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We read with interest the novel “Y” incision/rectangular patch aortic annulus enlargement technique by Prof Bo Yang, which has been clearly described with great illustrations\(^1\). We congratulate Prof Bo Yang on such a great solution to small aortic roots.

We recently performed our first “Y” incision/rectangular patch root enlargement in our unit, we found Prof Yang right to describe the technique as a “simple” way to enlarge the aortic annulus\(^1\). Before this letter, this technique had been described as the “Y” incision/rectangular patch technique to clearly describe the “Y” configuration of the incision carried down between the left coronary/non-coronary commissure post, as well as the rectangular shape of the patch used for the reconstruction of the enlarged root\(^1,2\). We acknowledge that such a description is clear and without any faults. However, we have also realized the procedure needs a name apart from the description of its two main technical components, the incision type and patch shape. After obtaining consent from Prof Yang via an email communication on our proposal to rename the procedure after him, we are happy to formally rename the procedure “The Yang Procedure” in honor of the inventor, Prof Bo Yang.

The Editorial team, allow us to introduce the “The YANG PROCEDURE”, a posterior aortic annular enlargement technique with a “Y” Incision and a rectangular patch as the two main components to enlarge the aortic annulus by 3-4 valve sizes as described by Prof Bo Yang.

References


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