

A long head of the biceps tendon confluent with the intra-articular rotator cuff: arthroscopic and MR arthrographic findings

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Many anomalous origins of the long head of the biceps tendon (LHBT) have been reported. However, developmental anomalies of the LHBT are rarely encountered in daily practice. We report a patient with an anomalous LHBT that was adherent to and confluent with the rotator cuff throughout its intra-articular course and present the clinical, magnetic resonance arthrography, and arthroscopic findings.

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