



BAISHIDENG PUBLISHING GROUP INC

8226 Regency Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, USA

Telephone: +1-925-223-8242 Fax: +1-925-223-8243

E-mail: bpgoffice@wjgnet.com <http://www.wjgnet.com>

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Orthopedics*

ESPS Manuscript NO: 25819

Manuscript Type: ORIGINAL ARTICL

Response to reviewer's comments:

Thanks for reviewing the manuscript and for valuable suggestions

1. Classically ruptures are considered chronic after three months of evolution

Answer: Now there is no such line in the revised manuscript. We have observed definition of chronic tear as more than 6 weeks. We have taken this limit arbitrarily and according to most current literature. Pectoralis major tear is rare injury and there is no consensus as to what is called as chronic tear in the literature.

2. Criteria to diagnose chronic tears of pectoralis major on MRI? Who diagnosed them, radiologist or orthopedic sports surgeon?

Answer: We have included the findings in the manuscript, upon which based is the diagnosis of pectoralis major tear on MRI. Radiologist made the diagnosis of pectoralis major tear in all cases on MRI. Clinical diagnosis was made initially by sports orthopedic surgeon, which was further supported by MRI findings.

3. Statistical analysis must be inserted at the end of methods and materials.

Answer: Done

4. Do you have experience with any other technique of Pectoralis major repair?

Answer: NO, we repaired all cases by technique described in the paper.

5. Could your good results be due to promptitude in repairing in your cases?

Answer: We attribute our excellent results to suture anchor technique used by an experienced sports surgeon. Once patient come to us we do not delay the surgery after making the diagnosis.

Our institute is largest government aided sports injury centre in India. Patient need not to pay for these surgeries except implant cost and usually there is no waiting time for such rare injuries.