

Supramalleolar osteotomy in case of asymmetric ankle OA: A systematic review

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OA TT Joint

- ▶ 1% adult population
 - ▶ Congenital/posttraumatic supramalleolar deformity or chronic ligamentary laxity
 - ▶ R/ Athrodesis/ Arthroplasty
 - ▶ Alternatively: Supramalleolare osteotomy (SMO)

Systematic Review

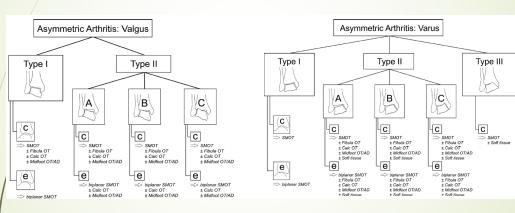
- ▶ Patient selection
 - ▶ Supramalleolar osteotomy +/- additional procedures (osseous balancing/ ligament balancing)
 - ▶ Preoperative evaluation
 - ▶ Treatment plan
 - ▶ SYSTEMATIC REVIEW :

Asymmetric TT AO – Classification **Modified Takakura-Tanaka**

STAGE	
Stage 1	Early sclerosis and osteophyte formation, no joint space narrowing
Stage 2	Narrowing of the joint space medial/lateral (no subchondral bone contact)
Stage 3A	Obliteration of joint space medial/lateral, with subchondral bone contact
Stage 3B	Obliteration of joint space over roof of talar dome, with subchondral bone contact
Stage 4	Obliteration of joint space with complete bone contact

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Knupp Classification



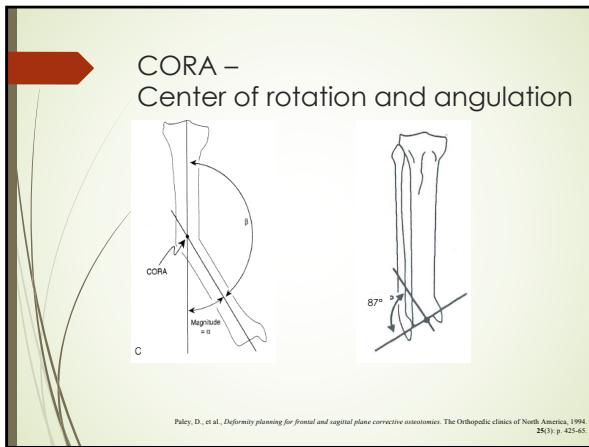
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Radiographic preoperative evaluation



- ▶ AP weight bearing RX:
TAS (normal range $93^\circ +/- 3^\circ$)
TTS (normal range $87,2^\circ +/- 2,8^\circ$)
TT ($>/<4^\circ$ in/congruent joint)
 - ▶ ML weight bearing RX:

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CORA – Center of rotation and angulation

How much correction?

- VALGUS DEFORMITY:**
No cartilage damage : Restore TAS to normal value of 93°
Cartilage damage: Slightly undercorrection TAS 88-86°
- VARUS DEFORMITY:**
No cartilage damage: Restore TAS to normal value of 93°
Cartilage damage: Slightly overcorrection TAS 93-95°
When >95°: risk subtibular impingement
- PROCURVATUM/RECURVATUM DEFROMITY**
Restore TLS to normal value of 80-86°

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Patient selection – Results

- Good results :**
 - *Stage 1-2-3A OA (Modified Takakura-Tanaka Classification).
 - *TT <7,3°
 - *<60 years
 - *non-smoker
- Bad results:**
 - *Stage 3B-4 OA (Modified Takakura-Tanaka Classification).
 - *OA on the medial gutter (Knupp Classification Type3)
 - *TT >7,3°
 - *>60 years
 - *Smoker

Type osteotomy

TYPE	INDICATION	ADVANTAGE	DISADVANTAGE
MEDIAL CLOSING WEDGE	Varus	*Allows multiplane correction *Direct bone to bone contact (weight bearing, less nonunion)	*Risk of shortening limb length
MEDIAL OPENING WEDGE	< 10° Varus	*Allows multiplane correction *Direct bone to bone contact (weight bearing, less nonunion)	*Bone defect (+/- bone grafting) - NWB *Risk nonunion *Injury to medial structures (tarsal tunnel/lb post) *Risk of lengthening limb
LATERAL CLOSING WEDGE	>10° Varus	*Allows multiplane correction *Direct bone-on-bone contact (weight bearing, less nonunion) *No tension on medial structures	*Risk of shortening limb length

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Additional procedures- Fibula osteotomy

- Peroperative evaluation
- Valgus deformity + medial closing wedge osteotomy :
Tension band effect lateral collateral ligaments
→ fibula lengthening osteotomy
- Varus deformity + wedge osteotomy:
intact fibula prevents correct position of talus
→ fibula shortening osteotomy

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Additional procedures- Calcaneum osteotomy

- Goal: Physiologic valgus 0-5°
- Varus malalignment : lateral shift osteotomy
- Valgus malalignment: medial shift osteotomy

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Additional procedures- Soft tissue procedures

- ▶ Tendontransfer:
Bv: Varus deformity :
Peroneus Brevis to Peroneus Longus
Tibialis Anterior tendon reinsertion on lateral cuneiform;
Bv: Valgus deformity:
Flexor Digitorum Longus to Tibialis Posterior
- ▶ Tendon lengthening :
varus correction mediale opening wedge osteotomy:
Tibialis Posterior tendon lengthening
- ▶ Ligamentary reconstructions/releases:
(lateral ligament, deltoid ligament, spring ligament)

Conclusion – Take home

- ▶ Technically demanding
- ▶ Significant improvement of clinical scores (VAS, OAFAS)
- ▶ AO type 1-2-3A
- ▶ Type of OT depends on the amount of correction needed and the soft tissue envelop
- ▶ No cartilage degeneration : correct to normal value of TAS 93°
- ▶ Cartilage degeneration:
Varus: slightly overcorrect TAS 93°-95°
Valgus slightly undercorrect TAS 88°-86°
- ▶ After a SMO re-evaluate the ankle joint and the need for a
-fibula osteotomy
-calcaneum osteotomy
-midfoot osteotomy/arthrodesis
-soft tissue procedure

The end

Thank you!!!