





# Reliability of a new device to measure anterior knee laxity in outpatient setting

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## **BACKGROUND**

Quantification of anterior tibial translation (ATT) is assessed through devices called "arthrometers"



- High price
- Not easy to handle
- Reliability ???
- Diagnostic accuracy ???



Rolimeter





SmartJoint



KT-1000

## **AIM**

To assess reliability of a new arthrometer

#### Hypothesis

The new arthrometer BLU-DAT has a good interand intraraters reliability in outpatient setting



## **METHODS**

- Prospective cohort study
  - > 39 Patients (M:F=27:1)
  - ACL injury (Clinical + MRI)
  - 2 different examinator
  - Lachman Test under 3 different loads

(for each load each examinator repeated the test 3 times)

- > 7 Kg (67 N)
- > 9 Kg (89 N)
- > MMT



## **METHODS**

#### **Outcome measures**

- Primary
  - > Inter-raters reliability of ATT
- Secondary
  - > Intra-raters reliability of ATT

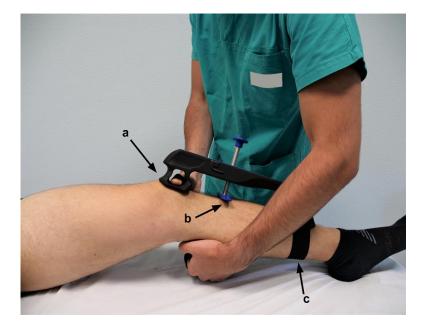
ICC	Agreement	
<0	Absent	
0-0.2	Poor	
0.21 - 0.40	Fair	
0.41 - 0.60	Moderate	
0.61 - 0.80	Good	
0.81-1	Excellent	



## **BLU-DAT**

The correct use and positioning during the Lachman Test:

- a) Concave upper support on the patella
- b) Probe, that measures the anterior translation, on the tibial tuberosity
- c) Lower support on the distal tibia







## **BLU-DAT**

#### The BLU-DAT display

- a) Knee flexion angle (°)
- b) Anterior tibial translation (mm)
- c) Force applied (Kg Bluetooth-connected dynamometer placed in the hand applying the anterior thrust.





Bluetooth-connected

dynamometer placed in the hand
applying the anterior thrust.



# RESULTS

#### **ICC** for Inter-raters reliability

	ICC	Lower CI	Upper CI
7 KG	0.701	0.435	0.842
9 KG	0.845	0.707	0.919
MMT	0.834	0.685	0.913



# RESULTS

#### ICC for Intra-raters reliability

	ICC	Lower CI	Upper CI
7 KG	0.781	0.583	0.885
9 KG	0.855	0.723	0.924
MMT	0.913	0.836	0.954



# CONCLUSIONS

The new arthrometer showed good inter and intra-rater reliability especially at MMT in testing anterior knee laxity



Easy to use

Independent of the side tested

Independent of examiner experience



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