Appendix 2

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Appendix 2: PRISMA 2009 Flow Diagram

Records identified through database searching (n = 147)

Additional records identified through other sources (n = 0)

Records after duplicates removed (n = 134)

Records screened (n = 134)

Records excluded (n = 121)
- Not RCT, cohort or case control design (107)
- Tendon pathology not a reported outcome (11)
  - Other (3)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n = 13)

Full-text articles excluded, with reasons (n = 9)
  7 case reports
  2 case series

Studies included in qualitative synthesis (n = 4)

Studies included in quantitative synthesis (meta-analysis) (n = 0)