Reviewer's report

Title: Less Invasive Achilles Tendon Reconstruction

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Reviewer: Hans Zwipp

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A major revision of this paper is necessary.

Because:

1. The reader should completely understand why the authors switched from an open procedure [6] to a minimal invasive one e. g. no percentage of complication rate for open reconstruction is mentioned whether in the introduction nor in the discussion.

2. The 12 cases are not analyzed e. g. no datas are presented how large the defects of the achilles tendons were, what kind of previous surgery or conservative treatment was performed before. Age, gender, comorbidities etc. are not described.

3. Instead of increasing bloody intraoperative photos instructive drawings of the operative steps should be used.

4. Advantages and disadvantages of the used peroneus brevis should be discussed more in detail comparing these with those using alternatively the peroneus longus.

5. Results are missing.

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.