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Dear Editor,

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

(1) We have revised the abstract to remove unnecessary redundancy in wording while still conveying the main points of the review.

(2) We have added a section reviewing the use of mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) as an adjuvant to potentially increase healing after rotator cuff repair. We have also updated the abstract to reflect this addition.

(3) We have created a table summarizing several factors that may affect healing after rotator cuff repair. We have also provided a reference to this table within the text of the manuscript.

(4) The references were updated appropriately given the above listed changes.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Orthopaedics*.

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