Figure 1. Participant flow after rupture of the Achilles tendon

**Assessed for Eligibility**
- Enrolment
  - Enrolled (n=53)
  - Excluded (n=4)
    - Not meeting inclusion criteria (n=2)
    - Refused to participate (n=2)

**Enrolment**

**Allocation**
- Randomised to Surgery (n=10)
  - Received randomized intervention (n=9)
  - Did not receive randomized intervention (n=1)
- Strong Preference for Surgery (n=3)
  - Received preference intervention (n=3)
  - Did not receive preference intervention (n=0)
- Randomised to Conservative (n=10)
  - Received randomized intervention (n=10)
  - Did not receive randomized intervention (n=0)
- Strong Preference for Conservative (n=26)
  - Received preference intervention (n=26)
  - Did not receive preference intervention (n=0)

**Follow-Up**
- Nine Month Follow-up
  - Randomised to Surgery (n=10)
    - Lost to follow-up within Randomised (n=0)
    - Lost to follow-up within Preference (n=1)
  - Randomised to Conservative (n=10)
    - Lost to follow-up within Randomised (n=1)
    - Lost to follow-up within Preference (n=6)

**Analysis**
- Analyzed (n=13)
  - Excluded from analysis (n=0)
- Analyzed (n=29)
  - Excluded from analysis (n=0)