to bring the following to $_{25}$ the attention of practitioners:

- 1. The vasculature of the perioral region is highly variable, making this region a high-risk zone;
- 2. As such, every injection in this region carries risk of accidental vascular adverse events;
- ³⁰ 3. Knowledge of anatomy is essential but not a guarantee of prevention of accidental vascular adverse events;
 - 4. Injection of dermal fillers in this area should be done with great caution;
- 5. Practitioners must be aware and equipped with knowledge, protocols, and relevant medications to recognize and deal with such adverse events promptly should they occur.

We agree with Dr DeLorenzi³ that there are no "risk-free zones" and left this conclusion to be made by the readers demonstrating such high variability reported in the literature.

We thank you for sharing your opinion regarding 3-mm depth and the mean distance of 1 to 2 cm because this supports the conclusion of our review. We are glad that the paper by Sheuer et al⁴ also supports these conclusions. Such consensus makes available clinical evidence stronger and guides practitioners towards better patient care and a safer practice as intended.

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