

Madonna has had countless surgeries, says her brother.

Madonna's brother Christopher Ciccone alleges that the singer has had several surgical procedures throughout her career.

"It's very obvious, isn't it?" he says of rumours of a recent facelift. "It's like the elephant in the room that no-one talks about."

Last week, onlookers were left agape when the singer left the Kabbalah Centre in New York with 11-year-old daughter Lourdes. "Her skin was stretched and very puffy-looking. She had that typical, surgical, cat look about her! To be honest she just looked very strange," says one.

Christopher, who is currently promoting his



Madonna's bizarre face is starting to resemble "cat woman" Jocelyn Wildenstein.

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book *My Life With My Sister Madonna* – which the singer has denied ghostwriting – alleges the 4 Minutes performer has been under the knife countless times over the years, with other sources suggesting she may have spent up to \$100,000 on a range of procedures including boob and cheek implants, face and eye lifts, Botox and lip fillers.

"It certainly looks like she has had some sort of cheek filler," confirms Sydney plastic surgeon Dr Mark Kohout, "but they have been way overdone and are totally out of proportion with the rest of her face. It looks like she's had her lips plumped up with a filler, too."

Even though the Queen of Pop – who turns 50 this August – has remained tight-lipped about cosmetic surgery in the past, she admits, "I am certainly not against plastic surgery – however I am absolutely against having to discuss it."

Sources close to the star say the stresses of dealing with the rumoured split from husband Guy Ritchie, 39 – along with the gruelling demands of her upcoming *Sticky & Sweet* tour – have contributed towards her tired appearance.

"She's not as young as she used to be and her age is finally starting to catch up with her," says a source. "These days surgery isn't enough to keep her looking young. I hope this is not a sign of things to come." [F]

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