Author's response to reviews

Title: Patellar tendon ossification after partial patellectomy: a case report

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Thank you for reviewing our manuscript.

Respond to reviewers’ comments

Reviewer 1

There is no Authors contribution for Istemi Yucel in “Authors contributions”.

Respond

We had included the contribution for author Istemi Yucel

Reviewer 2

The authors seem to draw distinction in this case when compared to other published reports in the fact that the avulsion of the ossified tendon occured at the tibial tubercle as opposed to the "repaired bone-tendon junction nor throughout the length of ossified tendon". In citing another published report (Yoon et al. [17]), the authors seem to imply that previous reports failed to demonstrate any avulsion from the tibial tubercle (as oppose to "close to the tubercle" in Yoon's report). While a minor point, I wonder if further distinction/explanation is warranted. However, the authors seem to be correct in that none of the mentioned reports cite this specific complication after a partial patellectomy. Furthermore, complete rupture inferiorly does draw significant distinction from Yoon which cites a patellar tendon split with avulsion from both superior and inferior attachments.

Respond

No other studies reported patellar tendon avulsion from the tibial tuberosity after extensive patellar tendon ossification due to partial patellectomy. Yoon et al reported patellar tendon split avulsion from the tibial tuberosity and patella. Their case was different because medial two thirds of the tendon was avulsed from the inferior pole of the patella while remaining lateral one third of the tendon avulsed from the anterior tibial tuberosity. Our case was a total rupture from the tibial tuberosity. In addition to that there was no history of partial patellectomy in their case. This information is added to the discussion section.

Sincerely

The Authors