

Abbott AE, Li X, Buscone BD. Arthroscopic Treatment of Concomitant Superior Labral Anterior Posterior (SLAP) Lesions and Rotator Cuff Tears in Patients Over the Age of 45 Years. Am J Sports Med 2009;37(7):1358-1362.

Design: Randomized clinical trial

Research question: In adults with concomitant rotator cuff tears and SLAP Type II lesions, is there a difference in outcome between debridement of the SLAP lesion and repair of the SLAP lesion?

Reasons not to cite as evidence:

- Some basic information is presented in an unclear or inadequate fashion
 - o The number of men and women is not apparent
 - o One of the principal outcome measures, the Tegner Activity Level, is an instrument for measurement of knee function and has apparently been adapted to the shoulder, but with insufficient information concerning what shoulder functions are being assessed
 - o The UCLA score in Table 1 is presented in an incorrect fashion; a “Pain” score of “no pain” should be scored as 10, not as 0; unbearable pain should be scored as 0, not as 1; similar considerations apply to the Function scale of the UCLA instrument