Author’s response to reviews

Title: ANTEROLATERAL LIGAMENT OF THE KNEE: A STEP-BY-STEP DISSECTION

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Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you for your comments and suggestions. We are sure these were very important in order to improve the content of our article. We tried to respond in details everything below.

We have answered each reviewer’s comments bellow as well as we have modified them into the manuscript.

We strongly feel that “BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders” readers will benefit from the data we are presenting in this article. Once again, thank you for considering this paper to be publish in your prestigious journal.

Very best regards,

The Authors.

COMMENTS

Editor Comments:
1) Please ensure that video 1 dissection technique is included in the submission as this is missing from the revised manuscript.

RESPONSE: OK.

2) Reviewer 2 has concerns that there is information missing in the description of the dissection method. Please ensure that their comments are fully addressed.

RESPONSE: OK. We modified as requested. LINE 94-98

Reviewer reports:

Reviewer 1:

All comments were addressed appropriately, therefore I suggest to accept the manuscript in the current condition.

Reviewer 2:

The authors present a step-by-step dissection guide of the ALL. Still they did not describe their exact dissection method in relation to the posterior part of the ITB and the confluens of the biceps femoris. This should be done before publishing.

Line 94: Can the authors please describe their method to distinguish between the posterior part of the ITB and the ALL. It is called the capsulo-osseous layer.

Line 101: This has been described as the „biceps-capsuloosseous iliotalbial tract confluens” by Terry and Laprade

RESPONSE: The differentiation between the ALL and the deep part of the ITB is not difficult, as the ITB has no clear attachment near the lateral epicondyle. The Kaplan fibers (attachment of the ITB to the distal femur) are proximal and not connected to the ALL femoral attachment. LINE 94-98