Reviewer’s report

Title: The gracilis tendon autograft is a safe choice for orthopedic reconstructive procedures: A consecutive case series studying the effects of tendon harvesting

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Reviewer: John Albright

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This is a reasonable study which has not been addressed directly in previous literature. It is of some interest when talking to patients who may be athletes concerned about whether or not they can anticipate decreased performance because of the donor site.

Specific comments:

72 not important but is there any literature that describes side to side hamstring strength differences related to dominate leg?

99 delete reference to specific device and company. generally to be avoided in a scientific article

142 How/fromwhere do you justify the use of "normative values?"

156 the use of bar graph is more appropriate. theses are not contiguous values

165 it appears that the means plus even one SD overlap for the first 2 data columns, making the relatively small differences in Newtons not significant?! please clarify and also here or in discussion provide a statement about robustness of the differences also mean difference between newtons at 60 degrees is only 13.1 explain use of "relative difference" ina way that reqders will understand

Furthermore you calculated differences in newtons for thes values prior to and 12 months after harvest. Wwhere is this data?

239 please run power function calc to let us know how many subjects would be needed to declare no differences.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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Yes

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