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1 **Abstract**

2 **Background:** Patient postoperative pain is an important consideration following biceps
3 tenodesis. The Visual Analog Scale (VAS) for pain is one of the most commonly utilized
4 measures for perioperative pain assessment. Currently, there is limited understanding of
5 clinically significant improvement in VAS pain.

6 **Purpose:** 1) To define the Substantial Clinical Benefit (SCB), Patient Acceptable Symptomatic
7 State (PASS), and Minimal Clinically Important Difference (MCID) for the VAS pain score in
8 patients undergoing open subpectoral (OSPBT) or arthroscopic suprapectoral biceps tenodesis
9 (ASPBT) at 1-year from surgery. Additionally, 2) to identify preoperative predictors of achieving
10 each outcome end-point.

11 **Methods:** Data from consecutive patients who underwent isolated biceps tenodesis between
12 January 2014 and March 2017 were collected and analyzed. Baseline data and postoperative
13 patient-reported outcome (PRO) scores were recorded at 1-years postoperatively. In order to
14 quantify clinical significance of outcome achievement for the VAS pain score, the MCID, PASS
15 and SCB were calculated.

16 **Results:** A total of 165 patients were included in the final analysis. The VAS pain score
17 threshold for achieving MCID was defined as a decrease of 12.9 (0-100) PASS was defined as
18 achieving a 2-year postoperative score of 27.4 points (0-100) and SCB was defined as a decrease
19 of 25.1 (0-100) at one-year follow-up. The rates of achieving MCID, PASS, and SCB were
20 73.3%, 52.8% and 45.9%, respectively. Multivariate regression analysis demonstrated that
21 ASPBT ($P=0.01$) and lower preoperative Constant were predictive of achieving the MCID ($P =$
22 0.01). While lower preoperative score on the SF-12 PCS ($P=0.01$) and greater score on the

23 preoperative ASES ($P < 0.001$) were predictive of achieving the SCB and PASS, respectively.

24 Preoperative duration of symptoms > 6 months was predictive of reduced likelihood to achieve

25 PASS.

26 **Conclusion:** This study identified scores for VAS pain that can be used to define clinically
27 significant outcome after biceps tenodesis. Specifically, a decrease in pain score of 12.9 was a
28 clinically important improvement in VAS pain, while a decrease of 25.1 represented the upper
29 threshold of VAS pain improvement. Additionally, there were both modifiable and non-
30 modifiable factors that predicted achieving clinically significant levels of postoperative pain
31 improvement.

32 **Level of Evidence:** Basic Science Study; Validation of Outcome Instruments

33 **KEYWORDS:** biceps tenodesis; VAS Pain, MCID, PASS, SCB, shoulder, clinically significant
34 outcomes

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37 The long head of the biceps tendon (LHB) is a common source of shoulder pain, and
38 treatment options for LHB pathology include both conservative measures and surgical
39 interventions^{10; 30}. Biceps tenodesis (BT) using either an open subpectoral (OSPBT)² or
40 arthroscopic suprapectoral (ASPBT)²⁰ approach is being performed with increasing frequency in
41 the United States to treat bicipital tears, instability, and/or tenosynovitis⁵⁷. Outcomes after BT
42 have generally demonstrated significant benefits with respect to patient-reported outcome
43 measures (PROMs)^{25; 32; 54}. However, examining the distribution of patient-reported outcome
44 scores using statistical significance is limited since statistical differences may not be clinically

45 significant²⁶. Clinically significant outcome (CSO) metrics such as the minimally clinically
46 important difference (MCID)²⁹, substantial clinical benefit (SCB)³⁹ and patient acceptable
47 symptomatic state (PASS)^{46;55} provide an important threshold to contextualize numerical
48 changes in PROM score.

49 Threshold values for MCID, SCB and PASS have only recently been established for
50 isolated biceps tenodesis for the function-based PROMs including Constant-Murley, Single
51 Assessment Numerical Evaluation (SANE), and the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons
52 score (ASES)^{1;46}. However, clinical benefits after BT are more than functional in domain.
53 Previous studies have demonstrated significant improvements with respect to health-related
54 quality of life (HRQoL) on Short Form and EuroQol instruments^{16;49}. In addition, significant
55 improvements on the Visual Analog Scale (VAS) Pain have been reported for both the OSPBT^{28;}
56³⁶ and the ASPBT^{31;60}. Although CSOs with respect to the VAS Pain instrument have been
57 defined in rotator cuff disease⁵² and low back pain⁴⁵, threshold values for MCID, SCB and
58 PASS have not been established for VAS Pain in biceps tenodesis. Despite the prominent role of
59 anterior shoulder pain in the presentation and symptomology in biceps pathology and strong
60 patient preferences and expectations regarding the resolution of this pain with surgical treatment,
61 there has been a paucity of evidence in the literature on evaluating clinically meaningful
62 improvements in pain following bicep tenodesis²².

63 Accordingly, the purpose of this study was to define threshold values for MCID, SCB
64 and PASS on the VAS Pain measure in patients undergoing isolated BT. An important secondary
65 aim was to identify important demographic and operative predictors of successful pain relief
66 with respect to MCID, SCB and PASS achievement. Our hypothesis was four fold: (1) the VAS
67 Pain measure and all functional PROMs would demonstrate significant postoperative

68 improvements, (2) achievement rates of MCID would surpass those of SCB and PASS on VAS
69 at 1 year, (3) no significant differences with respect to CSO achievement would exist between
70 ASPBT and OSPBT, and (4) higher preoperative scores would significantly decrease odds of
71 MCID, SCB and PASS achievement on the VAS Pain.

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73 **Methods**

74 *Cohort Selection and Patient-Reported Outcomes*

75 This is a retrospective case cohort study of the aggregate patients of three surgeons at a
76 tertiary center. Following institutional review board (IRB) approval, a prospectively maintained
77 institutional registry was queried for all patients receiving isolated biceps tenodesis between
78 January 2014 and March 2017. Inclusion criteria included receipt of a primary biceps tenodesis
79 using either an arthroscopic or open approach for the following indications: tenosynovitis, full or
80 partial tendon tears, biceps instability, or superior labrum from anterior to posterior (SLAP) tears
81 ¹¹, and a minimum follow-up of 1-year. Exclusion criteria included patients receiving revision
82 surgery, those with concurrent rotator cuff tears, or recipients of significant concomitant
83 surgeries (i.e. shoulder arthroplasty, rotator cuff repair, labral repair). Patients receiving
84 concomitant acromioplasty were not excluded⁵⁶.

85 Patient-reported outcomes measures (PROMs) collected preoperatively and at 1 year
86 follow-up were inclusive of the VAS Pain, measured on a 0-100 scale, with 0 described as “no
87 pain at all” and 100 as “worst pain of your life”, the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons
88 score (ASES), the Single Assessment Numeric Evaluation (SANE), Constant-Murley, Short
89 Form 12 (SF12) Physical Component Score (PCS) and Mental Component Score (MCS),

90 Veterans Rand 12 (VR-12) Physical Component Score (PCS) and Mental Component Score
91 (MCS), and the Veteran's Rand 6 Domain (VR6D) instruments.

92 Following preoperative PROM collection, bicep tenodesis was performed by the senior
93 authors (BF, BJC, and NNV) as previously described^{2; 21}. Demographics variables were collected
94 including age, gender, and worker's compensation status, and stored in the database. Similarly,
95 intraoperative variables including tenodesis approach, fixation device (i.e. screw, suture anchor),
96 and LHBT findings on arthroscopy were collected and documented by trained research
97 coordinators at the time of operation.

98 *Statistical Analysis*

99 MCID, SCB and PASS values for the VAS Pain instrument in this study were calculated
100 using receiver operating characteristics curve with area under the curve (AUC) analysis, using an
101 anchor-based methodology relying on the global assessment scale^{9; 39; 40}. Anchor-based
102 approaches are the original method by which the concept of MCID was derived and demonstrate
103 superior correlation with patient-perceived clinical changes compared to the distribution-based
104 approach⁸. An AUC value exceeding 0.7 was determined to be sufficiently predictive of
105 successful outcome achievement³³. SCB was calculated utilizing both a net change method, as
106 well as an absolute value threshold⁴¹. The specific anchor question and dichotomization of
107 responses are provided in **Figure 1**. Demographic variables collected were inclusive of age, sex,
108 body mass index (BMI), worker's compensation (WC) status, preoperative narcotic use and
109 various operative variables (i.e. tenodesis technique, fixation device). Preoperative and
110 postoperative PRO scores were examined for normality using the Shapiro-Wilks tests. Given
111 sufficiently normal score distributions, Student's independent t-tests were utilized to examine
112 differences in the mean PRO scores between preoperative and postoperative time points at 1 year.

113 Otherwise, a nonparametric Mann Whitney U Test was performed for non-normally distributed
114 data.

115 Pearson's coefficients were calculated to determine correlation between preoperative
116 scores and postoperative outcomes at 1-year follow-up to identify covariates for regression. A
117 stepwise multivariate logistic regression model was utilized to examine demographic and
118 operative factors predictive odds of MCID, SCB and PASS achievement based on odd's ratios.

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120 **Results**

121 *Demographics*

122 A total of 161 eligible patients met inclusion criteria (76.7%). Patient demographic and
123 intraoperative information are provided in **Table 1**. There were 99 (61.5%) patients of male
124 gender. The average age and BMI were 50.0 ± 12.2 and 29.4 ± 6.9 , respectively. The average
125 preoperative symptom duration was 21.5 ± 35.4 months. The average length of follow-up was
126 14.2 ± 8.6 months (range, 10-18 months). Of the BTs performed, 73.9% were OSPBTs, and 26.1%
127 were ASPBT.

128 *Comparison of Baseline and Postoperative PROMs*

129 Paired t-tests performed to compare preoperative with postoperative PROM scores
130 demonstrated significant improvements in score across all instruments, as well as on the VAS
131 pain ($P: <0.001-0.003$). There was a mean reduction of pain from 50.6 ± 22.8 at baseline to 27.7
132 ± 26.3 at one-year follow-up. Average PROM scores at baseline and follow-up at provided in
133 **Table 2**.

134 *VAS Pain Thresholds for MCID, PASS, SCB*

135 Values of Spearman's rank correlation coefficients between the postoperative score on
136 the VAS pain and PROMs investigated in the present study demonstrated moderate to high
137 correlations. High correlation were found with the ASES ($r^2 = -0.93$; $P < 0.001$), SANE ($r^2 = -0.74$;
138 $P < 0.001$), CMS ($r^2 = -0.75$; $P < 0.001$), SF12 ($r^2 = -0.71$; $P < 0.001$) and VR-12 PCS ($r^2 = -0.71$;
139 $P < 0.001$), and the VR6D score ($r^2 = -0.75$; $P < 0.001$), while moderate correlations were observed
140 with the SF12 ($r^2 = -0.63$; $P < 0.001$) and VR-12 MCS ($r^2 = -0.63$; $P < 0.001$).

141 Threshold on the VAS pain representing the MCID was determined to be a decrease of
142 12.9 points (AUC: 0.86, 95% CI: 0.69-0.99), threshold representing the SCB was determined to
143 be a net decrease of 25.1 points (AUC: 0.84, 95% CI: 0.72-0.96) or an absolute one-year score of
144 28.9 points (AUC: 0.93, 95% CI: 0.82-0.99), and threshold representing PASS was determined
145 to be an absolute one-year score of 27.4 points (AUC: 0.86, 95% CI: 0.82-0.93). Achievement
146 rates for each threshold were as follows: 73.3% of patients achieved the MCID, 45.9% of
147 patients achieved the net SCB, 52.8% of patients achieved the absolute SCB, and 52.8% of
148 patients achieved the PASS (**Table 3**).

149 *Factors Predictive of Achieving the MCID, SCB, and PASS*

150 Univariate followed by a multivariate analysis identified the following factors to be
151 significantly associated with the achievement of each CSO threshold (**Table 4**). Due to similarity
152 between values of the absolute VAS threshold for SCB and PASS, the net score change was
153 selected to represent SCB achievement. OSPBT (OR: 0.29, 95% CI: 0.13-0.69, $P = 0.01$) and
154 higher preoperative CMS score (OR: 0.89, 95% CI: 0.82-0.97, $P = 0.01$) predicted reduced
155 likelihood of achieving MCID on the VAS pain score. Higher preoperative scores on the ASES

156 (OR: 0.96, 95% CI: 0.94-0.98, $P < 0.001$), CMS (OR: 0.87, 95% CI: 0.80-0.95, $P < 0.001$), and
157 the SF-12 PCS (OR: 0.87, 95% CI: 0.82-0.92, $P < 0.01$) were found to predict reduced likelihood
158 of achieving the net SCB. A preoperative diagnosis of depression (OR: 0.31, 95% CI: 0.1-0.91, P
159 = 0.03) and symptom duration > 6 months (OR: 0.01, 95% CI: 0.01-0.64, $P < 0.001$) predicted
160 reduced achievement of the PASS, whereas a higher preoperative ASES score (OR: 1.10, 95%
161 CI: 1.06-1.14, $P = 0.006$) as well as a greater percent change in ASES score (OR: 1.88, 95% CI:
162 1.06-3.34, $P = 0.03$) predicted increased achievement of PASS.

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164 **Discussion**

165 In the present study, the primary findings include definition of thresholds indicative of
166 CSOs on the VAS pain score: the MCID was defined as a change of 12.9 points, PASS was
167 defined as a 1-year absolute score of 27.4 points, and SCB was defined as a net decrease of 25.1
168 points or an absolute postoperative score of 28.9 points. Secondary findings included factors
169 identified to significantly predict patient achievement of CSOs. These include: OSPBT and
170 greater preoperative score on the CMS predicted reduced likelihood to achieve the MCID;
171 greater preoperative score on the ASES, CMS, and SF-12 PCS predicted reduced likelihood to
172 achieve the SCB; and preoperative diagnosis of depression and symptom duration > 6 months
173 predicted reduced likelihood to achieve PASS. Finally, higher preoperative ASES score
174 predicted increased likelihood to achieve PASS. These established scores and risk factors are
175 highly relevant to informing preoperative patient expectations and the modification of patient
176 behavior to improve satisfaction with surgical treatment, leading to overall optimization of
177 value-based care and delivery of patient-centered services.

178 Preoperative pain is one of the most common symptoms of biceps-labral pathology, and
179 patients consider it significantly debilitating^{11; 19}, such that the presentation of anterior shoulder
180 pain on clinical exam can offer significant diagnostic value to surgeons^{4; 13; 15; 18; 27; 35; 42; 48; 50}.
181 While orthopedic research has established and validated extensive collection of legacy PROM
182 instruments to evaluate function and quality of life in shoulder surgery^{12; 43; 44; 46; 53; 59}, there is
183 less evidence for instruments for pain assessment. Furthermore, patients have traditionally
184 reported subjective pain on an absolute scale, and an attempt to establish clinically meaningful
185 changes in pain score may better quantify and contextualize postoperative improvements. With
186 regards to the BT population, Puzzitiello et al recently defined CSO threshold values for three
187 different functional legacies⁴⁶; however, no studies have established CSO values for the VAS
188 pain score in BT patients. The current investigation is the first to describe psychometric
189 thresholds for patients undergoing biceps tenodesis and offers new insights for measuring
190 postoperative patient-reported improvements in pain.

191 The current study found that 73.3%, 45.9%, and 52.8% of patients were able to achieve
192 the MCID, the SCB, and PASS, respectively, on the VAS pain score 5 at 1-year follow-up.
193 While Puzzitiello et al did not provide rate of CSO achievement for the PROMs evaluated, the
194 authors reported that a combined 70.5% of respondents endorsed “minimal” or “substantial”
195 improvements in function with their anchor question responses, with 32.5% in the first group and
196 38.2% in the latter group, at 6 months follow-up. Additionally, 48.7% endorsed a “satisfactory”
197 state on the PASS anchor⁴⁶. These values are consistent with the achievement rates on the VAS
198 pain from the present investigation as additional patients are expected to achieve CSOs beyond
199 six months, and suggests that most patients derive significant relative improvements with respect

200 to both function and pain from BT. However, future studies should be performed to investigate
201 any potential differences in domain-specific achievement rates of CSOs.

202 While WC status was not significantly predictive of CSO achievement on multivariate
203 analysis. Subgroup analysis by WC status demonstrated reduced achievement rates on the SCB
204 and PASS in the WC cohort compared to non-WC patients (SCB: 36.1 vs 57.9; PASS: 35.1 vs
205 58.9), suggesting that a potential topic for future exploration could be to determine the impact of
206 WC status on pain outcomes in this population.

207 Multivariate analysis found several predictors of CSO achievement. OSPBT was found to
208 predict reduced achievement of the MCID for pain relative to ASPBT. Several previous case
209 series and RCT have demonstrated satisfactory outcomes for both approaches with respect to
210 both postoperative functional and pain PROM scores^{17; 23; 24; 60}. Though none have evaluated
211 differences with respect to CSO achievement. Several reasons could be responsible for this
212 finding. While it is possible that the arthroscopic approach may cause less pain compared to an
213 open one in the short-term postoperative period, as demonstrated in several comparison studies^{34;}
214 ³⁷, it is more ambiguous whether such differences would persist at 1-year. In a multi-centered
215 study by Sperling et al evaluating patient perceptions of open vs arthroscopic shoulder surgery,
216 79% of patients endorsed the strong belief that arthroscopic surgery will produce less
217 postoperative pain compared to an open alternative⁵¹, despite little underpinning evidence in the
218 literature^{5; 6; 24; 63}. As such, no conclusions can be drawn regarding a relationship between
219 OSPBT and pain from the current evidence.

220 Preoperative depression as well as other psychiatric diagnoses have been linked to
221 negative outcomes, both clinical and subjective, following shoulder surgery^{14; 38; 61}. Dekker et al
222 stratified patients undergoing subacromial decompression by preoperative scores on the Hospital

223 Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS) and identified a strong negative correlation between
224 preoperative HADS score and postoperative pain¹⁴. Additionally, Wong et al demonstrated that
225 patients with greater mental health scores preoperatively were more likely to achieve the MCID
226 on multiple PROMs including the ASES function and pain components; the authors also found
227 preoperative ASES score to predict achievement of the MCID⁶². However, whether differences
228 in outcomes are clinically significant is not always clear in the cited studies. The present
229 investigation is the first to define a significant relationship between a diagnosis of depression to
230 reduced likelihood of achieving PASS. Curiously, there was no relationship between depression
231 and achievement of either the MCID or the SCB, indicating that while these patients concede to
232 clinically significant improvements with surgery, they struggle to achieve satisfaction with these
233 outcomes. These insights may be useful in preoperative counseling of this population to manage
234 expectations with surgical treatment.

235 Prolonged preoperative duration of symptoms has emerged as a significant predictor of
236 negative outcomes in patients undergoing orthopedic surgery^{3; 7; 47}. Chen et al found in a
237 prospective study of patients undergoing single-stage arthroscopy for concurrent rotator cuff
238 tears and shoulder stiffness that those who experienced symptoms for greater than 6 months were
239 18.1 times as likely to experience an unsuccessful outcome, defined as postoperative ASES score
240 <80 points⁷. Future studies should be undertaken to investigate the potential impact of durations
241 of symptoms on postoperative outcomes, with regards to both function and pain, for shoulder
242 arthroscopies in other indications.

243 There are several limitations that must be considered prior to interpretation of these
244 results. Although precedent in the literature has shown performed CSO calculations in a similar
245 manner⁵⁸, limiting the sample to patients who were compliant with PROM data collection may

246 introduce a risk of selection bias. Additionally, while multiple iterations of a stepwise regression
247 were performed to find the most predictive model, confounding variables may be present that
248 were not evaluated. Finally, patients constituting the cohort underwent isolated BT at a high-
249 volume tertiary referral center, thus potentially limiting the generalizability of our findings.

250

251 **Conclusion:**

252 This study identified scores for VAS pain that can be used to define clinically significant
253 outcome after biceps tenodesis. Specifically, a decrease in pain score of 12.9 was a clinically
254 important improvement in VAS pain, while a decrease of 25.1 represented the upper threshold of
255 VAS pain improvement. Additionally, there were both modifiable and non-modifiable factors
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TABLE 1 Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of Study Population

	Mean \pm SD/N (%)
Patients	161
Age (yr, Mean \pm SD)	50.04 \pm 12.16
Male	99 (61.5%)
WC	34 (21.1%)
BMI (kg/m ² , Mean \pm SD)	29.43 \pm 6.92
Positive smoking history	52 (33.3%)
<i>Current Smoker</i>	20 (12.8)
<i>Former Smoker</i>	32 (20.5)
Diabetes	5 (3.1%)
Hypertension	30 (18.8%)
Thyroid	10 (6.2%)
History of anxiety/depression	18 (11.2%)
Exercises regularly	94 (58.4%)
Lives alone	24 (14.9%)
Preoperative night pain	112 (93.3%)
Preoperative narcotics use	31 (26.3%)
Bicep pathology on arthroscopy	
<i>No gross pathology</i>	13 (8.1%)
<i>Complete Tear</i>	8 (5.0%)
<i>Partial Tear</i>	26 (16.1%)
<i>Tenosynovitis</i>	114 (70.8%)
Tenodesis Technique	
<i>Arthroscopic suprapectoral</i>	42 (26.1%)
<i>Open subpectoral</i>	119 (73.9%)
Fixation Device	
<i>Tenodesis screw</i>	56 (34.8%)
<i>Suture anchor</i>	119 (73.9%)

SD: Standard deviation

TABLE 2
Independent T-Test Analysis of Preoperative
and Postoperative Patient-Reported Outcome Scores

	Preoperative	Postoperative	P-Value
ASES	46.77 ± 19.11	72.76 ± 24.56	<0.001
SANE	32.93 ± 21.14	66.72 ± 29.47	<0.001
Constant-Murley	12.44 ± 6.62	21.50 ± 9.59	<0.001
SF12 PCS	36.68 ± 8.89	40.81 ± 10.43	<0.001
VR-12 PCS	38.43 ± 9.20	42.65 ± 10.61	<0.001
SF12 MCS	49.68 ± 10.82	51.52 ± 11.12	0.003
VR-12 MCS	52.49 ± 10.90	54.97 ± 11.49	<0.001
VR6D	0.62 ± 0.12	0.68 ± 0.14	<0.001
VAS Pain	50.6 ± 22.8	27.7 ± 26.3	<0.001

ASES: American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons; SANE: Single Assessment Numerical Evaluation; SF12: Short Form 12; PCS: physical health component score; VR-12: Veteran's Rand 12; MCS: mental health component score; VAS: visual analog scale

TABLE 3
Calculated MCID/SCB/PASS and
Cumulative Probability of Achievement at Follow-Up

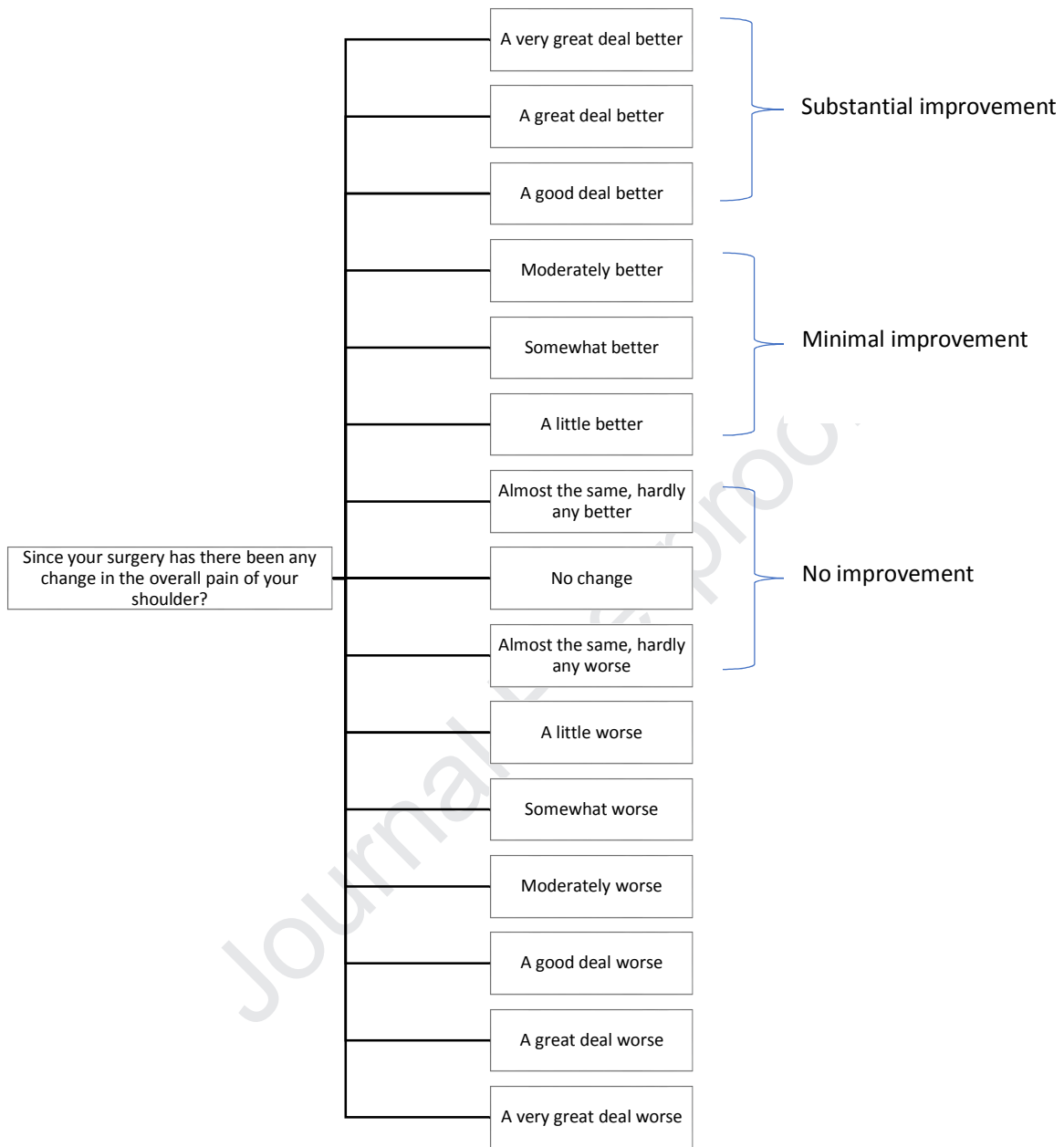
CSO	Value	AUC	95% CI	Achievement (N, %)
MCID	12.9	0.86	0.69-0.99	118 (73.3%)
SCB (Net)	25.1	0.84	0.72-0.96	74 (45.9%)
SCB (Absolute)	28.9	0.93	0.82-0.99	85 (52.8%)
PASS	27.4	0.86	0.82-0.93	85 (52.8%)

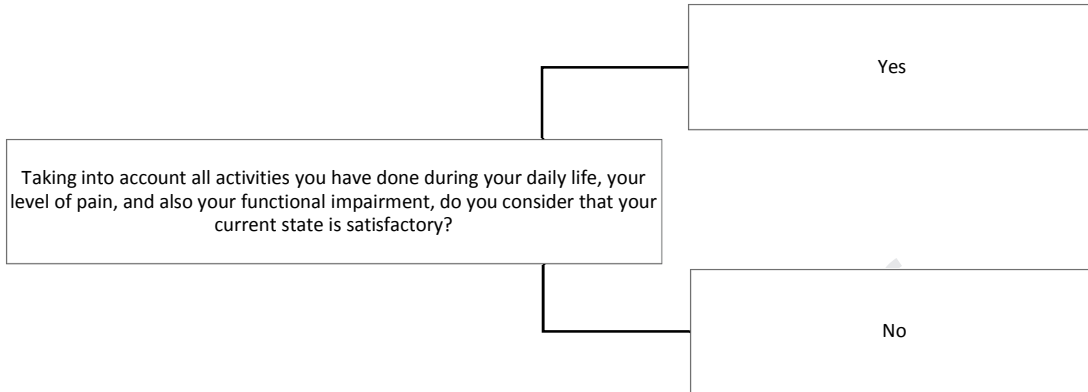
CSO: clinically significant outcomes; AUC: area under the curve; CI: confidence interval; MCID: minimal clinically important difference; SCB: substantial clinical benefit; PASS: patient acceptable symptomatic state

TABLE 4
Logistic Regression Analysis for CSO Achievement

	Odds Ratio	95% CI	P-Value
Predictors for Achieving MCID			
Male gender	0.37	0.18-0.74	<0.001
OSPBT	0.29	0.13-0.69	0.01
Preoperative ASES	0.96	0.94-0.98	0.01
Preoperative Constant Murley	0.89	0.82-0.97	0.01
Preoperative SF-12 PCS	0.86	0.81-0.91	<0.001
Preoperative VR12 PCS	0.87	0.82-0.92	<0.001
Preoperative VAS Pain	1.44	1.17-1.76	<0.001
Predictors for Achieving SCB (Net)			
OSPBT	0.42	0.2-0.86	0.02
Preoperative ASES	0.96	0.94-0.98	<0.001
Preoperative Constant Murley	0.87	0.8-0.95	<0.001
Preoperative SF-12 PCS	0.87	0.82-0.92	0.01
Preoperative VR12 PCS	0.89	0.84-0.93	<0.001
Preoperative VAS Pain	1.44	1.2-1.72	<0.001
Predictors for Achieving PASS			
WC	0.34	0.15-0.76	0.01
Depression	0.31	0.1-0.91	0.03
Preoperative narcotics use	0.14	0.05-0.38	0.00
Arthroscopic Findings			
<i>Tenosynovitis</i>	3.33	0.87-12.75	<0.001
<i>Partial tear</i>	7.50	1.61-34.83	0.01
<i>Complete tear</i>	23.33	1.99-273.3	0.01
Preoperative ASES	1.10	1.06-1.14	<0.001
Percent ΔASES	1.88	1.06-3.34	0.01
Preoperative SANE	1.03	1.01-1.04	0.01
Percent Δ SANE	1.03	0.97-1.11	0.02
Preoperative Constant Murley	1.21	1.1-1.33	<0.001
Preoperative SF-12 PCS	1.10	1.05-1.16	<0.001
Preoperative VR12 PCS	1.12	1.06-1.18	<0.001
Percent Δ VR-12 MCS	0.92	0.83-1.01	0.01
Preoperative VAS pain	0.49	0.38-0.64	<0.001
Symptom Duration > 6 months	0.09	0.01-0.64	0.006

Bold variables indicate variables that remained significantly predictive following stepwise multiple logistic regression; CSO: clinically significant outcomes; CI: confidence interval; MCID: minimal clinically important difference; SCB: substantial clinical benefit; PASS: patient acceptable symptomatic state; ASES: American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons; SANE: Single Assessment Numerical Evaluation; SF12: Short Form 12; PCS: physical health component score; VR-12: Veteran's Rand 12; MCS: mental health component score; VAS: visual analog scale; OSPBT: open subpectoral biceps tenodesis; WC: worker's compensation





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