Reviewer’s report

Title: Reconstruction of a dorsal thoracic wall defect by the dorsal intercostal artery perforator flap after removal of a bulky cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma.

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Reviewer: Lovenish Bains

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Comments: Yes, DICAP flaps are being used from a decade only.

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Very nicely written article highlighting DICAP flap which has recently seen a kind of spurt of usage.

I have few suggestions:

1. We are postponing the coverage--- ?? ?? Rephrase this sentence.
2. Discussion can be more comprehensive with history of perforator flaps and this flap, who found it.
3. Advantages of this flap over other flaps in vicinity and any technical difficulty vis a vis other flaps in vicinity

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