
Risk factor of failure after the revision anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction

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Graft failure rate after revision anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) reconstruction is around **6-14%** [1-3]

3-4 times higher than that of primary surgery

Risk factors for primary reconstruction [4-7]

Patient factors

- ✓ Age at initial injury
- ✓ Joint laxity
- ✓ BMI

Concomitant injury

- ✓ Meniscal injury
- ✓ Chondral injury

Anatomical factors

- ✓ Posterior tibial slope
- ✓ Anterior tibial translation

Lacks data about **risk factors** of failure after **revision** surgery

Purpose

- To investigate risk factors of graft failure after revision ACL reconstruction

Hypothesis

- Hyperextended knee, large posterior tibial slope (PTS), and anterior tibial translation (ATT) are risk factors of graft failure after revision ACL reconstruction

Retrospective analysis (2014-2020)

Inclusion

- ✓ Underwent revision ACL reconstruction in our hospital
- ✓ Flow up > 1 year

Exclusion

- ✓ Post operative infection
- ✓ Insufficient radiographic data

Patients (n): 46 (18 males/ 28 females)
Mean age at injury (years): 20.1 (13-53)

Group N
No failure

Group F
Failure

Method

Patient characteristics

Sex
Age at initial injury
Tegner activity score
Period from injury to surgery
Hyperextended knee
Contralateral injury
Preop pivot shift test grade
Preop KT2000 SSD

Operative factors

Meniscal injury (medial/lateral)
Chondral injury
Graft (hamstrings/BTB)

Preop image

Space for the ACL (sACL)(Xp)
Medial/Lateral PTS (CT)
Medial/Lateral ATT (CT/MRI)

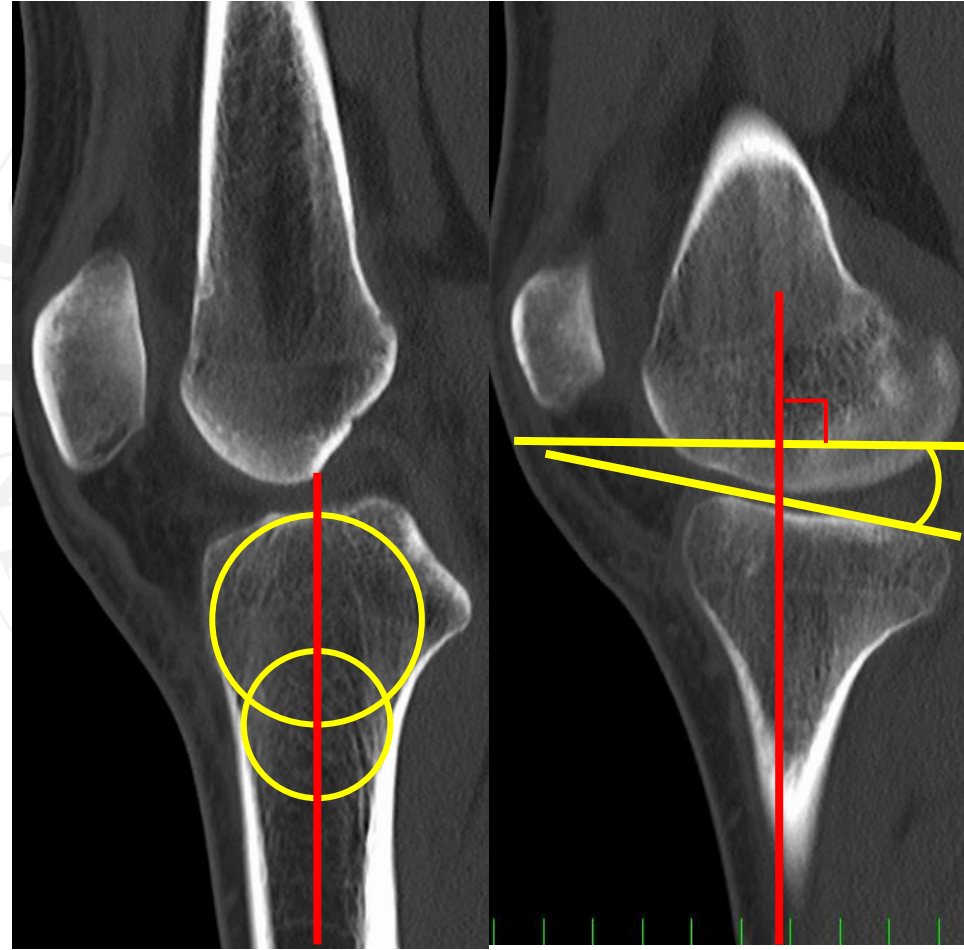
- ✓ Univariate analysis of each factors
- ✓ Multivariate analysis using significant risk factors from univariate analysis

Method (radiographic measurement)

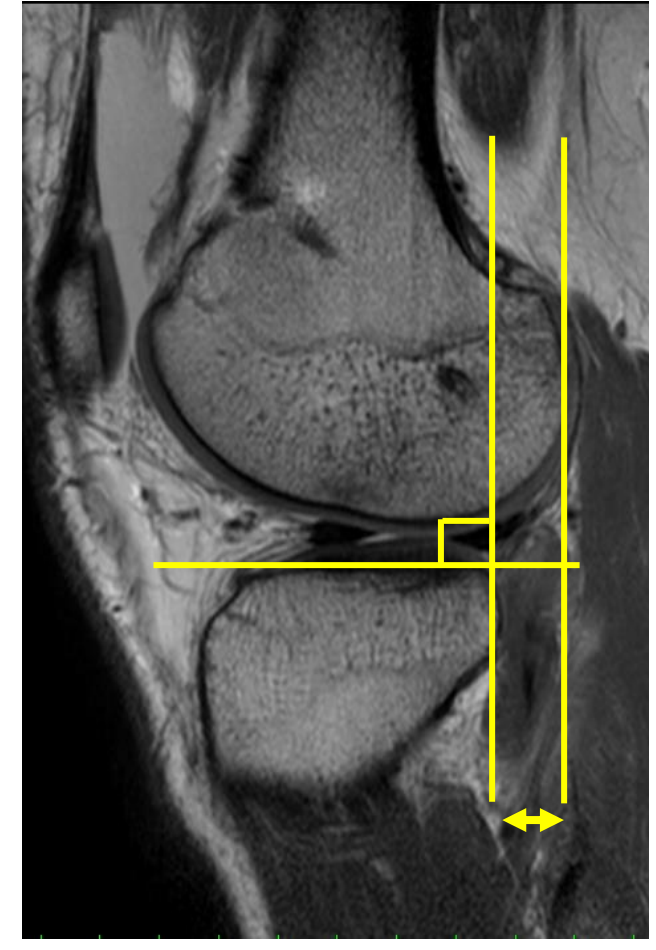
sACL (mm) [8]



PTS (°) [9]



ATT (mm) [7]



Univariate analysis (patient characteristics)

Failure rate 13.0%

	Group N (n=40)	Group F (n=6)	P value	
Sex (M/F)	17/23	1/5	0.38	
Age at initial injury	20.8±7.7	15.8±1.5	0.051	
Tegner activity score	7.1±2.2	7.3±3.6	0.33	
Period from injury to revision surgery	5.6±9.4	4.7±6.1	0.87	
Hyperextended knee (yes/no)	6/34	5/1	0.0018	
Contralateral injury (yes/no)	6/33	2/4	0.079	
Preop pivot shift test grade (grade 0-1/grade 2,3)	14/26	2/4	1.0	Mean±SD
Preop KT-2000 SSD (mm)	6.5±3.1	9.0±3.3	0.11	

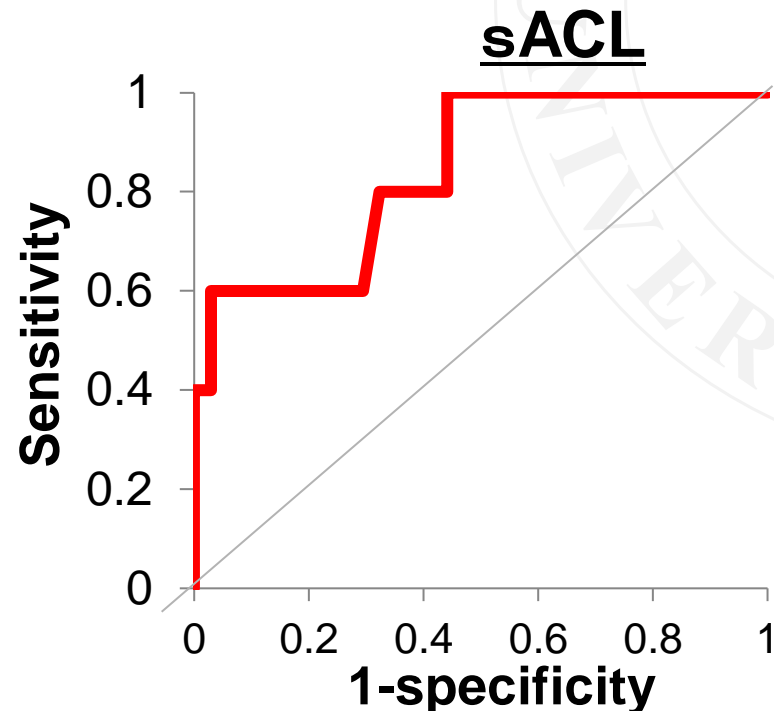
Univariate analysis (operative factors, preop image)

	Group N (n=40)	Group F (n=6)	P value
Medial meniscus injury (yes/no)	17/23	5/1	0.090
Lateral meniscus injury (yes/no)	15/25	2/4	0.29
Chondral injury (yes/no)	10/30	3/3	0.33
Graft (BTB/ST)	36/4	6/0	1.00
sACL (mm)	13.4±4.7	7.2±3.4	0.0042
Medial PTS (°)	6.5±3.0	5.5±3.2	0.34
Lateral PTS (°)	6.5±2.9	8.1±3.9	0.45
Medial ATT CT (mm)	1.6±2.5	2.3±4.1	0.78
Lateral ATT CT(mm)	-0.21±3.2	1.7±5.4	0.41
Medial ATT MRI(mm)	2,2±3.3	4.3±3.2	0.078
Lateral ATT MRI(mm)	4.4±4.0	7.1±4.3	0.14

Multivariate analysis

	Regression coefficient	Odds ratio	Odds ratio 95%CI		P value
			Min	Max	
Hyperextended knee	3.2	24.3	1.4	429.4	0.029
sACL	-0.54	0.58	0.35	0.98	0.040

ROC analysis (sACL)



Cut off **6.9**mm

Sensitivity (SE) 67%

Specificity (SP) 97%

Area under curve(AUC) 0.87

Discussion (risk factors)

Patient characteristics

Sex

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Discussion (sACL)

sACL

New parameter to evaluate anterior tibial subluxation

Predicting graft failure

Cutoff for preop sACL: **10.2**mm

(AUC 0.903, SE 86.2%, SP 81.8%) [8]

Present study

Cut-off for preop sACL: **6.9**mm

(AUC 0.87, SE 67%, SP 97%)

Could be **useful parameter** to predict
graft failure after revision surgery



Conclusion

- **Hyperextended knee** and **small preoperative sACL** are risk factors of graft failure after revision ACL reconstruction

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