Overview of veins in scala tympani. In this dissection, the osseous lamina and basilar membrane have been removed to provide a direct view into scala tympani (ST). The apical portion of the cochlea is shown in “A”. “B” shows the middle and upper basal turns. The arrows in “A” indicate the attachment zone of the basilar membrane and the brackets indicate the approximate area of the lower portion of the spiral ligament which contains the venules that drain the lateral wall tissues.