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RE: Manuscript ID 17195 entitled "Analysing the outcome of surgery for chronic Achilles tendinopathy over the last 50 years"

We would be grateful if you would accept this revised manuscript for consideration for publication. The manuscript has been revised taking into account the tracked changes and comments by the Editor, and suggested alterations and comments made by the reviewers. We have ordered our responses to the reviewers in the tables below to help identify the changes.

Reviewer 02444807 Comments	Authors' Response and Corrections
Abstract: Good and well done Intro: Stated the goal	We thank the reviewer for their comments, and for classifying our paper very good.
Materials: Why was it necessary to do IRB approval for a systematic review?	Yes, this is a local institutional requirement and was completed.
Line 88: please define if this was insertional or non-insertional tendinopathy	This has been clarified, and includes both insertional and non-insertional tendinopathy.
Line 115: The use of Coleman scores is a strength but has it been used in Achilles tendon literature? If not I would mention this as a potential limitation in the discussion	Coleman score has previously been used in Achilles tendon literature but only with a smaller number of studies.
Line 118: Is there a number which indicates a good or satisfactory Coleman score?	No.
Results: Line 133: is the "mean methodology score" the Coleman methodology score? If so state Coleman in the text (it is mentioned in the table but that will stand alone)	Yes. Correction has been made.
Discussion: Line 180-183 is very good. Overall excellent discussion Figures: good General comments. I recommend publishing after minor revision. I enjoyed reading this and learned from the authors	We are grateful to the reviewer for their comments.

Reviewer 02439211 Comments	Authors' Review and Corrections
This work proposes an extensive review on Achilles tendinopathy over the last 50 years. There are merits in this study because it may give some cues for future researches and clinical application in Achilles tendinopathy. As such, the theme is of interest, and the manuscript could be accepted for publication in this journal after Minor-revision. The followings are my comments.	We thank the reviewer for their comments and for classifying our paper 'Excellent'
1. Most of the points in Figure 1 are on the right side, which makes the figure look asymmetrical. So, can the authors change the x-axis into 20 to 100 or 0 to 120? Figure 2 has the same problem, and change of x-axis may be better.	In Figure 1, as the x-axis represents percentage, we would prefer to leave the figure as it is i.e. ranging from 0-100%. In Figure 2, as the x-axis represents the year of publication, we would prefer to leave the figure as it is i.e. including the range of dates that we looked at in our study.
2. There are also small errors that need correction.	
a. line 33, score may be changed into scores, the same as in line 32.	Changes done
b. line 70, leaves may be changed into leave.	Changes done
c. line 475, there is no reference 70 in the manuscript.	The references have been revised and this error has been corrected.

We hope that the above changes are satisfactory. We thank the Editor and reviewer for their input as we believe the paper has been improved as a result of it. Thank you.

Kind regards

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