Peer-Review
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All-inside arthroscopic reconstruction of anterior talofibular ligament with InternalBrace for chronic lateral ankle instability

General Recommendation: Reconsider after major corrections

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Title and abstract
I would rephrase the title as follows: Anterior talofibular ligament all-inside arthroscopic reconstruction with InternalBrace for chronic lateral ankle instability.

Please do not focus too much on the background. Delete epidemiology in this subsection and the part regarding walking at night. Be consistent in using abbreviations.

Use only one decimal after punctuation. Delete the sentence about excellent scores since it has not been clarified what excellent means.

Rephrase conclusion section

Introduction
Clarify abbreviation for ATFL the first time it is used and then use abbreviation accordingly afterwards. The second statement "In weight bearing... period" can be deleted.
CLAI should be clarified the first time it is used in the manuscript body.
Reduce the background. Consider mentioning among treatment strategy the following updated references:
An Hypothesis should be stated.
Delete the last statement "It is reported..."

Material and Methods
Since 108 patients were selected according to inclusion criteria, which was the number of the original study group? Were they consecutive patients?
How can intraoperative blood loss be meaningful in this kind of surgery?
Outcome measures (Tegner score, instability tests) performed at 6, 12, and 2 years are part of routine examination at your Institute, since this is a retrospective study?

Statistical Analysis
Was a power analysis conducted to determine sample size?

Results
You state no recurrence of ankle instability was reported. According to which parameter?
Here you state the good rate of AOFAS was 100%, while in the abstract excellent rate 100%. Be consistent.

Discussion
This section must be massively reworked.
You should start your discussion section by reporting the main findings of your study, avoid sentences about the background and speculative statements. The first two paragraphs can therefore be deleted.
In the discussion you should compare and contrast your findings with those in literature.
Conclusions
Normal shape does not sound too scientific to me as an expression. Please revise or delete.

Tables and Graphics
Be consistent in using only one decimal.

References
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