

Supplemental Digital Content 2. The definition of different grades of relapse

Grade of relapse	Definition
No relapse	The ear is basically as same as that at the end of the treatment.
Mild relapse	The ear, especially the upper part, is mildly constricted with shortened longitudinal axis and mild prominence compared to the appearance at the end of the treatment, which is a mild yet non-distracting relapse.
Moderate relapse	The ear, especially the upper part, is moderately constricted with shortened longitudinal axis and moderate prominence compared to the appearance at the end of the treatment, which is a noticeable relapse.
Severe relapse	The ear has nearly relapsed to the appearance before treatment.
