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Differential impact of osteoporosis, sarcopenia and obesity on physical performance in aging men

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Abstract

Purpose: Aging and concurrent constitutional changes as sarcopenia, osteoporosis and obesity are associated with progressive functional decline. Coincidence and mutual interference of this risk factors require further evaluation.

Methods: Cross-sectional evaluation of musculoskeletal health in a community-dwelling cohort of men aged 65–90 years. Objectives included descriptive analysis of age-related decline in physical performance, prevalence of osteoporosis (FRAX-Score), sarcopenia (EWGSOP criteria) and obesity (BMI > 30 kg/m²) and their coincidence/interference. *Results:* Based on 507 participants assessed, aging was associated with progressive functional deterioration, regarding power (chair rise test -1.54% per year), performance (usual gait speed -1.38% per year) and muscle force (grip strength -1.52% per year) while muscle mass declined only marginally (skeletal muscle index -0.29% per year). Prevalence of osteoporosis was 41.8% (n = 212) while only 22.9% (n = 116) of the participants met the criteria for sarcopenia and 23.7% (n = 120) were obese. Osteosarcopenia was found in n = 79 (15.6%), sarcopenic obesity was present in 14 men (2.8%). A combination of all three conditions could be confirmed in n = 8 (1.6%). There was an inverse correlation of BMI with physical performance whereas osteoporosis and sarcopenia did not interfere with functional outcomes.

Conclusion: Based on current definitions, there is considerable overlap in the prevalence of osteoporosis and sarcopenia, while obesity appears to be a distinct problem. Functional decline appears to be associated with obesity rather than osteoporosis or sarcopenia. It remains to be determined to what extend obesity itself causes performance deficits or if obesity is merely an indicator of insufficient activity eventually predisposing to functional decline.

Key Words

- osteoporosis
- sarcopenia
- obesity
- physical performance

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Introduction

Aging is associated with progressive physical deficits showing a wide range of inter-individual variability. Loss of bone and muscle mass are associated with fracture risk and a decline in physical function which in turn causes reduced mobility and adverse outcomes including progressive disability and increased mortality (1, 2, 3, 4). Along with reduced muscle mass, deficient physical performance is a hallmark of sarcopenia, and the annual loss in mass and performance was reported to be around 1-2% and 3%, respectively in men >60 years. Furthermore, a combination of sarcopenia with osteoporosis or obesity was assumed to worsen that effect (5, 6). The combination of sarcopenia and low BMD reflected in the term osteosarcopenia is considered





to potentiate the risk for fractures and functional decline (7, 8, 9, 10, 11) and both conditions are associated with similar risk factors (3, 7, 12, 13). Specifically, overweight and obesity are well-recognized to have a negative impact on physical capabilities and fracture risk (14, 15), although data regarding BMD and certain fracture types is heterogeneous (16, 17). Gain in fat mass and particularly increased visceral fat was shown to have a negative effect on BMD and bone structure and specifically hip fracture risk (18, 19, 20, 21). In addition, there might be an association between higher BMI and fracture risk beyond BMD, particularly in the context of reduced physical performance ultimately leading to an elevated risk for falls and fractures (18, 20, 22). Obesity and high BMI in turn are associated with increased muscle mass (23). suggesting lower prevalence of sarcopenia, while from a functional perspective, obesity also affects muscle quality and function, leading to fatty infiltration of muscles (24, 25, 26). The combination of low muscle mass and poor function in association with obesity as described by the term 'sarcopenic obesity' is supposed to elevate falls and fracture risk, particularly in men (6).

Considering these associations of osteosarcopenia and sarcopenic obesity with functional limitations in the aging population, specifically in men, we aimed at identifying prevalence of osteoporosis, sarcopenia and obesity in aging men in order to evaluate how each one of these correlates with functional deficits, to what extend there is an overlap of these three conditions in terms of osteosarcopenia and sarcopenic obesity and if a constellation of supposed 'osteosarcobesity' or 'sarcoporobestiy' was a realistic worst-case scenario.

Materials and methods

Study design and participants

This is a cross-sectional evaluation of a general populationderived cohort of elderly men. Based on information obtained from the registration office, all men aged 65 to 90 years from two distinct post code areas of the German city of Wuerzburg were contacted by letter mail, asked to complete a questionnaire and to volunteer for a comprehensive musculoskeletal assessment.

Osteoporosis and fracture risk

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| individual | fracture | risk | with | the | FRAX®-tool |

https://ec.bioscientifica.com https://doi.org/10.1530/EC-20-0580 © 2021 The authors Published by Bioscientifica Ltd (European, German Edition). Risk factors included in the assessment were age, sex, weight, height, previous fractures, parental hip fracture, smoking, use of glucocorticoids, rheumatoid arthritis, any form of secondary osteoporosis and alcohol abuse. Owing to national radiation protection regulations, BMD assessment was not consistently available and consequently not included in this calculation. Cut-off for osteoporosis was defined as a risk for sustaining a major osteoporotic fracture (MOF) \geq 20% or an osteoporotic hip fracture (HOF) \geq 3% (27, 28).

Body composition

Evaluation of body composition included body weight, height and bioelectrical impedance analysis (BIA, BIA 101 Anniversary, Akern srl, Florence, Italy). Skeletal Muscle Index (SMI) was calculated using the pre-established formula for the respective device (29, 30). Individuals with reduced muscle mass were identified according to the EWGSOP threshold for sarcopenia (31), that is, low muscle mass was defined by an SMI \leq 10.75 kg/m². Obesity was defined using the WHO BMI cutoff at \geq 30 kg/m².

Physical performance

Assessment of physical performance is based on the three items of the Short Physical Performance Battery (SPPB) (31, 32), consisting of a balance test, a 4 m usual gait speed and the chair rise test. In line with established literature, participants attaining 8 points or less in the SPPB were considered as having deficient physical performance.

Strength

Hand grip strength was measured for both hands by side-alternating testing in three cycles with a handheld dynamometer (DynEx1, Akern srl, Florence, Italy) in a seated position, the elbow flexed at 90 degrees. Best performance value was used for further analyses. The cutoff for reduced hand grip strength was set at <30 kg for men (31). Sarcopenia was defined according to applicable EWGSOP criteria including low muscle mass (SMI) combined with at least one of the following two criteria, reduced strength based on handheld dynamometry or/and reduced physical performance based on SPPB (31).

Statistical analysis

Descriptive statistical analysis comprised absolute frequencies and corresponding proportions, arithmetic





means and respective variation measures. Exploratory correlation analyses were calculated using Pearson's correlation coefficient. Between-group differences were assessed using independent samples t-tests. *P* values of less than 0.05 were considered statistically significant. Log regression was used to estimate potential risk factors. All statistical analyses were performed using SPSS ver. 25 statistical software package (SPSS Inc.).

The study protocol was approved by the competent ethics committee at Wuerzburg University (N. 148/13) and registered with the German register for clinical studies (DRKS00013261). Informed consent was obtained from all individual participants included in the study.

Results

Baseline data and characterization of the cohort

Out of n = 2605 men aged 65 to 90 years initially contacted by letter mail, n = 1107 (42.5%) returned the attached questionnaire providing baseline information on their age, height and weight. Out of these, n = 787 indicated their willingness to attend the comprehensive musculoskeletal health assessment. In line with the case number pre-specified in the study protocol, n = 507 men were invited and examined on a first-come-first-served basis (Fig. 1).

Mean age of these 507 participants was 74.7 years (s.D. 6.08 years), average height and weight were 174 cm (s.D. 6.51 cm) and 84.8 kg (s.D. 13.3 kg), respectively, yielding an average BMI of 28.0 kg/m² (s.D. 3.93 kg/m²).

For assessing age-associated changes, participants were categorized into five different age groups, each covering 5 years. Participants' baseline characteristics and distribution over different age groups are summarized in Table 1.

Physical performance

With increasing age, there was a trend to reduced height and weight along with a significant decrease in both SMI (P=0.004), fat free mass (FFM) (P < 0.001) and fat mass (FM) (P=0.008), while BMI did not change significantly (P = 0.064). Regarding functional assessments, there was a significant decline with aging in all parameters of physical performance. Specifically, average usual gait speed reduced from 1.56 m/s for the 65-69 year old to 1.13 m/s for those \geq 85 years (*P* < 0.001). In parallel, average time to perform the chair rise test continuously increased from 8.54 s in the 65–69 year group to 12.34 s in the \geq 85 year cohort (P < 0.001). The average SPPB-score decreased progressively starting from 11.7 points for the 65-69 year group to 9.5 points in the \geq 85 year old (*P* < 0.001). Hand grip strength declined significantly from 37.3 to 26.0 kg (P < 0.001). Fracture risk for both major osteoporotic fractures and hip fractures increased progressively with aging.

The decline from the youngest to the oldest age group amounted to 5.8% for average SMI while deterioration of physical performance as assessed by the SPPB over the same age categories was 18.8%. Age associated deterioration of physical performance became most obvious assessing usual gait speed, hand grip strength, and time to perform



Figure 1 Study population flow.

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 Table 1
 Participants' characteristics for different age group (mean ± s.p.).

| Age groups | All (65–90 years) | 65-69 years | 70–74 years | 75-79 years | 80–84 years | 85–90 years | P -values |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| <i>n</i> (%) | 507 (100) | 112 (22.1) | 160 (31.6) | 127 (25.0) | 69 (13.6) | 39 (7.7) | |
| Age (years) | 74.7 ± 6.08 | 67.1 ± 1.39 | 72.0 ± 1.44 | 77.0 ± 1.48 | 81.9 ± 1.48 | 86.9 ± 1.59 | < 0.001 |
| Height (cm) | 174 ± 6.51 | 177 ± 6.03 | 174 ± 6.56 | 174 ± 6.22 | 172 ± 6.08 | 170 ± 6.01 | < 0.001 |
| Weight (kg) | 84.8 ± 13.3 | 87.2 ± 12.7 | 84.5 ± 13.4 | 86.7 ± 14.0 | 82.2 ± 12.8 | 76.6 ± 8.34 | < 0.001 |
| BMI (kg/m ²) | 28.0 ± 3.9 | 27.9 ± 3.78 | 27.9 ± 4.05 | 28.7 ± 4.33 | 27.7 ± 3.37 | 26.6 ± 3.08 | 0.064 |
| Skeletal muscle index (kg/m ²) | 10.2 ± 1.03 | 10.4 ± 1.01 | 10.3 ± 1.07 | 10.2 ± 1.10 | 9.92 ± 0.81 | 9.80 ± 0.76 | 0.004 |
| Fat mass (kg) | 24.3 ± 7.43 | 25.1 ± 7.44 | 24.0 ± 7.18 | 25.7 ± 8.04 | 22.2 ± 6.74 | 21.7 ± 6.11 | 0.008 |
| Fat free mass (kg) | 59.9 ± 7.29 | 61.8 ± 6.80 | 60.0 ± 7.61 | 60.2 ± 7.62 | 57.4 ± 6.36 | 55.8 ± 4.88 | < 0.001 |
| Major osteoporotic fractures (%) | 6.24 ± 2.86 | 4.33 ± 1.54 | 5.29 ± 1.71 | 6.60 ± 2.16 | 8.88 ± 3.46 | 9.86 ± 3.48 | < 0.001 |
| Osteoporotic hip fractures (%) | 3.11 ± 2.26 | 1.44 ± 0.99 | 2.28 ± 1.01 | 3.55 ± 1.62 | 5.31 ± 2.82 | 6.09 ± 2.87 | < 0.001 |
| Usual gait speed (m/s) | 1.40 ± 0.40 | 1.56 ± 0.46 | 1.48 ± 0.39 | 1.36 ± 0.36 | 1.20 ± 0.27 | 1.13 ± 0.37 | < 0.001 |
| Chair rise test (s) | 9.93 ± 4.01 | 8.54 ± 2.40 | 9.20 ± 3.67 | 10.7 ± 4.02 | 11.1 ± 4.10 | 12.3 ± 6.30 | < 0.001 |
| Short physical performance battery (points) | 11.1 ± 1.69 | 11.7 ± 1.00 | 11.5 ± 1.17 | 10.9 ± 1.52 | 10.3 ± 2.10 | 9.5 ± 2.85 | <0.001 |
| Hand grip strength (kg) | 33.2 ± 7.30 | 37.3 ± 7.16 | 34.6 ± 6.19 | 32.0 ± 6.85 | 29.2 ± 6.34 | 26.0 ± 5.14 | < 0.001 |
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the chair rise test reducing by 27.6, 30.3% and 30.8%, respectively. Considering that the study cohort spanning roughly 20 years from the youngest to the oldest age group, the annual decline in skeletal muscle index is only 0.29% while the annual reduction in usual gait speed was 1.38%, the loss in hand grip strength was 1.52% and the performance loss regarding CRT in men was as high 1.54%, see also Fig. 2.

only one third (0.17 kg/year) accounting for loss of fat mass. In parallel, there was also a significant decline in height (0.35 cm/year). As a consequence, BMI did not change significantly across the different age groups.

Prevalence of reduced muscle mass and sarcopenia

Constitutional decline

Across the different age groups, there was a statistical significant annual decline in weight (0.53 kg/year) with

Reduced muscle mass defined by an SMI of $\leq 10.75 \text{ kg/m}^2$ was detected in n = 330 (65.1%) participants, while 166 (32.7%) had reduced hand grip strength (<30 kg); an SPPB-Score ≤ 8 was prevalent in 43 (8.5%) participants.

Out of the 330 with reduced muscle mass, 107 exhibited reduced hand grip strength (<30 kg) and only 21 showed



Figure 2

Constitutional and functional mean percentage decline with progressive aging for chair rise test, SMI, SPPB, hand grip strength and usual gait speed with s.d. Average results attained by the youngest age group (65–69 years) are defined as baseline/100%. Increase in time required to perform the chair rise test is depicted inversely to illustrate percentage decline according to the formula chair rise test percentage = (baseline (s)/ time of respective age group (s)) × 100.

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reduced physical performance (SPPB score ≤ 8). Twelve participants exhibited deficits in both SPPB and hand grip strength. Taken together, sarcopenia was diagnosed in 116 participants (22.9%) with low SMI and at least one of the two functional limitations. The proportion of sarcopenic participants progressively increased with age, applying to 50.9% (n = 28) of participants in the 80–84 years group and to 71.0% (n = 22) in the 85–90 years group.

Prevalence of obesity

Applying WHO criteria for obesity, 120 out of the 507 participants (23.7%) had a BMI \geq 30 kg/m². While the proportion of obese subjects was around 25% of participants across all age groups from 65 to 79 years, there was a considerable decline to 18.8% in the 80–84 years old and to as few as 10.5% in the 85–90 years old. Average age of obese subjects was 73.9 years. Out of these 120 obese men, n = 28 (5.5%) had an SMI \leq 10.75 kg/m², n = 44 (8.7%) had reduced hand grip strength < 30 kg and n = 17 (3.4%) had SPPB scores \leq 8.

Average results attained by the youngest age group (65–69 years) are defined as baseline/100%. Increase in time required to perform the chair rise test is depicted inversely to illustrate percentage decline according to the formula chair rise test percentage=(baseline (s)/time of respective age group (s)) × 100.

Prevalence of osteoporosis

According to FRAX criteria, 212 (41.8%) participants had a \geq 3% 10 years probability of sustaining a HOF.

Out of these, n = 2 (0.4%) additionally had a $\ge 20\%$ 10-year probability of sustaining a MOF. Since all participants with an increased risk for a MOF also had an increased risk for a HOF, these 212 represent the group of osteoporotic patients. The proportion of osteoporotic subjects increased with age from 7.1% in the 65–69 years group to as many as 94.2% in the 80–84 years old and 97.4% in the 85–90 years old. Average age of those at high fracture risk was 79.4 years.

Overlap in prevalence of distinct risk factors

Taken together, 336 (66.3%) participants had at least one of the three conditions, namely osteoporosis, sarcopenia and obesity. Matching datasets of these 212 men with osteoporosis with those of the 120 men who were obese and the 116 datasets of sarcopenic men revealed that 79 (15.6%) participants were affected by both sarcopenia and osteoporosis (osteosarcopenia) whereas sarcopenic obesity, that is, a coincidence of sarcopenia and obesity was prevalent in only 14 (2.8%) subjects. In line with that, obese participants had significantly higher SMI (P < 0.001) across all age groups. Coincidence of osteoporosis and obesity (osteoporobesity) was detected in only 27 (5.3%) participants, which is conceivable, considering that anticipated fracture risk for HOF/MOF according to FRAX was significantly lower in men with an elevated BMI \geq 30 kg/m² (*P* < 0.001). Going one step further, an overlap of all three disorders, that is, a condition which could be designated osteosarcobesity or sarcoporobesity was present in only 8 participants (1.6%) (Fig. 3).







Figure 4



Impact of different conditions on physical performance

Differences in physical constitution and performance Subgroup analyses revealed that SPPB scores of obese participants at younger age (\leq 74 years) were not different to those attained by the non-obese, while at higher age, obese participants experienced a more rapid decline than the rest of the cohort (Fig. 4). This finding appliedto the SPPB in general (P=0.003) (Fig. 4) as well as to the individual tasks usual gait speed (P < 0.001) and chair rise test (P=0.006). In contrast, hand grip strength was not significantly different in obese men as compared to the rest of the cohort (P=0.463) across all age groups.

Osteoporotic men also exhibited worse physical performance with significantly inferior results regarding hand grip strength, usual gait speed and chair rise test as well as overall SPPB score (P < 0.001). Sarcopenic men attained significantly inferior results regarding the SPPB and the single items usual gait speed and chair rise test, and they exhibited significantly lower hand grip strength specifically in the younger age groups \leq 79 years (P < 0.001). However, this didn't appear to be a matter of reduced muscle mass, and physical performance measures including usual gait speed, chair rise test and SPPB were not significantly reduced in participants with an SMI \leq 10.75 kg/m². In contrast, there was even a non-significant (P=0.061) trend to improved usual gait speed with lower SMI.

Risk factors for decline of physical performance

Logistic regression analysis was conducted in order to evaluate risk factors for reduced physical performance and strength in elderly men. Major risk factors for a reduced SPPB score ≤ 8 were the prevalence of osteoporosis (*P*=0.020), reduced hand grip strength < 30 kg (*P*=0.016) and an elevated BMI ≥ 30 kg/m² (*P*=0.002), while age ≥ 80 years (*P*=0.313) and a reduced SMI ≤ 10.75 kg/m² (*P*=0.722) did not have a significant impact. In addition, reduced usual gait speed < 0.8 m/s was not a significant risk factor for reduced hand grip strength.

Discussion

Aging is associated with progressive constitutional changes, specifically involving bone, muscle, and fat tissue. Not only do these tissues account for the vast majority of human body mass, they also form the structural fundament of our musculoskeletal system and its functionality. It is therefore conclusive that ageassociated deterioration and disorders of these tissues, namely osteoporosis, sarcopenia and obesity result in functional decline of the musculoskeletal system. This study aimed at contributing to the growing understanding of the multifaceted interaction, coincidence and mutual interference of these conditions and their respective impact on individual patients' performance and functional capabilities.

In order to have a representative, homogenous cohort and to limit bias caused by individually different health awareness and health care access as well as environmental factors and gender-aspects, a geographically defined group of men were recruited from the general population. Concurrently, this approach also implies certain limitations that have to be considered when interpreting these findings. Owing to national restrictions regarding protection of radiation exposure, we could not conduct DXA measurements in all participants and so evaluation of fracture risk and osteoporosis is merely based on FRAX assessment devoid BMD data. By default, persons living in senior residences and other care facilities were not included. Accordingly, participants in this study may be comparatively healthy. Furthermore, the results cannot uncritically be transferred to females since gender aspects may have a strong and complex impact on musculoskeletal associated aging and even comparative scientific data in that regard is scarce.

Overall prevalence of osteoporosis, obesity and sarcopenia in this population-based cohort of elderly men was remarkably high with two third (66.3%) being affected by at least one of these conditions. While osteoporosis





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was most frequent, affecting 41.8% (n = 212) of all participants, data also confirm a considerable proportion of men meeting established criteria for sarcopenia (22.9%, *n* =116) and obesity (23.7%, *n* = 120). A relevant overlap with coincidence of two of these conditions was specifically seen for increased fracture risk and sarcopenia (i.e. osteosarcopenia), applying to 79 men (15.6%) in line with current literature data ranging from 5 to 37% in community dwelling adults of ≥ 65 years (33). Potential explanations specifically include established common risk factors for both conditions, particularly low body mass and aging itself (34). In contrast, the proportion of obese men appeared quite stable at around one quarter across the different age groups < 80 years and declined in the higher age groups to only 10.3% in those \geq 85 years. In line with current literature questioning the so-called obesity paradox, it appears reasonable to conclude that a relevant proportion of obese men may have lost their selfsufficiency or may even have deceased before attaining that age (35). In addition, aging is associated with chronic low grade inflammation, commonly termed 'inflammaging' (36). This aging process is associated with a redistribution of body fat, most notably a reduction of appendicular, mostly s.c. fat and an increase in trunk/mainly abdominal fat and also an accumulation of fat tissue within organs, including muscles and these mechanisms may have contributed to our findings of a proportionally lower loss of muscle mass as compared to the decline in fat mass (37). In that regard, it is one of the shortcomings of our study and constitutional assessments in daily practice that routine BIA as included here may not appropriately reflect this redistribution and with fatty infiltration of muscles and indeed, only very recently a technical algorithm with serial BIA and a multifrequency bioimpedance device was proposed to make up for this deficit (38). In addition, data presented we don't have longitudinal data of exactly the same individuals to reflect individual changes of body composition and work out to what extend the changes observed may be biased by technical limitation or altered group composition in the very old.

Coincidence of obesity with osteoporosis (i.e. osteoporobesity) or sarcopenia (i.e. sarcopenic obesity) was only observed in 27 (5.3%) and 14 (2.8%) subjects, respectively. The low level of coincidence of these conditions is partially by definition, considering high BMI and to some degree aging being opposing risk factors for obesity vs sarcopenia and osteoporosis (39). Interestingly, omitting the BMI associated aspect of low SMI from the definition of sarcopenia and merely focusing on

functional deficits, the overlap with regards to what may be called dynamopenic obesity was much more frequent. Out of 120 subjects with a BMI \geq 30, almost two thirds (n = 79) couldn't perform the chair rise test in less than 11.2 s and nearly half of them (n=52) had SPPB scores ≤ 8 points. A condition of osteosarcobesity or sarcoporobestiy involving all three entities was detected in as few as 8 participants (1.6%).

The observation that muscle mass itself and muscle mass referred to body height were not very meaningful to identify subjects at risk for age-associated functional deficits is further confirmed by the finding that the annual reduction of the SMI with aging was very small with 0.29% per year. In contrast, annual decline in parameters of physical performance was as high as 1.38, 1.52 and even 1.54% for usual gait Speed, hand grip strength and chair rise test. Even though the core finding of the annual functional decline being much more pronounced than the loss in muscle mass is in line with results form a recent publication and can be considered an independent confirmation of that finding (40), our data suggests that the loss in muscle mass is even less significant.

In line with that, neither reduced SMI $\leq 10.75 \text{ kg/m}^2$ nor age ≥ 80 years were clinically meaningful with regards to predicting physical performance, while obesity was indicative of poor physical performance regarding lower limb function (usual gait speed, chair rise test).

Conclusions

Osteoporosis and sarcopenia and their coincidence in terms of osteosarcopenia are increasingly prevalent with progressive aging. Conversely, the proportion of obese subjects appeared stabile across various age groups and lower in the very old, making combinations of sarcopenic obesity and osteoporotic obesity less frequent. However, aging was associated with progressive functional decline of about 1.5%, consistently observed in various established measures of physical performance (hand grip strength, chair rise test and usual gait speed), which was paralleled by an only marginal annual SMI decrease of 0.29%. Instead of low muscle mass, osteoporosis and obesity were identified as critical determinants of functional decline. In view of this association, assessing physical performance is crucial and should be integrated in daily clinical routine not only for diagnosing sarcopenia but also for patients with osteoporosis and obesity.





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Consent to participate

Every participant gave written informed consent before any study related procedures.

Consent to publication

All participants gave written consent for publication.

Availability of data and material

All data and study material is stored at the Departments of Orthopedics at the University of Wuerzburg for 10 years. The datasets used and analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

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