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Utility of Talus Osteochondral Allograft Augmentation for Varying Size of Hill-Sachs Lesion: A Cadaveric Study

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Background

- **Engaging Hill-Sachs lesions (HSLs)**, a significant risk for failure of surgical repair of recurrent anterior shoulder instability.
- **Humeral head reconstruction** of the HSL with **fresh osteochondral allograft (OCA)** has been proposed as a treatment for large HSLs.
- Talus OCA, a promising graft source due to its high congruency with a dense cartilaginous surface
- **Single or multiple OCA plugs** were introduced for filling the large defect instead of a large graft cut → technically easier and for arthroscopic purposes.
- Limited study on utility of talus OCA for varying size of HSLs



Objective/Hypothesis

- This study aims to study the surface geometry of talus OCA plug augmentation for the management of anterior shoulder instability with varying sizes of HSL with the hopes of arthroscopic adaptation of this technique.
- We hypothesize that talus OCA augmentation with single or multiple OCA talus plugs can restore the bone curvature and surface area of the shoulder relative to the native state.



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Methods

- Seven fresh-frozen cadaveric shoulders
- A **repeated-measures experimental** design
- A three-dimensional plastic model was created by *the actual patients' CT-scan with the varying size of HSL as small-, medium- and large HSL*
- Three plastic resin HSLs (small, medium, and large) were created with the 3D printer (Ultimaker3, Ultimaker, Utrecht, NL) and converted to the cadaveric model



Right humerus cadaver and a 3D plastic mold model. The HSL defect (**small HSL**) will be created using a combination of an oscillating saw, bur, and rasp to achieve the precise defect size and shape

Methods

- **Single surgeon** created the HSL with the help of **plastic mold** to precisely reproduce the *corresponding size, location, and volume*
- Next, the talus OCA augmentation was performed by harvesting the talus allograft using the OAT system with the sizes *varying from 8, 10 and 12-mm diameter*
- OCA plug was filled in the **most medial and superior aspect of the HSL** starting from small, medium- and large-HSLs



Right humerus cadaver demonstrated the AP view of the humerus after talus OCA bone plugs (arrowheads) for filling the HSL bone defect (medium-HSL)

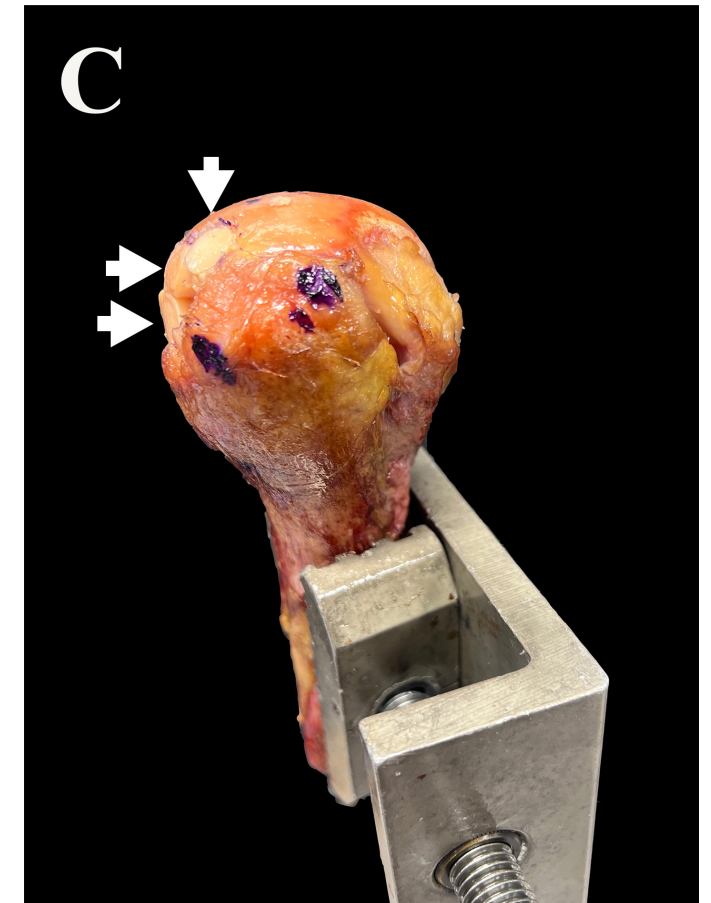


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Methods



The right humerus cadaver demonstrated A) **the large HSL defect** was created with the guidance from the **three-dimensional plastic mold**; the anteroposterior view (B) and lateral view (C) of the humerus after **talus OCA bone plugs (arrowheads)** for filling the HSL bone defect.



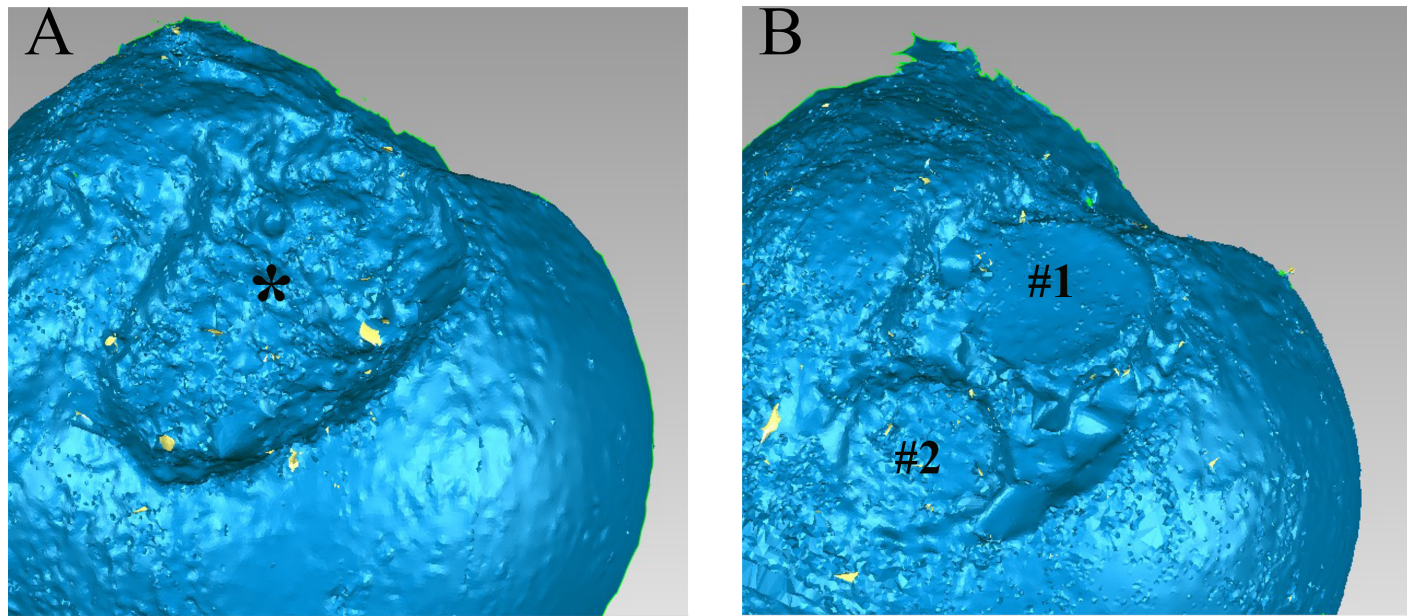
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Methods: Surface Analysis

- **Surface laser scan** analysis was performed.
- **Surface congruency** was calculated as the average absolute error and root mean squared error in the distance.
- A one-way repeated measures ANOVA was performed to evaluate the effects of the difference in HSL size and associated talus OCA

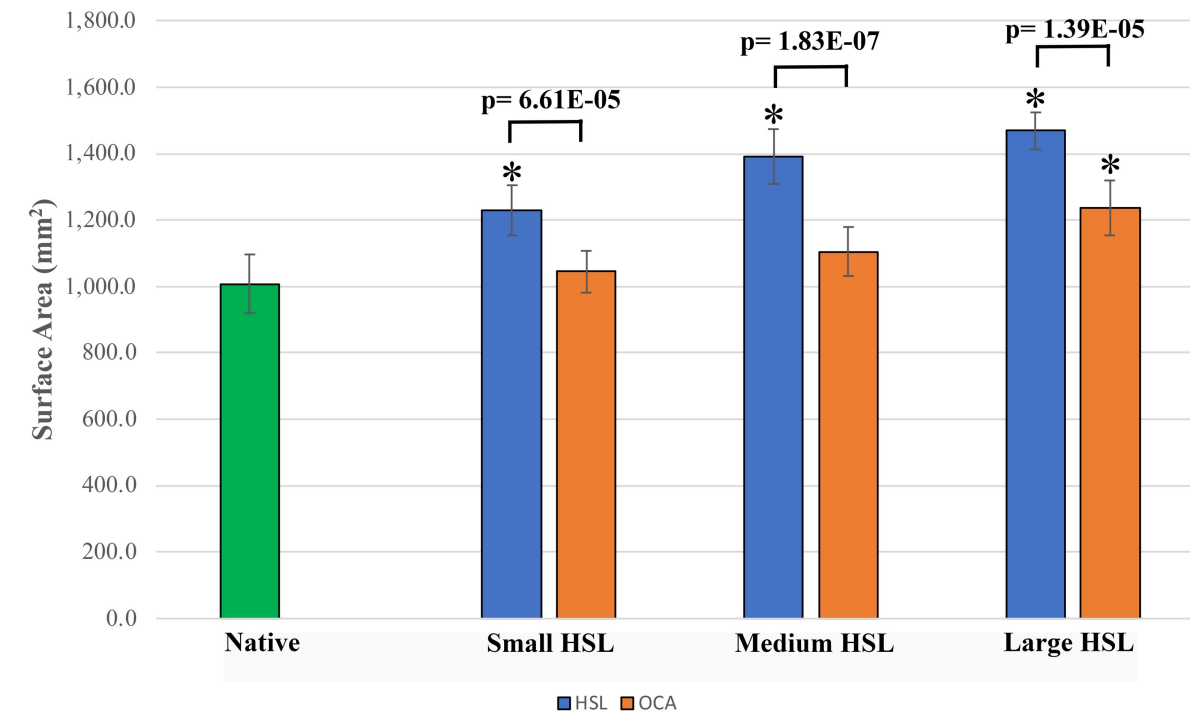


The **surface analysis** of the laser scan data and processed using a custom MATLAB showed

A) the HSL defect (*) and B) an **improvement in surface area and congruence** after the talus OCA augmentation with bone plug (#1 and #2)

Results

Testing states	SA (mm ²) (Mean ± SD)	SA post-OCA (mm ²) (Mean ± SD)	aP
Native	1,007 ± 88	-	-
Small HSL	1,230 ± 54*	1,044 ± 82	<0.001
Medium HSL	1,391 ± 81*	1,104 ± 73	<0.001
Large HSL	1,469 ± 75*	1,235 ± 63*	<0.001

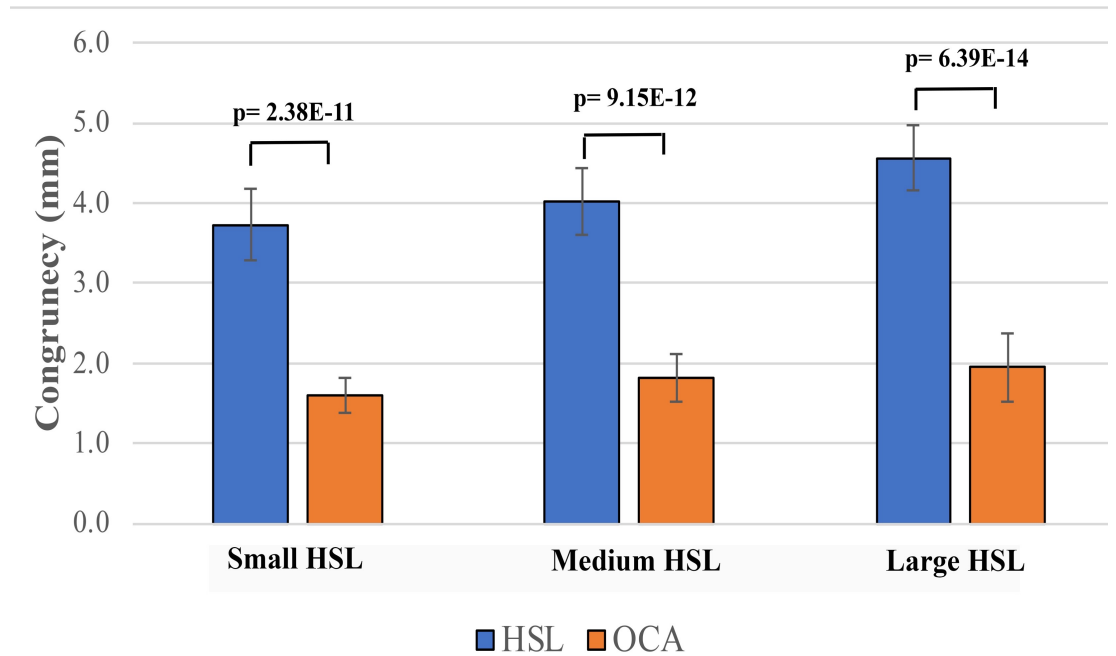


- **Surface area (SA) analysis** of the humeral head with the large- (1,469 ± 75 mm²), medium- (1,391 ± 81 mm²), and small- (1,230 ± 54 mm²) HSLs exhibited significantly higher SA than the native state (1,007 ± 88 mm² with p < 0.001 for all sizes).
- However, there was **no significant difference** in SA between the native state and after talus augmentation **for small** (1044 ± 82 mm²) and **medium HSLs** (1104 ± 73 mm²) with p=0.965 and p=0.212, respectively



Results

Testing states	Congruency (mm) (Mean ± SD)	Post-OCA (Mean ± SD)	bP
Small HSL	3.73 ± 0.41	1.60 ± 0.42	<0.001
Medium HSL	4.02 ± 0.41	1.82 ± 0.31	<0.001
Large HSL	4.57 ± 0.45	1.95 ± 0.23	<0.001



Talus OCA augmentation yielded improved congruency across small- (3.73 ± 0.41 mm to 1.60 ± 0.42 mm), medium (4.02 ± 0.41 mm to 1.82 ± 0.31 mm), and large-size (4.57 ± 0.45 mm to 1.95 ± 0.23 mm) of HSLs with $p < 0.001$ for all sizes.

Discussion

- **Utility of the talus OCA bone plugs** to fill small, medium, and large HSLs restored humeral head surface area and congruency across all tested models.
- Talus OCA provided ***limited benefit*** in restoring surface area for **large-size HSL**; however, can re-create the humeral head congruency to a near-normal state.
- This study use 3D model from **the young male patients**, the results cannot be fully generalized to the general population.
- Finally, this study presented the data in **time zero**. Additional in vivo studies may be beneficial to understand the effect of Talus OCA, such ***as graft healing, resorption, clinical outcomes, and risk of recurrent instability*** after this procedure.



Conclusion

- **Talus OCA plug** augmentation **restored surface area and congruency** across all tested HSLs in this cadaveric model, and the surface area was best improved with **the most common HSLs – small and medium.**
- **Talus OCA plug** provides a viable option for restoring congruity of the shoulder in patients with recurrent anterior glenohumeral instability and an HSL.
- Additional work is necessary to assess the **overall mechanics and healing in vivo.**



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