We are publishing the contribution by Dr. Spyriounis because it takes some courage to present this technique at a time when microscopes seem to be so readily available as are surgeons with microscopic expertise who can use them. It should be realized, however, that in many parts of the world, this is not the case, and the method used and the cases treated by Dr. Spyriounis provide a great example for those who do not have the necessary facilities and equipment. The author, in fact, is very modest because he has achieved good results in extremely difficult situations.

I think and hope that this paper will encourage others who do not possess a microscope to follow Dr. Spyriounis’ example. He has functioned in an environment where microsurgery can be performed without the availability, certainly initially, of the required microscope. It is necessary, however, not to look at one’s ability to overcome this clinical challenge as an endpoint. It is only a beginning which should lead to the acquisition of an operating microscope. Once this has been obtained, the procedures become more complex, but failure is unusual. I hope that Dr. Spyriounis achieves this—he deserves it!