



Robotic vs Navigational vs Conventional
Primary Total Knee Arthroplasty. Clinical and
Radiological Long-Term Results with a Minimum
Follow-up of 10 years -Survivalship Analysis-

Seung-Min Na, Gun-Woo Kim, Nam-Hun Lee,
Young-Woo Chung, Jongkeun Seon and Eun-Kyoo Song

EasyChair preprints are intended for rapid
dissemination of research results and are
integrated with the rest of EasyChair.

July 8, 2020

Robotic vs Navigational vs Conventional Primary Total Knee Arthroplasty. Clinical and Radiological Long-Term Results with a Minimum Follow-up of 10 years -Survivalship Analysis-

Seung-Min Na, Gun-Woo Kim, Nam-Hun Lee, Young-Woo Chung
Jong-Keun Seon and Eun-Kyoo Song

Center for Joint Disease, Chonnam National University Hwasun Hospital

Introduction: The aim of this study was (1) to compare the clinical and radiological outcomes of robotic, navigational and conventional total knee arthroplasty(TKA) with a minimum follow-up of 10 years, (2) to evaluate the survival rate, (3) and to estimate the accuracy of the three techniques.

Methods: We evaluated 515 knees who underwent robotic, navigational or conventional TKA with minimum follow-up of 10 years. Finally, this study including 92 patients (103 knees) who underwent robotic TKA using ROBODOC® , 197 patients (225 knees) who underwent navigational TKA using Orthopilot, and 175 patients (187 knees) who underwent conventional TKA. Hospital for special surgery(HSS) score, Knee Society Score(KSS), Western Ontario and McMaster Universities (WOMAC), and Range of Motion(ROM) were used for clinical evaluation. Mechanical alignment, implant

radiological measurements and outliers were analyzed for radiological results. Complication related with surgery was also evaluated.

Results: All clinical assessments including HSS, KSS, WOMAC, and ROM at final follow-up showed improvements in three groups (all, $p < 0.05$), without any significant difference between the groups ($p > 0.05$). In radiologic data, sagittal inclination of femoral implant in robotic group showed better result than another groups ($p < 0.05$). The cumulative survival rate was 94.8% in the robotic group, 96.2% in the navigation group, and 92.4% in the conventional group with excellent survival ($p = 0.563$). Complication rate was 5.2 % in the robotic group, 5.3% in the navigation group, and 8% in the conventional group

Conclusion: Our study showed excellent survival with robotic, navigation and conventional TKA and similar clinical outcomes at long-term follow up. However, in terms of radiological outcome robotic TKA showed accurate position of femoral component. With longer follow-up and larger cohort, the accuracy and effectiveness of robotic TKA can be elucidated in the future.

Key words: Conventional TKA, Long term survival ship, Navigational TKA, Robotic TKA

References

1. Attar FG, Khaw FM, Kirk LM, Gregg PJ (2008) Survivorship analysis at 15 years of cemented press-fit condylar total knee arthroplasty. *J Arthroplast* 23:344–349
2. Carr AJ, Robertsson O, Graves S, Price AJ, Arden NK, Judge A et al (2012) Knee replacement. *Lancet* 379:1331–1340
3. Sharkey PF, Lichstein PM, Shen C, Tokarski AT, Parvizi J (2014) Why are total knee arthroplasties failing today—has anything changed after 10 years? *J Arthroplast* 29:1774–1778

4. Fehring TK, Odum S, Griffin WL, Mason JB, Nadaud M (2001) Early failures in total knee arthroplasty. *Clin Orthop* 392:315–318
5. Rodriguez JA, Bhende H, Ranawat CT (2001) Total condylar knee replacement: a 20-year follow-up study. *Clin Orthop Relat Res* 388:10–17
6. Tingart M, Luring C, Bathis H, Beckmann J, Grifka J, Perlick L (2008) Computer-assisted total knee arthroplasty versus the conventional technique: how precise is navigation in clinical routine? *Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc* 16:44–50
7. Spencer JM, Chauhan SK, Sloan K, Taylor A, Beaver RJ (2007) Computer navigation versus conventional total knee replacement: no difference in functional results at two years. *J Bone Joint Surg (Br)* 89:477–480
8. Dutton AQ, Yeo SJ (2009) Computer-assisted minimally invasive total knee arthroplasty compared with standard total knee arthroplasty. Surgical technique. *J Bone Joint Surg Am* 91(Suppl 2 Pt 1):116–130
9. Nakano N, Matsumoto T, Ishida K, Tsumura N, Kuroda R, Kurosaka M (2013) Long-term subjective outcomes of computer-assisted total knee arthroplasty. *Int Orthop* 37:1911–1915
10. Tolk JJ, Koot HW, Janssen RP (2012) Computer navigated versus conventional total knee arthroplasty. *J Knee Surg* 25:347–352
11. Unwin O, Hassaballa M, Murray J, Harries W, Porteous A (2017) Minimally invasive surgery (MIS) for total knee replacement; medium term results with minimum five year follow-up. *Knee* 24:454–459
12. Liow MHL, Goh GS, Wong MK, Chin PL, Tay DK, Yeo SJ (2017) Robotic-assisted total knee arthroplasty may lead to improvement in quality-of-life measures: a 2-year follow-up of a prospective randomized trial. *Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc* 25(9):2942–2951
13. Liow MH, Chin PL, Tay KJ, Chia SL, Lo NN, Yeo SJ (2014) Early experiences with robot-assisted total knee arthroplasty using the DigiMatch ROBODOC(R) surgical system. *Singap Med J* 55(10): 529–534
14. Oh KJ, Goodman SB, Yang JH (2011) Prospective, randomized study between insall-

burststein II and NexGen legacy with a minimum 9-year follow-up. *J Arthroplast* 26:1232–1238

15. Song EK, Seon JK, Yim JH, Netravali NA, Bargar WL (2013) Robotic-assisted TKA reduces postoperative alignment outliers and improves gap balance compared to conventional TKA. *Clin Orthop Relat Res* 471:118–126

16. Winemaker MJ (2002) Perfect balance in total knee arthroplasty: the elusive compromise. *J Arthroplast* 17:2–10

17. Sugama R, Kadoya Y, Kobayashi A, Takaoka K (2005) Preparation of the flexion gap affects the extension gap in total knee arthroplasty. *J Arthroplast* 20:602–607

18. Insall JN, Ranawat CS, Aglietti P, Shine J (1976) A comparison of four models of total knee-replacement prostheses. *J Bone Joint Surg Am* 58:754–765

19. Insall JN, Dorr LD, Scott RD, Scott WN (1989) Rationale of the Knee Society clinical rating system. *Clin Orthop Relat Res* 248:13–14

20. Bellamy N, Buchanan WW, Goldsmith CH, Campbell J, Stitt LW (1988) Validation study of WOMAC: a health status instrument for measuring clinically important patient relevant outcomes to antirheumatic drug therapy in patients with osteoarthritis of the hip or knee. *J Rheumatol* 15:1833–1840

21. Ware JE Jr, Kosinski M, Keller SD (1996) A 12-item short-form health survey: construction of scales and preliminary tests of reliability and validity. *Med Care* 34:220–233

22. Chen JY, Chin PL, Tay DK, Chia SL, Lo NN, Yeo SJ (2014) Less outliers in pinless navigation compared with conventional surgery in total knee arthroplasty. *Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc* 22(8):1827–1832

23. Shi J, Wei Y, Wang S, Chen F, Wu J, Huang G, Chen J, Wei L, Xia J (2014) Computer navigation and total knee arthroplasty. *Orthopedics* 37(1):e39–e43

24. Choong PF, Dowsey MM, Stoney JD (2009) Does accurate anatomical alignment result in better function and quality of life? Comparing conventional and computer-assisted total knee arthroplasty. *J Arthroplast* 24:560–569

25. Jeffery RS, Morris RW, Denham RA (1991) Coronal alignment after total knee

replacement. *J Bone Joint Surg (Br)* 73:709–714

26. Perillo-Marcone A, Barrett DS, Taylor M (2000) The importance of tibial alignment: finite element analysis of tibial malalignment. *J Arthroplast* 15:1020–1027

27. Parratte S, Pagnano MW, Trousdale RT, Berry DJ (2010) Effect of postoperative mechanical axis alignment on the fifteen-year survival of modern, cemented total knee replacements. *J Bone Joint Surg Am* 92:2143–2149

28. Ishida K, Matsumoto T, Tsumura N, Kubo S, Kitagawa A, Chin T et al (2011) Mid-term outcomes of computer-assisted total knee arthroplasty. *Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc* 19:1107–1112

29. Gøthesen O, Espehaug B, Havelin LI, Petrusson G, Hallan G, Strøm E et al (2014) Functional outcome and alignment in computer-assisted and conventionally operated total knee replacements: a multicentre parallel-group randomised controlled trial. *Bone Joint J* 96-B:609–618

30. Herry Y, Batailler C, Lording T, Servien E, Neyret P, Lustig S (2017) Improved joint-line restitution in unicompartmental knee arthroplasty using a robotic-assisted surgical technique. *Int Orthop* 41(11):2265–2271

31. Turktas U, Piskin A, Poehling GG (2016) Short-term outcomes of robotically assisted patello-femoral arthroplasty. *Int Orthop* 40(5):919–924

32. Song EK, Seon JK, Park SJ, Jung WB, Park HW, Lee GW (2011) Simultaneous bilateral total knee arthroplasty with robotic and conventional techniques: a prospective, randomized study. *Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc* 19(7):1069–1076

33. Huizinga MR, Brouwer RW, Bisschop R, van der Veen HC, van den Akker-Scheek I, van Raay JJ (2012) Long-term follow-up of anatomic graduated component total knee arthroplasty: a 15- to 20- year survival analysis. *J Arthroplast* 27:1190–1195

34. Bachmann M, Bolliger L, Ilchmann T, Clauss M (2014) Long-term survival and radiological results of the Duracon™ total knee arthroplasty. *Int Orthop* 38:747–752

35. Jauregui JJ, Cherian JJ, Pierce TP, Beaver WB, Issa K, Mont MA (2015) Long-term survivorship and clinical outcomes following total knee arthroplasty. *J Arthroplast* 30:2164–2166 *International Orthopaedics (SICOT)* (2019) 43:1345–1354 1353

36. Song EK, Agrawal PR, Kim SK, Seo HY, Seon JK (2017) A randomized controlled clinical and radiological trial about outcomes of navigation-assisted TKA compared to conventional TKA: long-term follow-up. *Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc* 24(11):3381–3386
37. De Steiger RN, Liu YL, Graves SE (2015) Computer navigation for total knee arthroplasty reduces revision rate for patients less than sixty-five years of age. *J Bone Joint Surg (Am)* 97(8):635–642
38. Saragaglia D, Sigwalt L, Gaillot J, Morin V, Rubens-Duval B, Pailhé R (2017) Results with eight and a half years average follow-up on two hundred and eight e-motion FP® knee prostheses, fitted using computer navigation for knee osteoarthritis in patients with over ten degrees genu varum. *Int Orthop* 42(4):799–804
39. Bistolfi A, Lee GC, Deledda D, Rosso F, Berchiolla P, Crova M, Massazza G (2014) NexGen LPS mobile bearing total knee arthroplasty: 10-year results. *Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc* 22:1786–1792
40. Schiavone Panni A, Falez F, D'Apolito R, Corona K, Perisano C, Vasso M (2017) Long-term follow-up of a non-randomised prospective cohort of one hundred and ninety two total knee arthroplasties using the NexGen implant. *Int Orthop* 41:1155–1162
41. Kim YH, Park JW, Kim JS (2017) The clinical outcome of computer-navigated compared with conventional knee arthroplasty in the same patients: a prospective, randomized, double-blind, long-term study. *J Bone Joint Surg (Am)* 99(12):989–996
42. Cho KJ, Seon JK, Jang WY, Park CG, Song EK (2018) Objective quantification of ligament balancing using VERASENSE in measured resection and modified gap balance total knee arthroplasty. *BMC Musculoskelet Disord* 19(1):266–276
43. Marchand RC, Sodhi N, Khlopas A, Sultan AA, Harwin SF, Malkani AL, Mont MA (2017) Patient satisfaction outcomes after robotic arm-assisted total knee arthroplasty: a short-term evaluation. *J Knee Surg* 30(9):849–853
44. Hampp EL, Chughtai M, Scholl LY, Sodhi N, BhowmikStoker M, Jacofsky DJ, Mont MA (2018) Robotic-arm assisted total knee arthroplasty demonstrated greater accuracy and precision to plan compared with manual techniques. *J Knee Surg*. <https://doi.org/10.1055/s-0038-1641729>

45. Kayani B, Konan S, Tahmassebi J, Pietrzak JRT, Haddad FS (2018) Robotic-arm assisted total knee arthroplasty is associated with improved early functional recovery and reduced time to hospital discharge compared with conventional jig-based total knee arthroplasty. *Bone Joint J* 100-B(7):930–937
46. Swank ML, Alkire M, Conditt M, Lonner JH (2009) Technology and cost-effectiveness in knee arthroplasty: computer navigation and robotics. *Am J Orthop (Belle Mead NJ)* 38(2 Suppl):32–36
47. Lonner JH, Smith JR, Picard F, Hamlin B, Rowe PJ, Riches PE (2015) High degree of accuracy of a novel image-free handheld robot for unicondylar knee arthroplasty in a cadaveric study. *Clin Orthop Relat Res* 473(1):206–212