





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

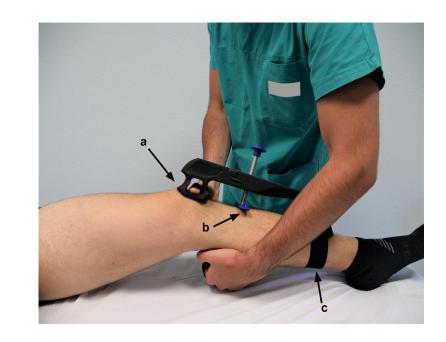
ICC	Agreement
<0	Absent
0-0.2	Poor
0.21 - 0.40	Fair
0.41 - 0.60	Moderate
0.61 - 0.80	Good
0.81-1	Excellent



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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