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Clinical Outcomes Of Lateral Meniscus Posterior Root Repair In The Acl-Reconstructed Knees.

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Background and Objective

- Biomechanical studies have demonstrated the importance of lateral meniscus posterior root (LMPR) repair provides secondary stability to the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) during pivot shift loading. On the other hand, meniscal tears (other than root tears) repaired at the time of ACL reconstruction have demonstrated improved outcomes when compared with those repaired in isolation. It has been theorized that the reason behind these improved outcomes relates to a favorable healing environment created by biological augmentation of the repair from the intra-articular release of the bone marrow when drilling the ACL tunnels.
- The main purpose of the study was to report clinical and radiological outcomes of LMPR repair in the ACL-reconstructed knee.



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Methods

- ❑ 17 patients with LMPR and ACL injury.
- ❑ Clinical outcomes: KOOS and Lysholm Knee Questionnaire.
- ❑ Radiological outcomes: Kellgren-Lawrence grade using a plain X-ray, MRI evaluation for cartilage damage and meniscal extrusion.
- ❑ Intraoperative arthroscopic assessments.



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Summary of Results

Follow up (months)	29.4 ± 5.5
Age	32.1 ± 9.9
BMI	25.7 ± 3.5
Time from injury to surgery (months)	6.4 ± 6.1
Male	13 (76.5%)
Female	4 (23.5%)
Right	6 (35.3%)
Left	11 (64.7%)
La Prade Classification	
1	0 (0.0%)
2	2 (11.8%)
3	6 (35.3%)
4	0 (0.0%)
5	9 (52.9%)

Table 1. Summary of baseline demographic and clinical data of all included patients.

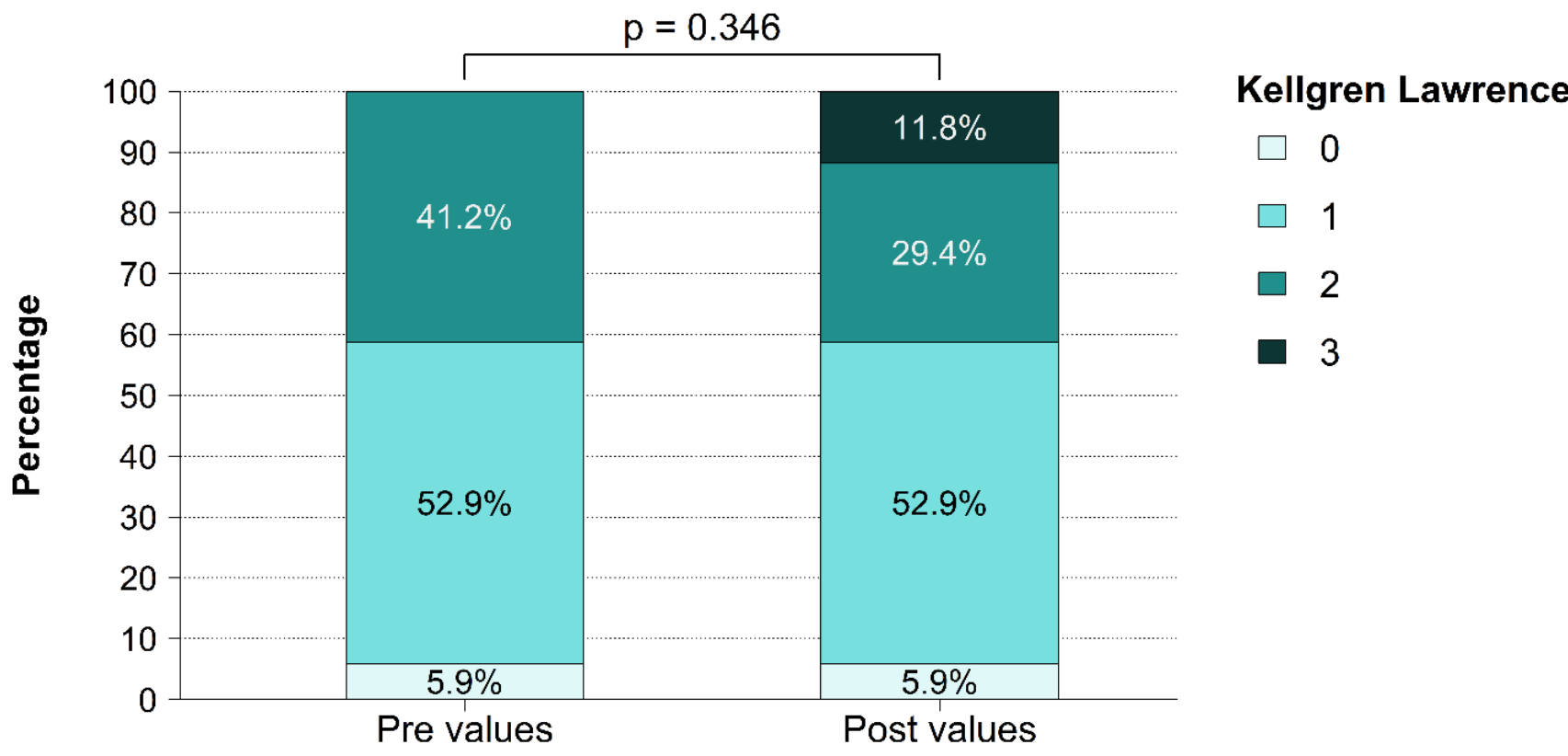


Figure 1. No significant radiological progression of arthritic changes was observed postoperatively using KL score (P=0.346).



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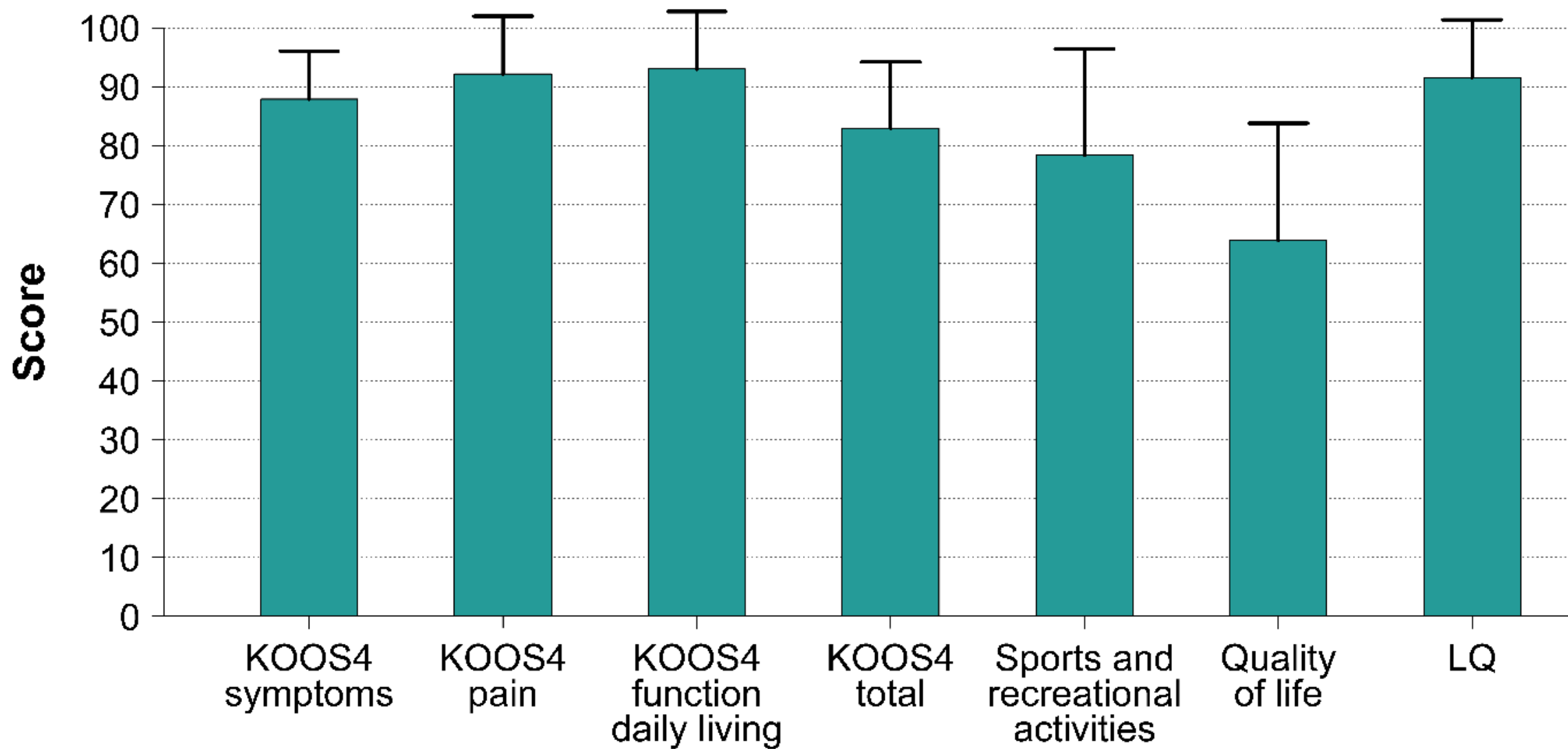


Figure 2. Significantly improved clinical outcomes were observed postoperatively and at the final follow-up.



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Summary of Results

Postoperative meniscal extrusion	
Yes	2 (11.8%)
Osteochondral defect	
Yes	1 (5.9%)

Table 2. Regarding postoperative MRI findings, 2 patients presented meniscal extrusion and only 1 case of osteochondral defect was documented.



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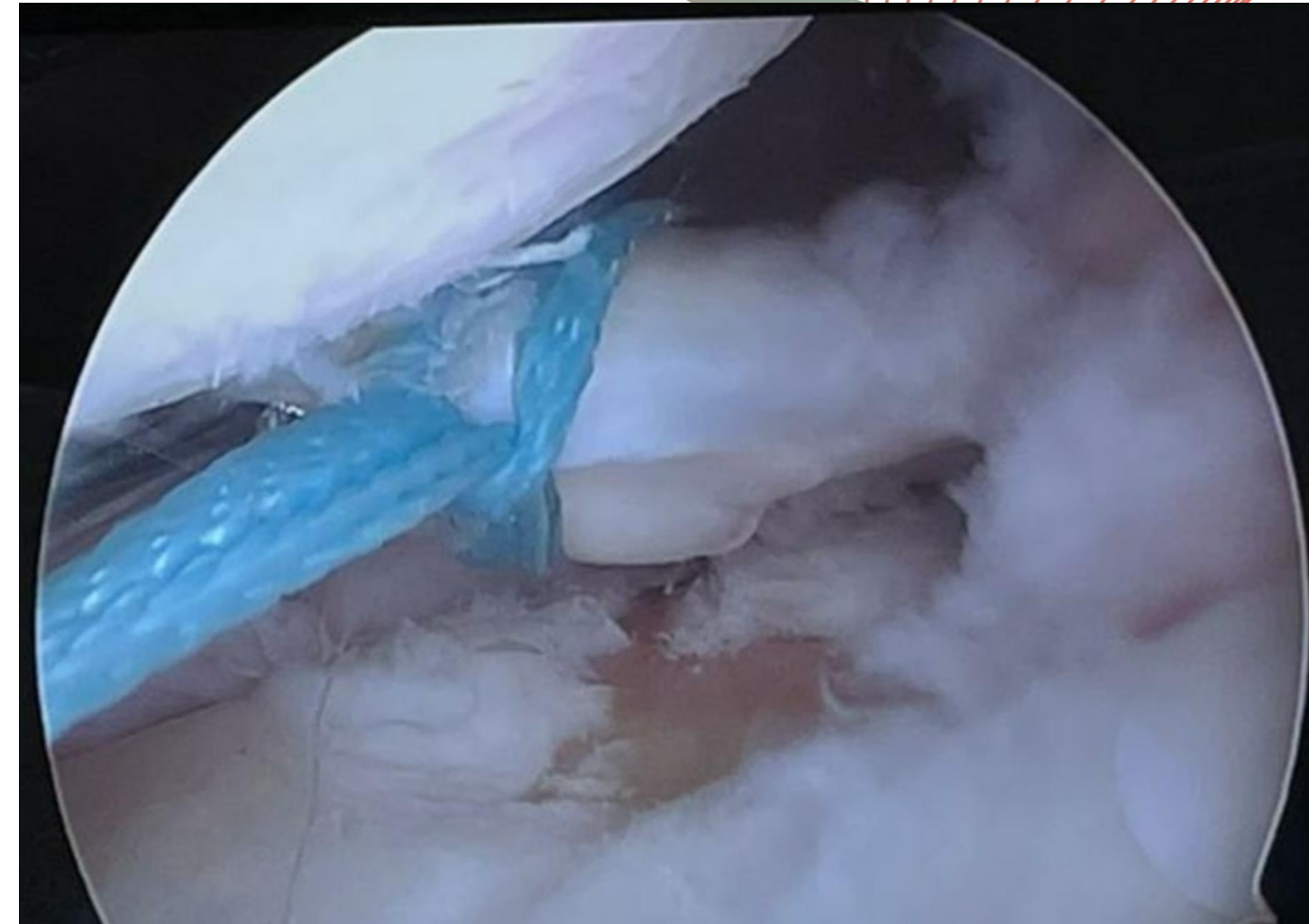
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Conclusions

Satisfactory midterm clinical and radiological outcomes with no re-tears and progression to knee OA have been observed.



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