Reviewer’s report

Title: The relevance of long head biceps degeneration in the presence of rotator cuff tears

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Thank you for the opportunity to re-review this interesting article. The authors appear to have adequately addressed all the reviewer comments. I would recommend accepting after discretionary revisions.

Discretionary revisions

Language edits:

Abstract "On the basis of intraoperative findings, all..." Delete "all"

Suggest removing last sentence of abstract - it detracts from the main findings relating to VEGF.

Introduction "...increased proteoglycan and decreased organization."
Decreased organization of what?

"...we aimed to find an assumed correlatoin" - We aimed to examine the potential correlation...

Methods - Histology "...total number of cells per slice" - "slice" should be changed to "section" throughout

Results - "augmented" should be changed to "elevated" throughout

"...the diagnosis was stated" - should be "the diagnosis was made"

Discussion - "The process of LHB degeneration...is not really understood" - should be "the process of LHB degeneration... remains controversial."

"following Peers’ model..." should be "According to Peer’s model"

"...the area with neovascularization is of importance for pain in this case" - should be "is of importance for Achilles tendon pain."

"Our second aim was to find an assumed conjuction" should be "...to examine the potential correlation".

Figure legends: Change "slices" to "sections"