Reviewer's report

Title: Avulsion fracture of the lesser tuberosity in a tennis player: A case report

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This case is worth being published in this journal. However this article is missing much information.

Introduction
You mentioned” by repeated tennis strokes without a true trauma”, in L5, however you described “was repaired 4 years after the injury”. in L11.
This patient had experienced sudden acute pain in playing a forehand shot 4 years ago.
You should decide whether this episode is injury or not and mention that.
I think it is injury.

Case report
It was hard to understand the present history from L5 ( Before injury).
He was injured for the first time 4 years ago. He continued to play competitive tennis. How long?? Before injury, is it After injury??
When was he examined by family doctor? You skipped too much time course.
P3L5 You mentioned “internal rotation” was it abducted or at side?
P4L2 You should describe more information about the image findings 3DCT and MRI separately.
P4L4 You should comment the treatment strategy based on the preoperative findings.
P4L13 You described “a mattress suture”, however Fig4-D appeared that the subscapularis was repaired side to side, because the suture knot is observed from inside the joint.
P4 L20 The outcome after surgery is missing the information regarding ROM, strength and sports performance.
This is the most important information readers want to know.

Discussion
P5L5
You mentioned “ The pain hampered his performance for over 4 years; however,
since he maintained his muscle strength, he was able to play tennis after the injury despite the pain.”
It was just your speculation. No evidence.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published