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In Reply—We appreciate Dr. Rockoff’s additional references on the history of conjoined twins.\(^1,2\) Apparently, there have been many reports and illustrations of conjoined twins throughout recorded history. Undoubtedly, more records documenting conjoined twinning are likely to be discovered.

The literature search for our recent review on perioperative management of conjoined twins included only English language clinical journals, and not historical or foreign language publications as cited by Dr. Rockoff.\(^1–3\) Some conjoined twin reports (e.g., the Bidendorf’s, the Bunker’s, and Koenig’s separative surgery) have received more publicity in the clinical literature than others, and are often referenced.\(^4–6\) Other written and oral reports on conjoined twins may have gone unnoticed, or, when passed on orally, resulted in the creation of mythological idols, like Janus, or stories about two-headed monsters.\(^7\) Since Anesthesiology is a clinical journal, our historical section on conjoined twins was intentionally brief and served only to introduce our main theme, perioperative management of conjoined twins.

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