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Title: Spontaneous rupture of the long head of the biceps tendon in a hypothyroid patient: A case report

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Do you believe it is the first report of this kind in the literature?
We haven’t found any similar case report in the literature. For the clinical and laboratory findings we hypothesized that a direct association between hypothyroism and biceps rupture could be existed in the presented case although we haven’t performed histological examination to prove our hypothesis as the patient refused surgical intervention.

Will it significantly advance our understanding of a particular disease etiology or drug mechanism?
It will help to understand some of the orthopaedic manifestations of hypothyroidism especially tendinitis and tendon ruptures.

Is it an original case report of interest to a particular clinical specialty of medicine or will it have a broader clinical impact across more than one area of medicine?
It will have a broader clinical impact in two specialties (endocrinology and orthopaedics), and both the orthopaedic surgeon and endocrinologist would be aware of this rare condition.