Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Patrick Emerson

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: New associations or variations in disease processes

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

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 occurred 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.
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests