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Comment: Clinical experience with complications of hand rejuvenation

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I am indebted to Park et al. for continuing to share their experience treating complications of fillers.¹ The article did not mention where the initial treatment was rendered. In their facial filler article, Park et al. wrote that all of those patients had their initial injections elsewhere.² I assume that some, if not all, of their hand patients were initially treated elsewhere as opposed to having been treated at Park et al.'s institutions where the prior records should have been readily available. It is well known that there can be marked differences between what a patient believes was injected and what was indeed injected.^{3,4}

The authors presented a treatment algorithm that is based upon what filler was injected. They wrote:

"For CaHA fillers, our clinical experience suggests that treatment with intralesional steroids or hyaluronidase injection is not appropriate."¹

Thus, it is important for readers to know that the authors had first hand knowledge of what fillers were injected as the algorithm recommended different treatments for hyaluronic acid, calcium hydroxyapatite (CaHA) and other fillers.

Could the authors please explain how they knew what fillers had been injected before instituting treatment?

- Did they solely rely upon the patient's history?
- Did they review prior medical records?
- Did they find certain characteristics for different fillers on physical examination and imaging studies? If so, what were these characteristics?

- Did they perform preliminary biopsies that were subjected to chemical analysis?

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