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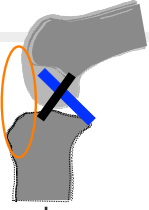


ACL single vs. double bundle reconstruction – Overview of literature


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5th Advanced Course on Knee Surgery, Val d'Isere, 2.-7.2.2014

Problem: rotational instability

“traditional” single bundle ACL 

→ AP stability restored

 rotational stability not restored
Pivot shift not restored

Yagi, Fu, Woo, AOSM 2001
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Outcome after ACL ruptur


Up to 50 % Osteoarthritis 10-20 years after ACL ruptur

Lohmander et al. Am J Sports Med 2007

Systematic literature review:

- 13% osteoarthritis in isolated ACL ruptures
- 48% when combined with meniscus tears

→ **high-level studies missing!**

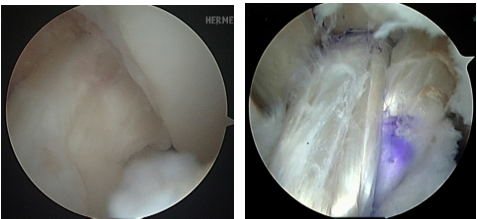


Oiestad et al. Am J Sports Med 2009
Chu et al. Clin Sport Med 2012
Ajuied et al. Am J Sports Med 2013

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Solution ?

Be more anatomic?
Single vs. Double bundle reconstruction?



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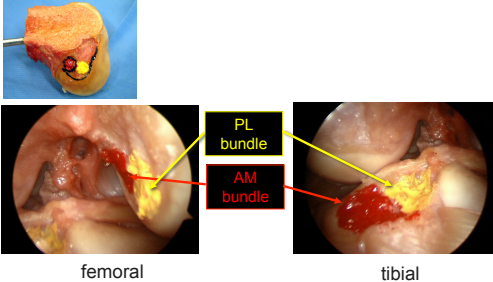
History of 2 bundles



Wilhelm Weber, Göttingen + Eduard Weber, Leipzig
Mechanik der menschlichen Gehwerkzeuge 1836

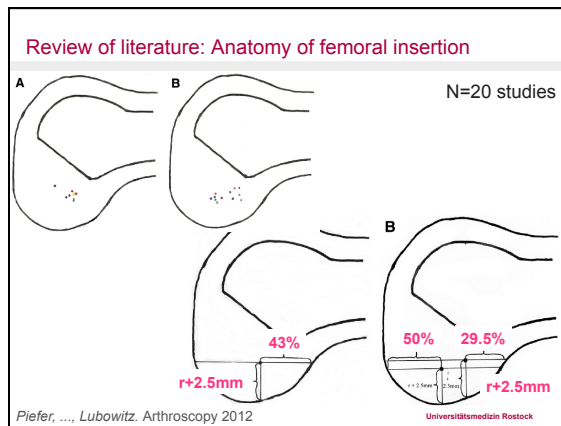
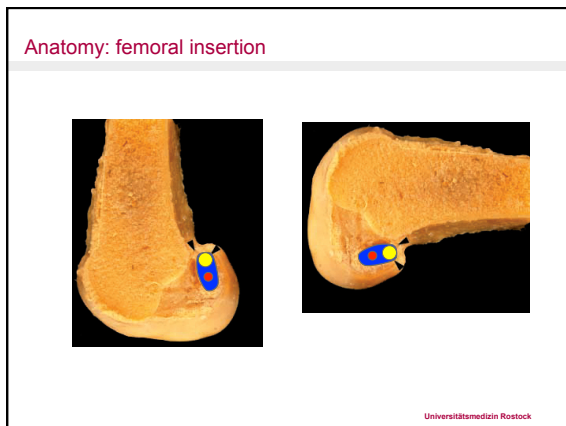
Rudolf Fick, Innsbruck: Handbuch der Anatomie 1911

Anatomy



femoral tibial

Harner, Baek, 1999
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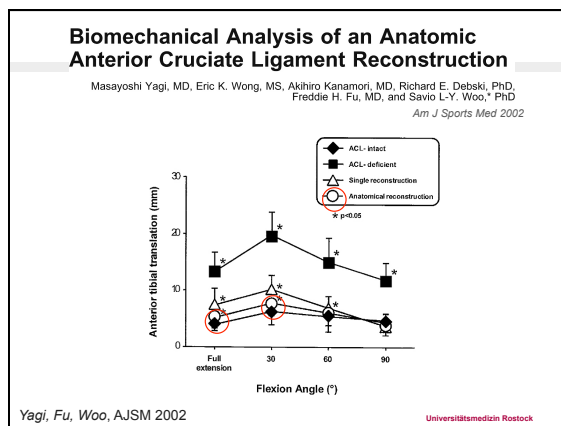
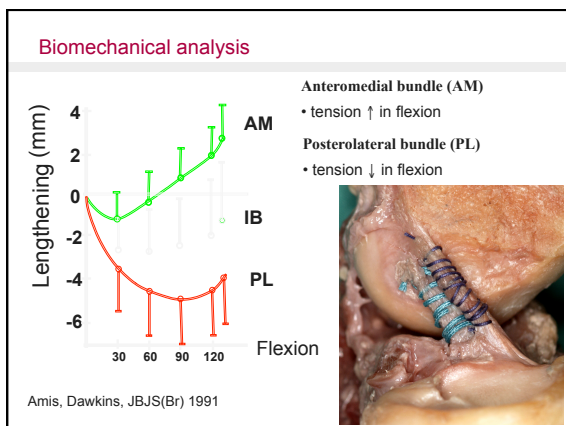
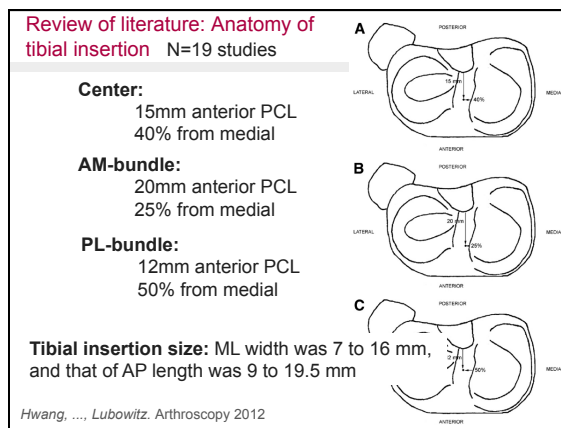
Review of literature: Anatomy of femoral insertion

Femoral insertion size: wide variation in size and shape!

Article	Size	Shape
Heming et al. ²⁵	18.4 mm × 9.5 mm	Not described
Purnell et al. ²⁶	12.9 ± 0.1 mm × 7.6 ± 1.4 mm	Not described
Stoeckel et al. ²⁶	Not described	Semilunar
Sizooki et al. ²⁶	15 ± 3 mm × 8 ± 2 mm	Long oval
Yasuda et al. ²¹	Not described	Egg shaped
Ferretti et al. ²²	17.2 ± 1.2 mm × 9.9 ± 0.8 mm	Segment of a circle with straight anterior border and convex posterior border
Laites et al. ³³	Not described	Oval
Takahashi et al. ²⁷	AM: 11.3 ± 1.6 mm × 7.5 ± 1.3 mm; PL: 11 ± 1.7 mm × 7.6 ± 1.0 mm	Elliptic
Edwards et al. ²⁶	14 ± 2 mm × 7 ± 1 mm	Variable
Mochizuki et al. ²⁸	AM: 9.2 ± 0.7 mm × 4.7 ± 0.6 mm; PL: 6.0 ± 0.8 mm × 4.7 ± 0.6	Oval
Colombet et al. ¹⁷	13.9 ± 0.5 mm × 9.3 ± 7.1 mm	Variable
Iwahashi et al. ¹⁴	17.4 ± 0.9 mm × 8 ± 0.5 mm	Oval
Stijak et al. ²⁶	14.4 ± 2.3 mm × 6.8 ± 0.7 mm	Not described

Piefer, ..., Lubowitz. Arthroscopy 2012

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Biomechanical analysis

16 cadaver knees

-> Among the techniques AM-AM afforded the highest in situ force and least ATT

Kato, ..., Fu KSSTA 2013
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Biomechanical analysis

9 matched-pair cadaver knees: SB vs DB

-> No significant differences in ATT during pivot shift and anterior loading

Goldsmith, ..., Engebretsen, LaPrade, ... et al. Am J Sports Med 2013
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Biomechanical analysis: anatomic or AM femoral tunnel?

TABLE 1. ATT in Response to 134-N Anterior Tibial Load

Flexion Angle	ACL Reconstruction			
	ACL Intact	ACL Deficient	Center-Center	Center-AM
0°	5.1 ± 0.9	12.9 ± 1.5*	5.9 ± 2.3†	4.8 ± 1.5†
15°	4.1 ± 1.4	14.4 ± 1.0*	4.5 ± 0.5†	5.6 ± 1.7†
30°	4.4 ± 0.8	13.2 ± 0.9*	3.7 ± 0.8†	5.2 ± 1.7†
60°	5.6 ± 0.4	12.3 ± 0.8*	6.4 ± 2.0†	5.8 ± 1.1†
90°	3.5 ± 1.2	12.0 ± 0.6*	5.9 ± 1.4**	6.0 ± 1.0**

TABLE 2. ITR in Response to 10-Nm Varus Torque and 5-Nm Internal Tibial Torque

Flexion Angle	ACL Reconstruction			
	ACL Intact	ACL Deficient	Center-Center	Center-AM
15°	11.0 ± 0.6	16.8 ± 1.1*	10.4 ± 0.8†	11.4 ± 0.5†
30°	10.5 ± 0.6	16.6 ± 0.8*	10.4 ± 0.5†	11.0 ± 0.6**
45°	10.8 ± 0.6	16.9 ± 0.8*	10.3 ± 0.6†	11.1 ± 0.6†

-> Anatomic SB ACL with femoral center position may further improve rotational stability without sacrificing anterior stability.

Driscoll et al. Arthroscopy 2012
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Anatomic double bundle reconstruction: literature review

-> question remain if better protection of menisci and prevention of osteoarthritis and if more surgical complexity and revision potential justifies benefits

Crawford et al. KSSTA 2007
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Comprehensive Systematic Review

Is double-bundle ACL reconstruction superior to single-bundle?
1995 – 2012:
25 randomized controlled trials
21 prospective comparative studies
14 retrospective comparative studies

Based on current evidence, double-bundle reconstruction appears to have fewer re-ruptures and less antero-posterior and rotatory laxity.

Major drawback:
Includes studies with very different techniques (transtibial, anteromedial, ...)

Björnsson, ..., Fu, ... et al. KSSTA 2013
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Comprehensive Systematic Review

Anatomic single- versus double-bundle ACL reconstruction
8 randomized controlled trials
7 prospective comparative studies

Anatomic double-bundle ACL reconstruction is superior to anatomic single-bundle reconstruction in terms of restoration of knee kinematics, primarily A-P laxity.

Whether these improvements of laxity result in long-term improvement of clinical meaningful outcomes remains uncertain.

Desai, ..., Fu, ... et al. KSSTA 2013
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Comprehensive Systematic Review 19

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Anatomic ACL double-bundle reconstruction demonstrated less anterior laxity using KT-1000 arthrometer and less A-P laxity measured with navigation. Anatomic double-bundle ACL reconstruction **did not lead to significant improvements** in pivot-shift test, Lachman test, anterior drawer test, total IRER or graft failure rates compared to anatomic single-bundle ACL reconstruction.

Desai, ..., Fu, ... et al. KSSTA 2013
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Level of Evidence in Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction Research

The key finding is that most therapeutic studies on primary ACL reconstruction are of a low level of evidence!

Samuelsson, ..., Fu, ..., Karlson Am J Sports Med 2013
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Prospective Randomized Study 21

A Prospective Randomized Study Comparing Double- and Single-Bundle Techniques for Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction

N=103 (DB 53, SB 50), ST/G
 Femoral tunnel drilled through anteromedial portal, interference screw, FU 26 months
 Clinical exam no difference (pivot-shift, KT-1000, manual Lachman, ROM, Lysholm, Tegner, KOOS, 1-legged hop, square hop test)

-> no difference between anatomical single and double bundle techniques

Ahlden, ..., Karlsson, ... et al. Am J Sports Med 2013
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Double-Bundle vs Single-Bundle Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction

N=90 (DB 30, SB 60), ST/G, FU 5 years
 Clinical exam no difference (pivot-shift, KT-1000, IKDC, Lysholm)
 Graft failure SB 7, DB 3
 Osteoarthritis SB 33%, DB 20%

-> knee stability and OA were similar after 5 years

Suomalainen et al. Am J Sports Med 2012
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Prospective Randomized Study 23

A Prospective Study Comparing Individualized Anatomic Single- and Double-Bundle Reconstruction

N=101 (DB 69, SB 32), ST/G, FU 30 months
 Depending on intra-OP insertion size SB or DB used
 Clinical exam no difference (Lysholm, IKDC, KT-1000, pivot-shift)

-> no difference between individualized anatomical single and double bundle techniques

Hussein, ..., Fu. Am J Sports Med 2012
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Study Results 24


Progression of Osteoarthritis After Double- and Single-Bundle Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction

N=130 (DB=65, SB=65), x-ray before and at final follow up
 F/U average 5.5 years
 Graft Failure DB=4, SB=2

-> DB technique compared to SB not more effective in prevention OA and did not have a more favorable outcome after minimum 4 years follow-up

Song et al. Am J Sports Med 2013
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Take home



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Single bundle not single bundle!

Newer techniques show biomechanical advantages (AM portal drilling)

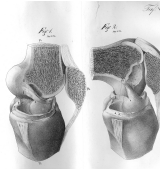
Individualized surgery! (Double bundle in large footprints?)

Difficult to measure clinical differences between anatomical SB and DB

small advantages for DB compared to SB (however not statistically)

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DB takes more surgical time

More expensive (4 Fixation points)

Revision more difficult?

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