Reviewer’s report

Title: Arthroscopic rotator cuff repair with and without subacromial decompression is safe and effective

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Reviewer: Knut Beitzel

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The paper reports on a randomized study comparing rotator cuff repair with additional subacromial decompression vs. none additional decompression. The paper is written in a straight and easy to read way. There are no major problems, which would need revision. In my opinion, the paper can be published with only slight additions.

Perhaps the authors could discuss in more detail the effect of the different acromion morphologies on the outcome. This is important, since others have shown a positive correlation with type III acromion. In addition, there seems to be more massive tears found in group A. This possible effect should also be commented in more detail.

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