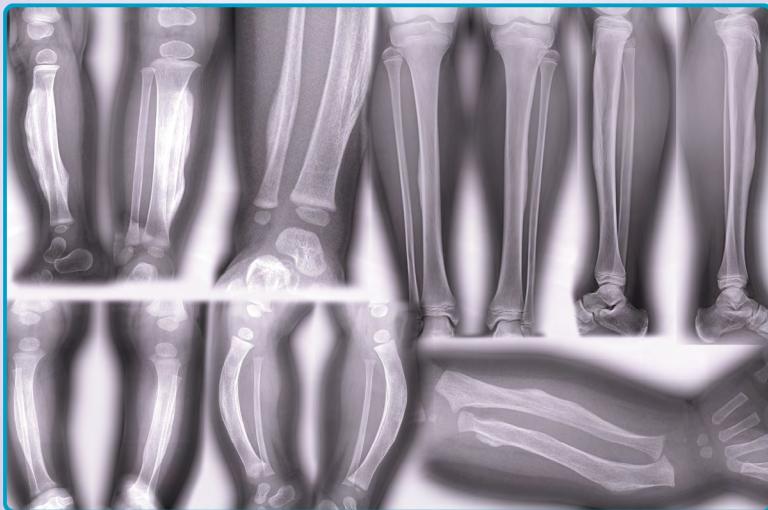


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The lack of submissions is the reason for the delay in the publication of this issue 2, of the journal LS, 28, 2021. At the end of 2021 during the Omicron wave of the coronavirus pandemic, we belatedly published issue 1 of the journal LS, 28, 2021

Supplements 1 and 2 of the journal LS, 28, 2021 with abstracts were published simultaneously with the traditional symposia. On the occasion of the 26th Kubát Days (the topic of Orthopaedic Prosthetics - Interdisciplinary Cooperation 5 – Adaptation, online transmission on March 6, 2021 from the Medical House in Prague 2) with the participation of Prof. Štěpán Svačina, MD, DrSc. (President of the Czech Medical Association J.E.Purkyně z.s.), awards were presented to the jubilarians, Professor Jana Pařízková, M.D., DrSc. – 90 years , to Professor Ing. Jan Čulík, DrSc. – 85 years, Professor Ing. Miroslav Petrtýl, DrSc. – 80 years, Professor Václav Smrčka, M.D., Ph.D. – 70 years, RNDr. Daniela Zemková, Ph.D. – 70 years, Mr. Petr Krawczyk M.D. – 55 years, Professor Asst. Josef Kraus, M.D., Ph.D. – 70 years and Ing. Pavel Černý, Ph.D. – 60 years. The professional biographies of the jubilarians are published in Supplement 1 of the journal LS, 28, 2021.

In Supplement 2 of the journal LS, 28, 2021 were published not only the abstracts from The 23rd Prague-Lublin-Sydney-St. Petersburg Symposium (topic Locomotor Apparatus Adaptation II – Interdisciplinary Aspects, November 20, 2021, Medical House, Sokolská 31, Prague, Czech Republic), but also the professional biographies of our foreign orthopaedic colleagues Professor Dr. Hans Zwipp (Dresden, Germany) and Dr. Piet van Loon (Deventer, Netherlands), who were awarded the Honorary Medal of the Czech Medical Society J.E.Purkyně z.s. presented by Prof. MUDr. Štěpán Svačina, DrSc., President of the Czech Medical Society J.E. Purkyně. This traditional

Symposium was held in a face-to-face and online format with active online participation of our colleagues from the Netherlands (Dr. Piet van Loon) and Lublin (Professor Tomasz Karski, MD, PhD and Ass. Professor Jacek Karski, PhD).

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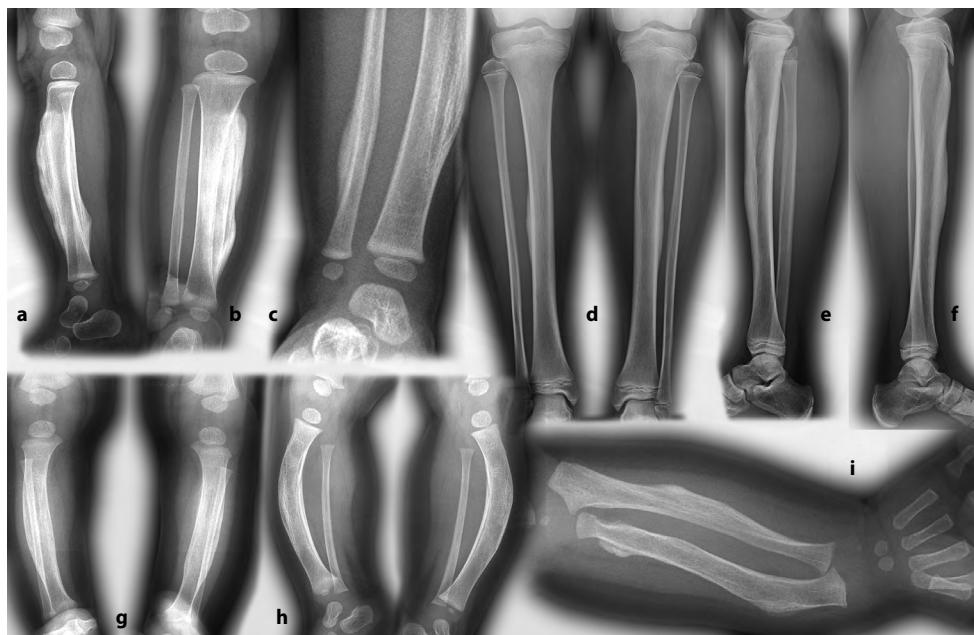
OBRÁZEK NA TITULNÍ STRANĚ ČASOPISU: INFANTILNÍ KORTIKÁLNÍ HYPEROSTÓZA

Obrázek na titulní straně časopisu demonstruje rentgenologicky ověřené projevy infantilní kortikální hyperostózy. O infantilní kortikální hyperostóze jako první referoval G. Roske v roce 1930. V literatuře se užívají synonyma Roskeho-Caffeyova, Caffeyova Silvermanova a deTony-Caffeyova choroba.

Podle „*Nosologie a klasifikace genetických kostních chorob: revise 2019*“ je Caffeyova nemoc klasifikována ve 22. skupině Neonatální osteosklerotické dysplazie (OMIM No. 114000, AD/AR dědičnost, gene *COL1A1*, ([609577](#))([609577](#)) ORPHANET code 1310).

Caffeyova choroba (CD) je osteosklerotická dysplazie charakterizovaná akutním zánětem s masivní subperiostální tvorbou nové kosti (viz obr. 1 a 2), která obvykle postihuje čelist, lopatky, klíční kosti a diafýzy dlouhých kostí horních a dolních končetin. Vyskytuje se nejčastěji během prvních šesti měsíců života. Prenatálně lze skeletální změny zjistit ultrazvukem.

Obrázek na titulní straně je složen ze snímků abnormálních radiologických skeletálních znaků: Typickým nálezem je ztluštění periostu postižené kosti, které může připomínat nádorový proces. Na dlouhých kostech se proces manifestuje ztluštěním v oblasti diafýz.

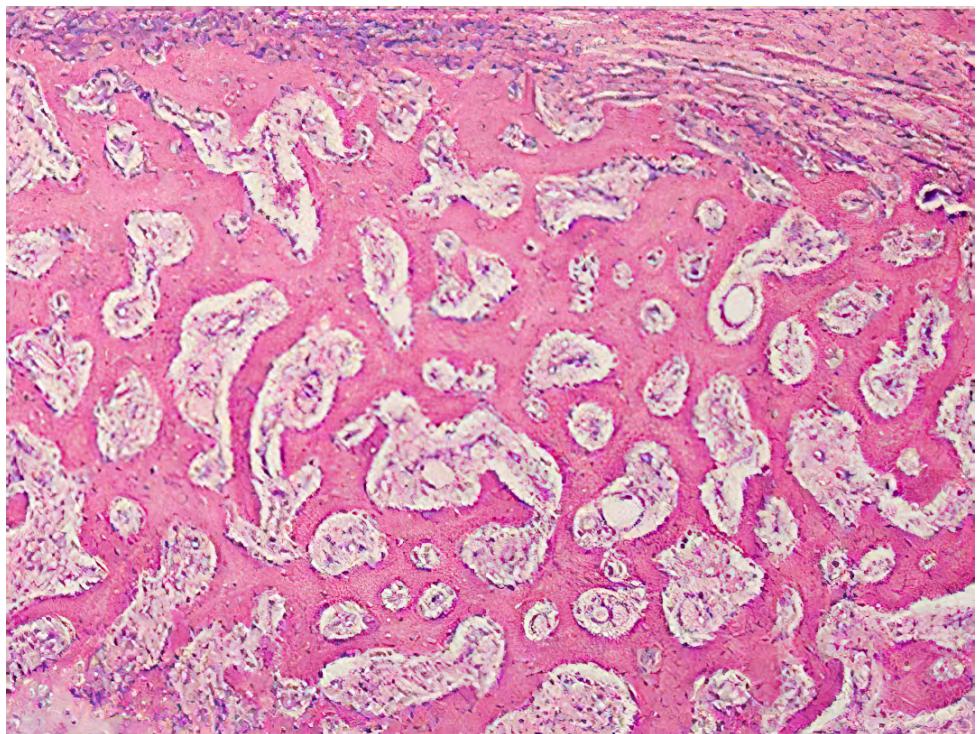


Obr. 1.

V horní polovině obrázku zleva doprava jsou snímky běrců dítěte ve věku 8 měsíců – na diafýze pravé tibie anteromediálně je excesivní subperiostální kortikální ztluštění (1a, b), 16 měs. – subperiostální kostní apozice diafýzy P tibie mediálně a fibuly v distální třetině laterálně (1c) a ve věku 10,5 roku, kdy je na obou tibiích ve střední třetině diafýzy anterolaterální kortikální ztluštění (1d, e, f).

V dolní polovině obrázku zleva doprava jsou snímky obou běrců a pravého předloktí jiného dítěte ve věku 3,5 měs. – je zde nadměrná subperiostální tvorba kortikální kosti diafýz obou tibií, které jsou ventrálně zakřiveny, dřeňový kanál je rozšířen (1g, h). Diafýzy ulny a radia také obklopuje nadměrné množství novotvořené kortikální kosti (1i).

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Obr. 2. Histologie. V probatorní excizi z oblasti ztluštělého kortexu diafýzy tibie pacienta s Caffeyovou chorobou byly zaznamenány změny charakteru hyperostózy, tvořené trabekulami nově vytvořené kosti s řídkou kolagenní tkání mezi nimi. Barveno HE. S laskavým svolením profesora Ctibora Povýšila, MD, DrSc.

Hlavními **klinickými příznaky** jsou celková podrážděnost, horečka, anorexie, bolestivé otoky měkkých tkání někdy s pseudoparalyzou postižené končetiny. V případech s protrahovaným průběhem se pozoruje zakřivení a/nebo zvětšení délky postižených dlouhých kostí. V těžkých případech je popisován trpasličí vzhled s krátkými končetinami a perinatální úmrtí; může být přidružen polyhydramnion. Postižení skeletu je charakterizováno nadměrnou tvorbou nové kosti – *hyperostózou* (viz obr. 2).

Hlavní **radiografické znaky**. Kortikální hyperostóza postihuje nejčastěji dolní čelist, klíční kosti, lopatky, žebra a dlouhé kosti.

U vleklých případů lze pozorovat resorpci původní kortikální kosti s rozšířením dřenového kanálu, diafyzární expanzi a zakřivení a podélné přerůstání. Mezi sousedními kostmi se mohou vytvořit kostní můstky. U těžkých prenatálních forem bývají dlouhé kosti krátké a zakřivené.

Genetický přenos je autozomálně dominantní, ale byla zaznamenána i autozomálně recesivní dědičnost.

Molekulární podstata a patogeneze. U pacientů s prenatální a postnatální formou byla zjištěna chybňá mutace v exonu 41 genu kódujícího alfa 1(I) řetězec kolagenu typu I (*COL1A1*). U jiných pacientů s těžkými prenatálními projevy nebyly mutace *COL1A1* zjištěny.

Průběh a prognóza. Těžké, antenatálně postižené případy se mohou narodit mrtvé nebo zemřít při porodu v důsledku respiračního selhání. V akutní fázi onemocnění bývá horečka, dráždivost, lokalizované otoky. Laboratorně se zjišťuje zvýšená sedimentace a CRP, leukocytóza a trombocytóza, anémie. U těžkých forem bývá zvýšení alkalicke fosfatázy v krevním séru. Ve většině případů můžeme očekávat úplné klinické a radiografické uzdravení během několika týdnů nebo měsíců po akutním začátku. V některých případech je průběh vleklý s opakoványmi remisemi a exacerbacemi, které mohou trvat až do dospívání. U dospělých může být přitomna ochablost kloubů, kůly a zvýšené riziko zlomenin kostí.

Léčba. Intenzivní péče o kriticky nemocné novorozence. Kortikosteroidy účinně zastavují proces během akutní fáze. Nesteroidní protizánětlivé léky poskytují symptomatickou úlevu.

Diferenciální diagnostika. Spranger et al. (2018) uvádějí dobře známé nozologické jednotky, např. osteogenesis imperfecta, osteoektázie s hyperfosfatázií, Camuratiho-Engelmannova choroba, Pachydermoperiostóza, Syndrom týraného dítěte, Hyperostóza-hyperfosfátémie, Goldbloomův syndrom a Sekundární hyperostóza doprovázející infekce (vč. syfilis), kurdéje, křivici, hypervitaminózu A, podávání prostaglandinu E, chronické plícní nebo srdeční onemocnění a leukémii. Tyto kostní choroby a poruchy se rozlišují podle anamnézy, věku prvních příznaků, průběhu onemocnění, přidružených klinických, laboratorních, molekulárně genetických a radiografických projevů.

THE FIGURE ON THE TITLE PAGE OF THE JOURNAL: INFANTILE CORTICAL HYPEROSTOSIS

The figure on the title page of the journal demonstrates the abnormal radiological manifestations typical for the diagnosis of Infantile Cortical Hyperostosis. Infantile cortical hyperostosis was first reported by G. Roske in 1930. The synonymous names Roske-Caffey, Caffey-Silverman and deTony-Caffey disease are used in the literature.

According to the "Nosology and Classification of Genetic Bone Diseases: 2019 Revision", Caffey's disease is classified in Group 22 Neonatal Osteosclerotic Dysplasia (OMIM No. 114000, AD/AR inheritance, *COL1A1* gene, ORPHANET code 1310).

Caffey disease (CD) is an osteosclerotic dysplasia characterized by acute inflammation with massive subperiosteal new bone formation (**see figure 1 and 2**) usually involving the jaw, shoulder blades, collar bones, and shafts of long bones in the arms and legs. It occurs most often within the first six months of life. Prenatally skeletal changes may be detected by ultrasound.

The picture is composed from films of abnormal radiological skeletal features: A typical finding is thickening of the periosteum of the affected bone, which may resemble a tumour process. On long bones, the process manifests itself by thickening in the diaphyseal region.

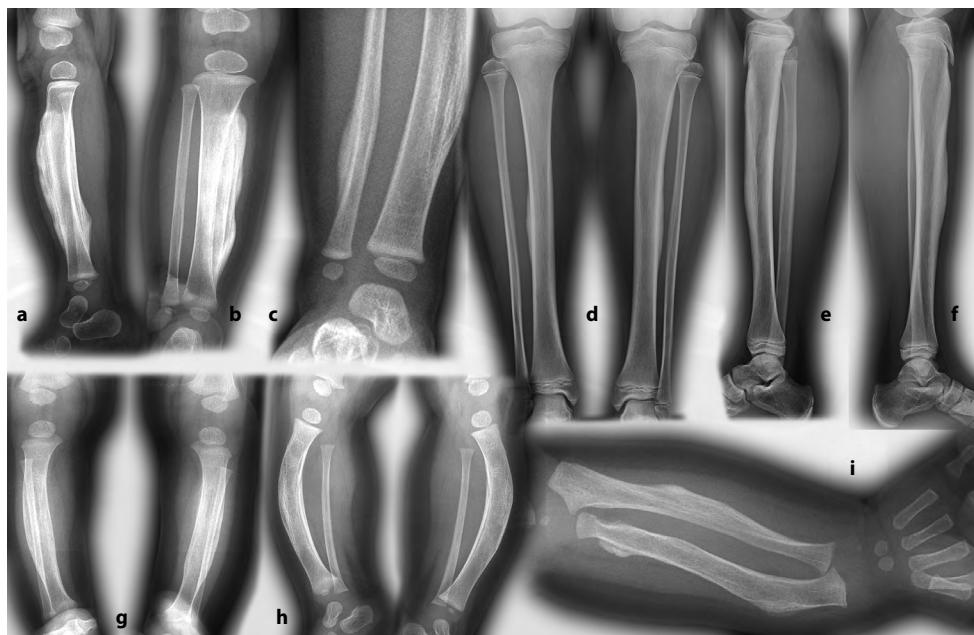


Figure 1.

In the upper half of the picture, from left to right, are the images of the tibiae of the child at the age of 8 months – there is an exaggerated subperiosteal cortical thickening on the diffusion of the right tibia anteromedially (1a, b), on the image at 16 months – subperiosteal bony apposition of the diaphysis of the P tibia medially and the fibula in the distal third laterally (1c), and at 10.5 years of age, when there is anterolateral cortical thickening on both tibiae in the medial third of the diaphysis (1d, e, f).

In the lower half of the image from left to right are images of both tibias and the right forearm of another child at 3.5 months of age – there is excessive subperiosteal cortical bone formation of the diaphyses of both tibias, which are curved ventrally, and the intramedullary canal is dilated (1g, h). The diaphyses of the ulna and radius are also surrounded by an excessive amount of newly formed cortical bone (1i).

Copies of radiographs from the archive of the Centre for Defects of Locomotor apparatus, Olšanská 7, 130 00 Praha 3 were used.

The **main clinical signs** are general irritability, fever, anorexia; painful soft tissue swelling sometimes with pseudoparalysis of the affected limb. In cases with a protracted course, curvature and/or increase in length of the affected long bones is observed. In severe cases, dwarfism with short limbs and perinatal death are described; polyhydramnios may be associated. Skeletal involvement is characterized by excessive new bone formation – hyperostosis (see **Figure 2**).

Main radiographic features. Cortical hyperostosis most commonly affects the mandible, clavicles, scapulae, ribs and long bones.

In protracted cases, resorption of the original cortical bone with enlargement of the medullary canal, diaphyseal expansion and curvature, and longitudinal overgrowth can be observed. Bone bridges may form between adjacent bones. In severe prenatal forms, the long bones tend to be short and curved.

Genetic transmission is autosomal dominant, but autosomal recessive inheritance has also been reported.

Molecular basis and pathogenesis. A missense mutation in exon 41 of the gene encoding the alpha 1(I) chain of type I collagen (*COL1A1*) has been identified in patients with prenatal and postnatal forms. In other patients with severe prenatal manifestations, *COL1A1* mutations were not detected.

Course and prognosis. Severe, antenatally affected cases may be stillborn or die at birth due to respiratory failure. In the acute phase of the disease there is fever, increased sedimentation rate and C-reactive protein, leukocytosis and thrombocytosis, anaemia. In severe forms, there is an increase of serum alkaline phosphatase. In most cases, complete clinical and radiographic recovery can be expected within weeks or months after acute onset. In some cases, the course is protracted with

repeated remissions and exacerbations that may last into adolescence. Joint laxity, hernias and increased risk of bone fractures may be present in adults.

Treatment. Intensive care of critically ill newborns. Corticosteroids effectively stop the process during the acute phase. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs provide symptomatic relief.

Differential diagnosis. Spranger et al. (2018) list well-known nosological entities, e.g., osteogenesis imperfecta, osteoectasia with hyperphosphatemia, Camurati-Engelmann disease, Pachydermoperiostosis, Abused Child Syndrome, Hyperostosis-hyperphosphatemia, Goldbloom syndrome, and Secondary Hyperostosis accompanying infections (incl. syphilis), scurvy, rickets, hypervitaminosis A, prostaglandin E administration, chronic lung or heart disease and leukaemia. These bone diseases and disorders are classified according to history, age of first symptoms, course of disease, and associated clinical, laboratory, molecular genetic, and radiographic manifestations.

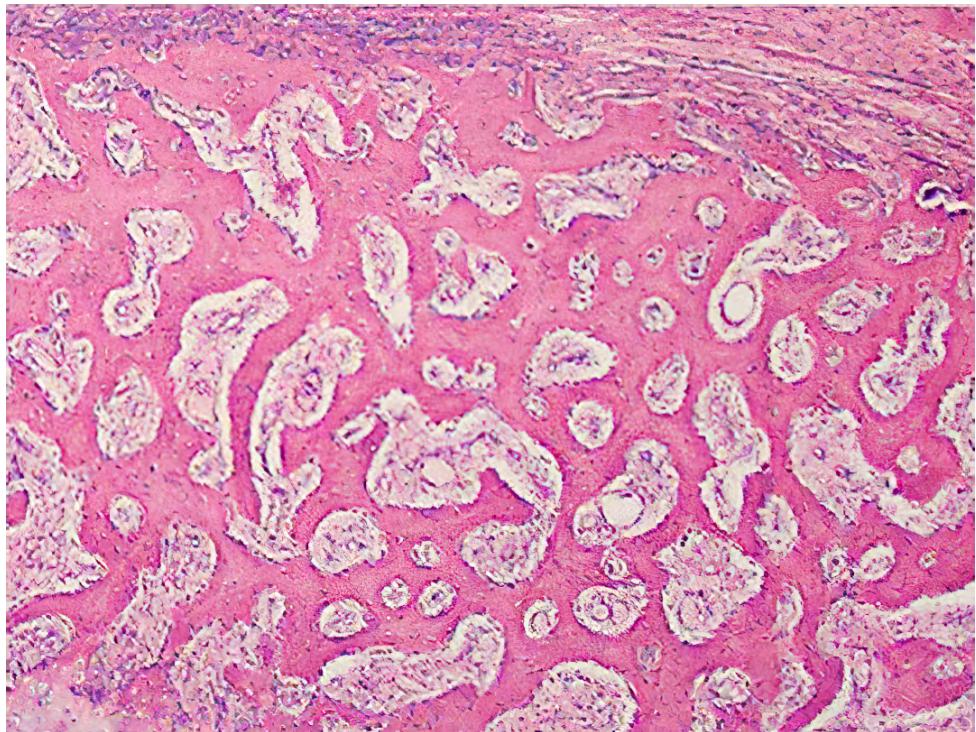


Figure 2. Histology. In a probatorial excision from the region of thickened cortex of the diaphyseal tibia from a patient with Caffey's disease, changes of the character of hyperostosis were noted, consisting of trabeculae of newly formed bone with sparse collagenous tissue between them. Coloured by HE. Courtesy to Professor Ctibor Povýšil, MD, DSc.

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**CLASSIFICATION OF SEQUELAE OF COMPARTMENT
SYNDROME (CS) OR POSTISCHEMIC SYNDROME (PIS)
OF THE LOWER LEG AND FOOT IN ADULTS, ADOLESCENTS
AND CHILDREN**

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ABSTRACT

The sequelae of an undiagnosed, an insufficiently treated or unpreventable (by crush injury) compartment or postischemic syndrome, most often after lower leg fracture or popliteal artery rupture, are caused by necrosis and contracture of the extrinsic foot muscles. The more harmless hammer toes due to contracture of the intrinsic muscles follow most often an untreated isolated foot CS induced e. g. by a calcaneal fracture. In combined CS of the lower leg and the foot or in some isolated cases of mainly one involved muscle we see different types of deformity (Types 1–5). The different types are also altered by involvement of nerve damages. Due to the involved and the amount of scarred muscles we observe flexible or contract hammer toes, claw toes, hallux flexus, hallux valgus, foot equinus or the severest form of a postcompartment or postischemic pes equinovarus. Less common (16 of 66 cases) in our seria of corrections were the deformities caused by an isolated CS, such as necrosis of the anterior tibialis, long extensor or the peroneal muscles. Most surprisingly have been few cases of a functional hallux flexus or a severe hallux valgus in a boy.

Keywords: lower leg and foot compartment syndrome – postischemic syndrome – hammertoes and claw toes – hallux valgus – pes equinovarus

INTRODUCTION

There are many reports about acute CS or PIS how to detect and how to treat, but only few about isolated and/or combined sequelae due to neglected acute CS or PIS of the lower leg which terms are often used synonymously. It was Sir Henry John Seddon [11] who had introduced the worldwide classification of nerve damage and who described in 1966 very precisely the typical foot and ankle deformity when the deep flexor compartment of the lower leg was involved by fracture or popliteal artery rupture producing a contract pes equinovarus. Others reported [3–10, 12–15] after Seddon about different deformities as sequelae of CS or PIS of the lower leg. In the international literature is reported about different operative corrections of sequelae due to insufficiently treated or overlooked CS/PIS of the lower leg including below knee amputation as a salvage [4]. But no classification related to different sequelae after CS or PIS was published until 2008, but written in German [14]. Therefore it is not well known and presented here again. Additionally to a previous report in 1994 [15] of a hallux valgus deformity caused by CS a second case in a child is presented

Definitions

- A. Sequelae of **Compartment Syndrome (CS)** are caused by posttraumatic muscle necrosis and/or fibrosis due to an unsufficiently treated acute compartment syndrome (too high pressure in a closed compartment) producing different deformities depending on which extrinsic or intrinsic muscles of the lower leg and/or foot have had infarction
- B. Sequelae of **Postischemic Syndrome (PIS)** are caused by too late arterial repair and/or unreleased compartments after arterial repair (ischaemia > 6h needs principally splitting of all four compartments of the lower leg [10] producing same or even stronger deformities as CS
- C. Both groups (A, B) often are combined with nerve damages according to different types of Seddon's classification

Epidemiology

Lower leg compartment syndrome is seen in 17% of all lower leg fractures [2]. Urgent release of all 4 lower lower leg compartments was necessary in 75% of all cases of a popliteal artery rupture, but only in 6% due to a tibial head fracture [10]. The likelihood therefore to develop a posttraumatic pes equinovarus seems to be much more higher after too late or insufficient splitting of the deep flexor compartment of the lower leg caused by popliteal artery rupture and repair than by a fracture of the tibial shaft. Regarding all different compartment syndromes of the skeleton the lower leg CS is seen most often in 72.7 %, whereas the isolated foot CS equals only 3.3 % [1]. The less frequent combined CS of the lower leg together with the foot (38% of foot CS) is as much caused by arterial injury as by fracture [12]. Acute foot compartment syndrome was reported in 21 patients after fractures and fracture-dislocations of Lisfranc (58%), Chopart (16%), talus (8%), calcaneus (8%), serial metatarsals (8%) and in another 8 patients as a combined lower leg and foot compartment syndrome due to vascular ruptures in 50% [12].

Pathology

Regarding the four lower leg compartments different deformities can be observed:

1. In case of an overlooked superficial flexor compartment syndrome a fixed equinus of the foot with mild varus results.
2. In case of insufficiently treated extensor compartment syndrome a loss of dorsiflexion of foot and toes like in palsy of the N. peroneus profundus is seen.
3. An overlooked or incorrectly released peroneal compartment syndrome causes loss of active pronation
4. The sequelae of a deep flexor compartment syndrome are due to the most often overlooked, insufficiently released or even completely unreleased deep flexor compartment of the lower leg. This leads to muscle necrosis, fibrosis and pes equinovarus with claw toes and often with numbness of the planta pedis
5. Often combinations of 1 to 4 are seen.

According to Seddon [11] most often infarction and necrosis is found in the deep flexor muscles. Seldomly a posttraumatic pes equinovarus is caused by a N. ischiadicus palsy or a chronic infection of the lower leg after fracture [13, 15].



Fig. 1a–c: Diagnostic steps are shown in case of a severe Type 5 after PIS in a young man. **a, b:** shows an abnormal contract foot equinus of 60° with adduction of the forefoot of 40° **c:** CT shows necrotic areas in the posterior tibialis muscle.

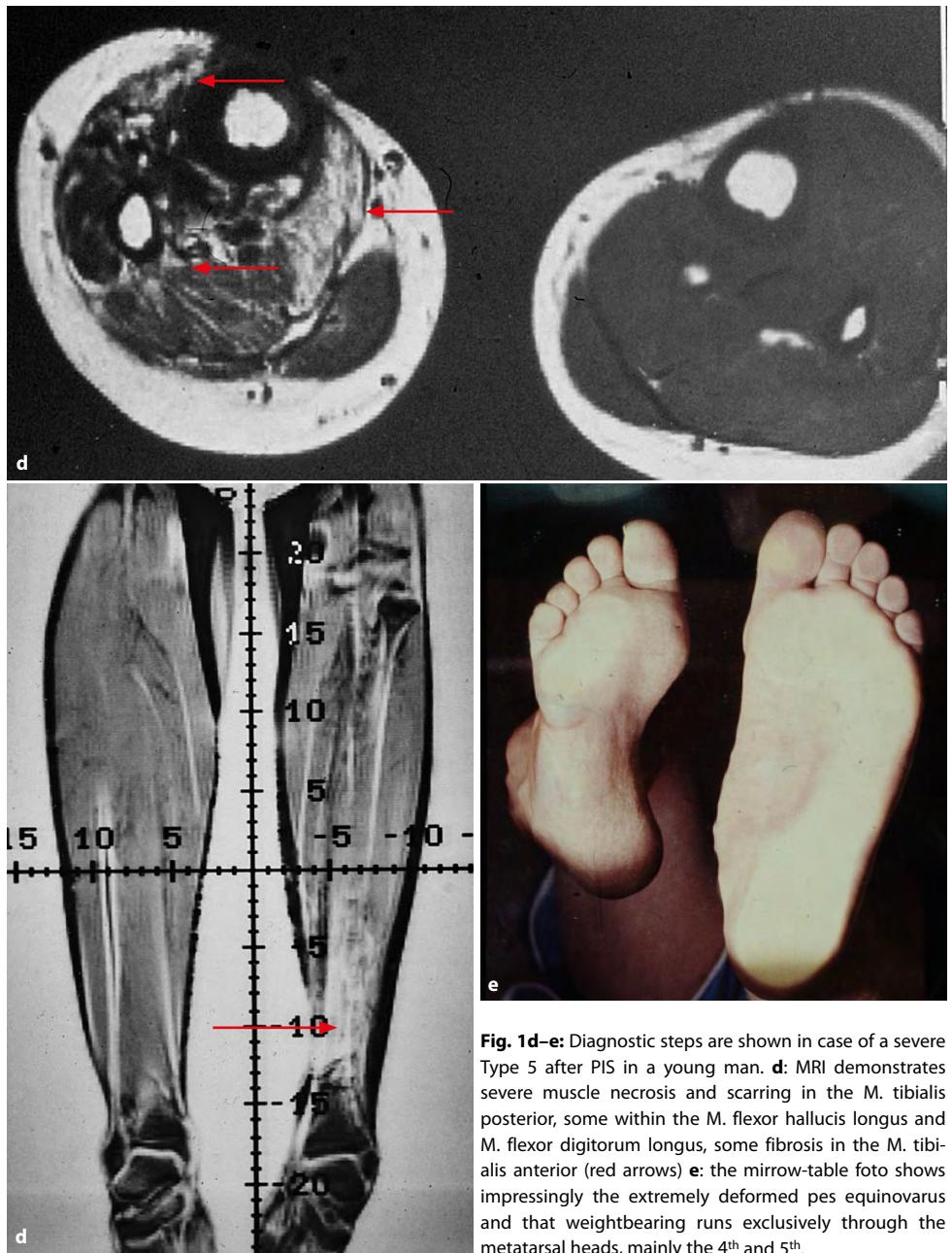


Fig. 1d–e: Diagnostic steps are shown in case of a severe Type 5 after PIS in a young man. **d:** MRI demonstrates severe muscle necrosis and scarring in the M. tibialis posterior, some within the M. flexor hallucis longus and M. flexor digitorum longus, some fibrosis in the M. tibialis anterior (red arrows) **e:** the mirror-table foto shows impressingly the extremely deformed pes equinovarus and that weightbearing runs exclusively through the metatarsal heads, mainly the 4th and 5th.

Examination for Classification

First of all anamnesis and clinical examination are necessary including clinical tests like active knee bowing to exclude functional sequelae of CS (see example in **Fig. 3**). Standard weight bearing x-rays in two planes including a hindfoot projection are necessary to measure the amount of forefoot adduction and hindfoot varus. MRI of both lower legs and feet shows much better than CT-scanning necrosis of the involved muscles. In cases of neurological deficits a neurological examination including electromyography (EMG) and electroneurography (ENG) both sided are necessary in case of needed muscle transfer for substitution of a paralyzed muscle. Sometimes doppler-sonography or distraction-subtraction-angiography (DSA) is needed preoperatively in cases of critical blood supply (**Fig. 1**).

Patients

During the period of 1994 to 2007 a total of 66 patients were treated operatively at the Trauma Department of the University Hospital Carl Gustav Carus at the Technical University of Dresden, Germany. Isolated sequelae of the lower leg were seen ten patients (15%), isolated sequelae of the foot in 26 patients (39%), combined sequelae of the lower leg and foot in 30 patients (46%). The distribution and different corrective operations are shown in **Table 1**, the classification of 5 Types in **Table 2**.

In our series of 24 treated cases of pes equinovarus 5 cases (21 %) by a postischemic syndrome in patients all treated initially in peripheral hospitals and sent later for repair of the sequelae.

a) isolated lower leg compartment syndrome	n
M. triceps surae (percutaneous Achilles tenotomy)	2
M. tibialis anterior (M.tibialis posterior – transfer)	2
M. flexor hallucis longus (open lengthening)	5
Mm. peronei (M. tibialis posterior – transfer)	1
b) isolated foot compartment syndrome	26
Mm.flexores breves (percutaneous tenotomy of D2–D5)	
c) combined lower leg and foot compartment syndrome	
M. flexor hallucis l. + M. flexor digitorum l. + Mm. flexores breves	6
(open lengthening of long flexors + percutaneous tenotomy of short flexors)	
M. triceps surae + M. tibialis posterior + M. flex. dig. l. +M. flex. hall. l.	24
(triple 4, midfoot-fusion 2, complex soft tissue reconstruction without fusion 18)	

Table 1: Reconstructions after isolated or combined CS or PIS (n=66)

Type 1 Lesser toes	a) hammer toes b) claw toes
Type 2 Big toe	a) functional hallux flexus b) contract hallux flexus
Type 3 Lesser toes + big toe	a) contract hallux flexus + hammer/claw toes D2–D5 b) contract hallux flexus + abductus + claw toes D2–D5
Type 4 Pes equinus	a) contract pes equinus without nerve damage b) palsy of M.tibialis anterior, M. extensor hallucis/digitorum longus and/or palsy of N. peroneus communis c) Necrosis of Mm. peronei and palsy of N. peroneus communis
Type 5 Pes equinovarus	a) + defect of N. peroneus communis (motoric + sensitive) b) + defect of N. tibialis (motoric + sensitive) c) + combined defect of N.peron.c.+ N.tib.(motoric+sensitive) + numb sole

Table 2: Classification of the sequelae of compartment or postischemic syndrome of the lower leg and foot related to different deformities caused by contractions of muscles and tendons or nerve damages [14]



Fig. 2: Example of Type 1 a+b (left foot) and Type 3 b (right foot) as result of an untreated complex foot and ankle CS both-sided in a 14 years old boy who had sustained ten months before a severe polytrauma after fall from the fifth floor. Beneath life threatening injuries and multiple fractures he had additionally complex calcaneal fractures both-sided with a 3° degree soft tissue injury without any release. After referral to our unit ORIF of both calcaneal fractures was done three weeks after injury requiring additionally a free flap for the medial hindfoot left-sided due to severest posttraumatic skin necrosis. The boy suffers now from a painful hallux valgus right-sided, little left-sided, but as well from painful contract hammer and claw toes needing early correction.



Fig. 3: Type 2 a deformity of a “functional hallux flexus” in a 25 years old plumber being unable to work with bowed knees in shoes due to significant pressure and pain **a:** while standing upright the left big toe is only very little bowed **b:** as soon as bowing knees already in 70° of knee flexion the left big toe is extremely bowed.



Fig. 4: Painful contract hallux flexus and contracted claw toes D2–D4, hammer toe 5 (Type 3a) two months after ACL-repair and unrecognized postoperative CS in a 22 years old female student, complaining of pain in shoes and not being able to wear high heels.

Typical examples

The most common deformity is the development of hammertoes D2 to D5 after calcaneal fracture with unrecognized or untreated CS of the foot. This is all due to contractures of the intrinsic short flexors of the toes. As soon as the extrinsic long flexors are involved by a lower leg CS we will see as sequelae contract claw toes. Depending on the amount of muscle necrosis some flexibility or rigidity of clawing of the lesser toes is seen. Depending on the amount of necrosis within the long flexor hallucis belly we can observe a flexible, a functional contract or absolutely contract hallux flexus. When necrosis occurred additional in the abductor hallucis muscle we see a hallux valgus with claw or hammer toes of the lesser ones which is caused by CS (**Fig. 2**).



Fig. 5: This Type 5 b equals a severe pes equinovarus after PIS in a 16 years old boy caused by rupture of the popliteal artery but missed splitting of the lower leg compartments after the vascular repair. On the mirror-table one sees from behind (a) how flexed the foot is with a lifted heel of about 5 cm caused by contracture of the M. triceps surae, the M. tibialis posterior, the M. flexor digitorum longus and the M. flexor hallucis longus with extreme overpull of the latter one. One sees as well from in front (b) how strongly the heel is pulled into varus and how significantly the foot is supinated and adducted by the shortened M. tibialis posterior muscle due to necrosis and scarring in the muscle and in the extrinsic flexors as well.

Big toe deformity was observed as well in three cases as a Type 2 a deformity which equals an isolated and only partial scarring of the flexor hallucis longus muscle. This entity is only detectable by watching the big toe during active knee bowing (**Fig. 3 a, b**).

DISCUSSION

As far as seen in literature no other classification of sequelae due to CS or PIS of the lower leg, the foot or the combination of both was reported until 2008 [14]. The advantage of a classification is considered for having by this a base for comparing cases observed and probably treated differently for correction. Manoli et al. [8] recommended excision of scarred muscles after ischemic contracture following Seddon's way [11]. In contrast, in our series resection was not done in any case. We always had a chance by lengthening the shortened tendons to correct the malformation even in severe cases of a pes equinovarus. Furthermore we had learned by the time in treating 24 cases of the severe Type 5 that triple arthrodesis as recommended by Hansen [2] was seldom necessary (4 of 24). Instead of triple fusion and resection of tendons we established an own standardized complex soft tissue procedure (n=18). Seeing by this procedure equal and reliable long term results [9, 11].

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TEST FLEXE PRSTŮ K ROZPOZNÁNÍ PATOLOGIE NOHY. KLINICKÉ PŘÍZNAKY. PROFYLAXE. TERAPIE

FLEXIONS TOES TEST TO RECOGNIZE THE PATHOLOGY OF THE FOOT. CLINICAL SYMPTOMS. PROPHYLAXIS. THERAPY

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ABSTRACT

The feet of infants and children go through different developmental stages during life. Sometimes we can see incorrect anatomy, sometimes various deformities – congenital, neurological, connected with "Syndrome of Contracture and Deformities" according Prof. Hans Mau and other disorders. In adults – foot deformities and pain syndromes can be a result of restricted movement of the foot joints. In the article we present the deficit of the toes flexion in metatarsal – phalangeal joint and examples of the "pain syndromes" as the result of this pathology. The problem was discovered in 1971 and from this time many cases have been observed throughout the many years of all the author's professional activities. The first publication about this problem was in the Polish Orthopedic Journal in 1971, the next in the German Orthopedic Journal in 1985.

Key words: foot anatomy, foot physiology, foot pathology, toes flexion test

INTRODUCTION

The feet – part of the human body – which are important for standing, walking, running, jumping and other activities, at work and in sports (**References 1–29**). Due to the specific anatomical structure of the bones of the feet and the full range of motion in all parts of the foot – we can function without difficulty, in every situation and in every period of our lives.

The correct and unrestricted movement of the ankle joint, the subtalar joint and the metatarsal – phalangeal joints is particularly important. The latter is very important when walking, running or jumping.

Functional anatomy of the foot

Proper foot anatomy and full, unrestricted movement at each joint of the foot is a prerequisite for normal function. Especially important is the correct range of motion at the ankle joint - dorsal flexion, in other words "extension" and plantar flexion – when walking up stairs, climbing a mountain and jumping. Any rotational movement in this joint is pathological and can cause instability, swelling and pain. We have described these disorders in articles in the USA (3 publications), India (1 publication), and Czech Republic (1 publication) in 2017–2021 (**References 19–29**).

Other, important joints in the feet are the metatarsal – phalangeal joints of all the toes. Proper of plantar flexion range of the toes is crucial for daily activities. Proper, pain free walking is only possible when the plantar flexion of the toes is unlimited. Every limitation of plantar flexion of the toes is the cause of "foot pathology" and this problem is described on many cases in this paper (**Fig. 3a, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 6b, 6c, 7a, 7b**).

Toe flexion test to identify the state of foot function. The first publication about this problem was in the Polish Orthopedic Journal (**Chirurgia Narządów Ruchu i Ortopedia Polska**) in 1971 and next in the German Orthopedic Journal (**Beiträge zur Orthopädie und Traumatologie**) in 1985 (**Fig. 1**) as well as in many others publications (**References 4–26**). The foot has two important parts – tarsus – "standing part" and forefoot – "active part" – important in walking (**Fig. 2**). We have found, that "plantar flexion" of the toes in metatarsal – phalange joints is different in children, different in youth and specially in adults. (**Fig. 3a, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 6b, 6c, 7a, 7b**). We observed in the following years of ours life, that the range of this movement is more and more restricted and in many patients significantly small. The range of this movement is age related – bigger in children, smaller in adults.

In the paper we inform also about two other forms of feet pathology connected with limitation of the plantar flexion of the toes. There are patients with the Friedreich syndrome and patients with the Köhler II disease. The Köhler II disease is an aseptic necrosis of the metatarsal bone head – mostly second, and mostly connected with using of improper shoes, which disturb the blood circulation in the frontal part of the feet (**Fig. 8, 9a, 9b**).

MATERIAL

In our orthopedic activity – T. Karski since 1961 and J. Karski since 1989, J. Pyrc since 1996 we have treated many thousands of people of various age – children, youth and adults with feet problems. In this paper we present examples of the cases of feet pathology connected with limited toe flexion.

PRZYDATNOŚĆ TESTU ZGIECIA PODESZWOWEGO PALCÓW
W OCENIE NIEWYDOLNOŚCI STOP

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**Der Zehenflexionstest
zur Erkennung frühzeitiger Stadien von Funktionsstörungen
und Deformitäten des Vorfußes¹**

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Fig. 1. History of the discovery of the 'toe flexion test'. Exercises in the therapy of 'painful feet'. (A) – publication in Poland (1971), (B) – publication in Germany (1985 – with the help of Dr F. Lettow, Neuruppin), (A1) (B1) Example of exercises performed by a physiotherapist.

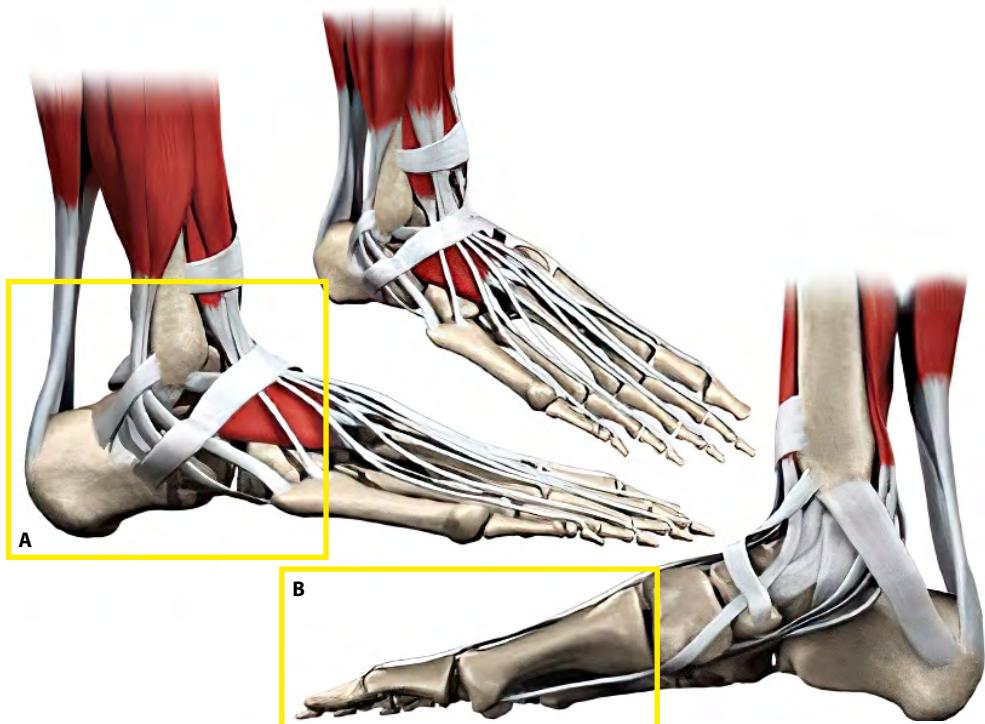


Fig. 2. Foot anatomy (picture from the Internet): 26 bones, 33 joints, over 100 muscles and tendons. Part (A) important for standing. Part (B) important for walking. Full flexion in metatarsal – phalangeal joints allow normal activity – walking, running, jumping, working, every kind of sport.



Fig. 3a, b, c.

a: Full flexion in metatarsal – toe joints. No problems with walking.

b: Limited flexion in metatarsal – toe joints. Problems with walking. Pain.

c: Maximally limited flexion in metatarsal – toe joints. Extremely big problems with walking. Pain in every step.



Fig. 4a, b. Female, 19. Student. Toe flexion test – fully physiological. Active flexion of toes of both feet till 50°. No problems with walking and with daily activities. No pain.



Fig. 5a, b, c. Female, 54, gardener. Problem with feet. Difficulties in walking. Pain after walking longer distances. Partially limited plantar flexion of the toes Flexion test – 30° flexion in metatarsal – phalanges joints. Additionally, valgus of knees and so-called idiopathic scoliosis in the new classification – 2A group – left convex lumbar curve. In therapy – flexion exercises for the toes.



Fig. 6a, b, c. Man, 66, architecture engineer. Problem with feet. Difficulties in walking. Pain in every step. Maximally limited plantar flexion of the toes. Flexion test – maximal pathology – zero flexion in metatarsal – phalanges joints. Additionally, varus of shanks and so-called idiopathic scoliosis – in the new classification – 3rd group. Totally stiff spine. No curves. In therapy – flexion exercises for the toes.



Fig. 7a, b. Female, 70. Maximal deformation of the feet. Pedes plani. Halluces valgi. The cause of hallux valgus on both sides and full hyperextension position of toes – wearing improper shoes in the youth. Flexion test – maximal pathology. Extensive pain in feet.

Fully unable to walk. Range of flexion of toes in metatarsal – phalange joints – hyperextension of toes 50°.

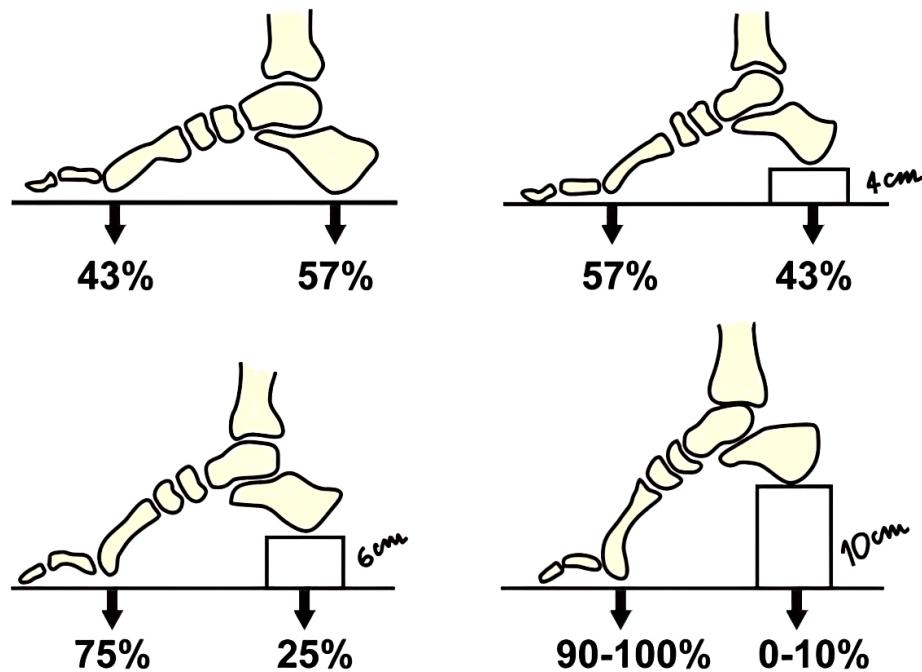


Fig. 8. Picture from the Internet. Loading of the foot depending on the type of shoes. Pathologic role of high heels. In result – disturbing of the gait, toe deformity, disturbing of blood circulation and in result – Morbus Köhler II or Morton metatarsalgia.



Fig. 9a, b. Improper shoes (Fig 9a – picture taken from the Internet). Heels too high. (A) Feet in plantar flexion. With the time limited dorsal flexion. (B) Toes in dorsal flexion. Normal propulsion in gait is impossible, walking disturbed.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

Good experience in this therapy have co-authors of this paper – Mgr. B. Slowinska and Mgr. B. Boryga – both physiotherapists. When a patient come to us with a problem of pain in the front part of one foot or both feet, we should check the range of plantar flexion of the toes. When the plantar flexion of the toes is small – for example only 5 or 10 degrees, or 0 degree or even “contracture in hyperextension” this mean – the pain is connected with “disturbed function of the front part of the foot or feet” and additionally with deformities of the foot. When plantar flexion of the toes is limited, kinesiotherapy (**Fig. 10**), i.e., toe flexion exercises in warm water, or another form of therapy should be recommended. Exercises should be passive, performed with the help of physiotherapists, and also active, performed by the patient alone over a long period of time, even many months or years. Physiotherapists should also inform the patients about using the proper shoes. The treatment is long-term, it can take months or even years, but a positive effect we have to see in all patients. Good results have been observed also in patients with deformities like hallux valgus, “hammer toes”, valgus of the feet (**Fig. 7a, 7b**) – because the “first problem” is not connected with deformity but with “insufficiency of function”.

DISCUSSION

Knowledge for physiotherapists, rehabilitation doctors and general physicians. People suffer, mostly because of pain syndromes of spine, of the hips, knees and shoulder. Nonetheless, many suffer because of feet deformities (**References 1–19, 28, 29**). This group of patients come to the doctor because of “pain syndromes” in the frontal part of the feet and difficulties in waking. This pathology is related with “restriction of the toes flexion” in the metatarsal – phalangeal joints. Limited flexion movement of toes disturb walking and other forms of daily activities. Very often in these patient groups the skin on the plantar surface of the feet is “pathologically changed” in the form of “thickness”, “corn”, footprint”, “toe prints”. In any form of deformity, such as hallux valgus, pain is the first



Fig. 10. Kinesiotherapy. Methods of the therapy – on the basis of publications from 1971 and 1985. Thermotherapy increases the effectiveness of exercises considerably.

priority. In the opinion of the patients, it is not the deformity but the limited plantar flexion of the toes that causes the difficulty. Passive and active plantar flexion exercises of the toes are important in therapy.

Another group of patients with foot problems are young girls with symptoms of "necrosis of the metatarsal head", the so-called Köhler II disease. Also in this group – physiotherapy, toe flexion exercises and thermotherapy bring good results. Over the years – in observation of all the authors (see Literature) – the methods of therapy – to receive full flexion of toes is sole proper treatment.

CONCLUSION

1. For proper function and normal activity of everyone it is necessary to have the proper anatomy of the bones, muscles and joints, full range of movements of joints and good blood circulation, nerve system function, as well proper function of all internal organs.

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2. Every limitation of joint movement is the cause of pain syndromes. These "pain symptoms" we observe in the spine, in the hips, knees, shoulders and also in the feet.
 3. The problem of instability of the ankle joints with symptoms of pain, or swelling in the tarsus region, disturbances of walking is described in articles in the USA, India, Czech Republic in 2017 – 2021 (see references).
 4. The limited plantar flexion in the metatarsal – phalangeal joints of the feet is the cause of pain, disturbance when walking and in other daily activities.
 5. The limitation of plantar flexion of the toes is caused by wearing a "too narrow improper shoes" in the early period of life.
 6. Too "narrow improper shoes" are also the causes of deformities like hallux valgus, "hammer toes", necrosis of the head of metatarsal bones (Köhler II disease) and various skin pathologies.
 7. In the paper we present the "toe flexion test", examples of pathology and we give advice for physiotherapy.

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EXTENZOROVÉ LÉZE V ZÓNĚ III – BOUTONNIEROVA DEFORMITA

EXTENSOR LESIONS IN ZONE III – BOUTONNIER'S DEFORMITY

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SOUHRN

Úvod

Léze ve III. zóně šlachy extenzorů nazýváme Boutonnierova deformita. Hlavní příčina postižení je disruptum středního pruhu extenzorů nad proximálním interfalangeálním kloubem. Výsledkem poranění je semiflektované postavení v PIP kloubu a zároveň hyperextenční postavení v DIP kloubu.

Materiál a metodika

Účelem této retrospektivní studie bylo stanovit úspěšnost konzervativní léčby Boutonnierovy deformity. Náš soubor zahrnoval 59 pacientů s Boutonnierovou deformitou. Během retrospektivní studie jsme vyšetřili deset pacientů.

Výsledky

Při hodnocení ztráty extenze PIP kloubu mělo 80 procent pacientů výsledky dobré až výborné.

Diskuze

V porovnání s výsledky studie zabývající se chirurgickou léčbou byly naše výsledky mírně lepší.

Klíčová slova: Boutonnierova deformita, proximální interfalangeální kloub, šlacha extenzorů

SUMMARY

Introduction

Zone III lesion of the extensor tendon is called Boutonniere deformity. The leading cause is disruption of the middle band of the extensor above the proximal interphalangeal joint. The result of injury is a semiflexed lag of the PIP joint and simultaneously hyperextended lag in the DIP joint.

Material and methods

The purpose of this retrospective study was to determine the success of conservative treatment of Boutonniere deformity. Our file included 59 patients with Boutonniere deformity, and we examined ten patients within retrospective study.

Results

In evaluating the loss of extension in the PIP joint, 80 percent achieved excellent/very good/good results.

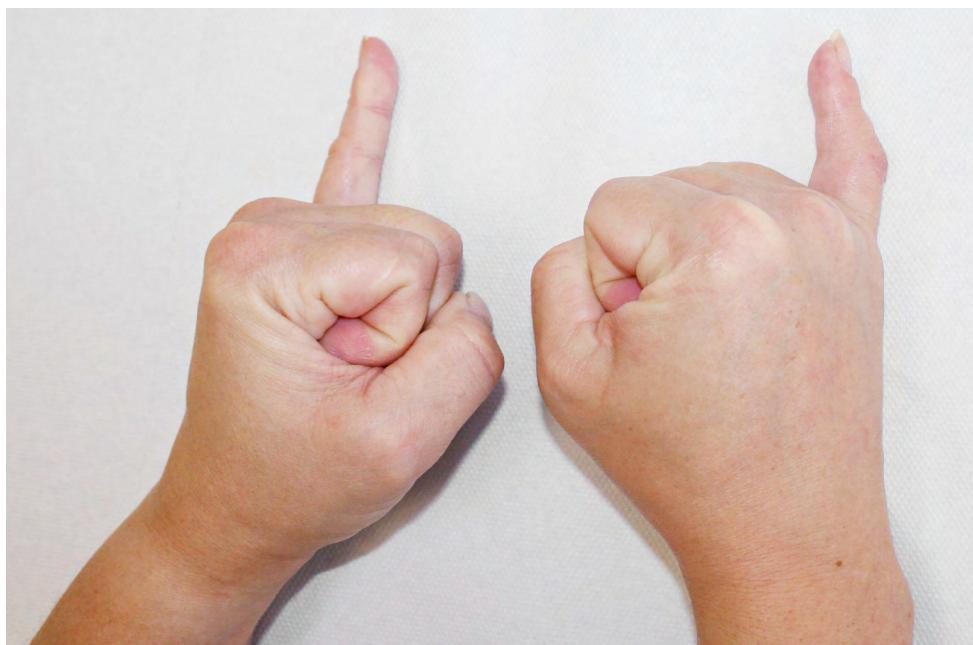
Discussion

Our results were a little better compared to the study results dealing with surgical treatment.

Key words: Boutonniere deformity, proximal interphalangeal joint, extensor tendon

ÚVOD

Jako Boutonnierovu deformitu (knoflíkový prst) (**Obr. 1**) můžeme označit lézi se semiflekčním postavením v PIP kloubu a zároveň hyperextenčním postavení v DIP kloubu (**2, 15**). Hlavní faktor vzniku



Obr. 1 Boutonniereova deformita (pravá ruka)

Boutonnierovy deformity je přerušení středního extenzorového pruhu nad proximálním interfalan-geálním kloubem. Mezi dalšími faktory, podílejícími se na vzniku, může být dysbalance postranních extenzorových pruhů a krátkých svalů, interoseů a lumbrikálů (7, 8).

Vznik knoflíkového prstu může zapříčinovat celá řada mechanismů. Nejčastěji vzniká na podkladě úrazu, kdy dochází k poranění středního pruhu – discize, ruptura, lacerace, zavřené poranění. Doba od vzniku poranění po vytvoření Boutonnierovy deformity je přibližně 10–14 dní. Mezi další mechanismy vzniku patří např. popáleniny dorsa prstů, revmatoidní artritida (až polovina pacientů s revmatoidní artritidou vyvine Boutonnierovu deformitu), Dupuytrenova kontrakturna a vrozené vady (6). V rámci sportu jsou ve zvláštním riziku vyvinutí této deformity hráči volejbalu a basketbalu (11, 14, 17), ale určit skutečnou incidenci mezi sportovci je složité.

Jedním ze základních vyšetření je Elsonův test (5). Vyšetřující ohne vyšetřovaný prst v PIP kloubu do 90 st. flexe, přičemž se pacient pokouší o aktivní extensi v DIP kloubu. Při disrupti středního extenzorového pruhu se u pacienta objeví hyperextenční postavení v DIP.

Závažnost Boutonnierovy deformity je možné klasifikovat dle různých klasifikačních stupnic, např. dle Soutera (19), dle Burtona (3) a dle Tubiany (21).

Důležité je odlišit Boutonnierovu deformitu od pseudo-Boutonnierovy deformity (12, 16), kde je sice semiflekční postavení v PIP kloubu, ale chybí hyperextenční postavení v DIP kloubu. Při pseudo-Boutonnierově deformitě není poškozen střední pruh extenzoru, ale při hyperextenčním poranění jsou postiženy palmárně umístěné měkké tkáně, které se jizví.

Chirurgická terapie

Chirurgická léčba u akutní uzavřené Boutonnierovy deformity je doporučována jen v případě, kdy byl střední pruh vytržen i s kostním fragmentem, který volně leží nad PIP kloubem, při nestabilitě PIP kloubu se ztrátou aktivní extenze, u mladých pacientů při dlouho trvající zavřené Boutonnierově deformitě a též při selhání konzervativní léčby (14). Pro chirurgickou léčbu existuje celá řada technik, mezi nejvíce využívané techniky k omezení hyperextenze patří teno-déza FDS (flexor digitorum superficialis) (13), k dalším řadíme rekonstrukci dle Aiche, Barskyho a Weinera (1).

Konzervativní terapie

Základním principem konzervativní terapie je dlahování (10, 11). Užíváme dvě dlahy, polohovací dlahu na noc a Levameho dlahu na cvičení. Dlahy jsou vyrobeny z dvoumilimetrového nerezového plechu. Dlahy nelze modelovat manuálně, je nutné je upravovat a tvarovat na ponku a poté krýt náplastí. K prstům jsou fixovány náplasti a v oblasti zápěstí suchým zipem. Stresová deprivace z imobilizace má negativní biomechanický a biochemický vliv na šlachu, vaz i kloubní chrupavku (9). Časně zařazení aktivního pohybu do rehabilitace je důležité v prevenci adheze šlach a škodlivého efektu imobilizace. Proto se snažíme v prvních 4 týdnech o aktivní flexi v DIP kloubu za pomocí

Levameho dláhy (**Obr. 2**), která umožní repozici laterálních pruhů. Navíc, pokud je v PIP kloubu flekční postavení cca 60 stupňů a víc, je nutné polohovat prst na rovné dlaze i přes noc (**Obr. 3**). S aktivní flexí v DIP pokračujeme i dále ve čtvrtém až osmém týdnu, zároveň ale přidáváme cvičení aktivní flexe v PIP kloubu. Aktivní extenzi v PIP kloubu přidáváme mezi osmým a desátým týdnem. Cvičení s odporem a běžná činnost je doporučena od desátého týdne. Zlepšení flekčního postavení v PIP kloubu během léčby by se zpravidla mělo pohybovat asi 10 stupňů za měsíc. Pokud tomu tak není, je vhodné se zamyslet nad compliantí pacientu.

Retrospektivní studie – soubor pacientů

Hlavním cílem naší studie bylo stanovit úspěšnost konzervativní terapie Boutonnierovy deformity. Celý soubor pacientů s Boutonnierovou deformitou obsahoval 59 pacientů, z nichž se k vyšetření dostavilo 10, kteří byli v rámci studie hodnoceni. K hodnocení výsledků studie nám posloužil námi vytvořený dotazník. Měření úhlu defektu extenze a flexe prováděla jedna a táz osoba pomocí kruhového goniometru. Zároveň stejně úhly zjišťovala i na odpovídajícím zdravém prstu na kontralaterální ruce. Všichni pacienti podstoupili konzervativní léčbu, jeden zároveň i léčbu operační.

Nejčastější mechanismus (70 procent) vzniku Boutonnierovy deformity v našem vzorku byl úraz. U jednoho pacienta deformita vznikla po artritidě, u dalšího byla příčina vrozená a u jednoho se nepodařila určit.



Obr. 2 Levameho dláha – přes den

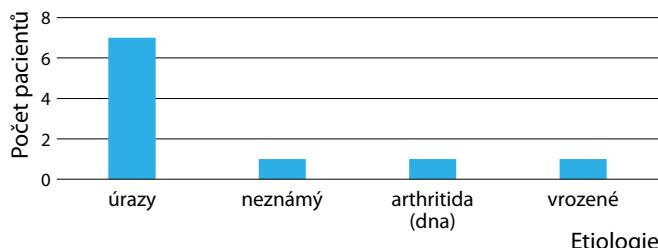


Obr. 3 Polohovací dláha – na noc

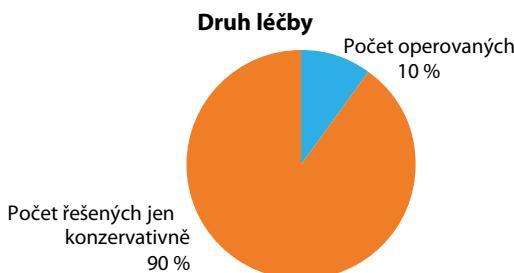
90 procent pacientů byli muži. Věkový rozptyl hodnocených byl mezi 10 až 88 lety. 70 procent defektů vzniklo na levé ruce a zároveň 70 procent bylo na ruce nedominantní.

U pacientů s úrazovou etiologií vzniku začala léčba nejdříve po týdnu, a nejdéle po čtyřech měsících po úrazu.

Každý z pacientů užíval alespoň jednu dlahu. Všichni užívali Levameho dlahu, v rozpětí od jednoho měsíce do 18 měsíců a 8 pacientů z našeho vzorku zároveň i rovnou dlahu, a to v délce od jednoho měsíce do 24 měsíců.



Graf 1: Etiologie vzniku Boutonnierovy deformity



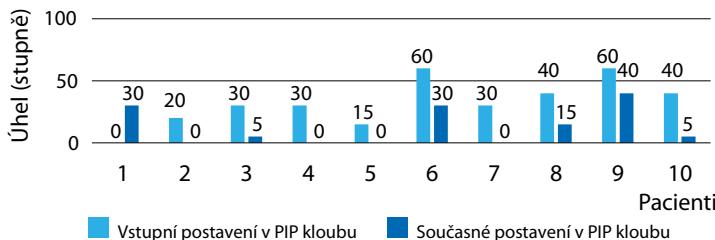
Graf 2: Druh léčby Boutonnierovy deformity

VÝSLEDKY

Hodnotit závažnost Boutonnierovy deformity můžeme pomocí různých klasifikačních stupnic, například podle Soutera (19), dle Burtona (3) a dle Tubiany (21). V naší studii jsme použili modifikovanou klasifikaci dle Soutera. Klasifikace hodnotila 3 různé kategorie po pěti stupních. V první kategorii jsme posuzovali ztrátu extenze v PIP kloubu. První stupeň (výborný) byl 0 stupňů, druhý (velmi dobrý) byl méně než 10 stupňů, třetí (dobrý) méně než 20, čtvrtý (slušný) méně než 40 a pátý (špatný) více než 40. Druhá kategorie hodnotila vzdálenost špičky prstu od distální dlaňové řasy. Stupně byly první 0 cm, druhý méně než 2 cm, třetí méně než 2,5 cm, čtvrtý méně než 4, pátý více

než 4 cm. Třetí kategorie hodnotí flexi v PIP kloubu. První stupeň je normální flexe, druhý více než 90 stupňů, třetí více než 80, čtvrtý více než 75 a pátý menší než 75 stupňů. Stejně jsme hodnotili i prst na kontralaterální straně.

Srovnání vstupního a současného postavení v PIP kloubu



Graf 3: Srovnání vstupního a současného postavení v PIP kloubu

Pacient	Defekt exten. PIP (stup.)	Vzdálenost špička-dist. dl. řasa (cm)	Flexe v PIP
1	Dobré	Velmi dobré	Velmi dobré
2	Výborné	Výborné	Výborné
3	Velmi dobré	Výborné	Výborné
4	Dobré	Výborné	Slušné
5	Výborné	Výborné	Výborné
6	Slušné	Velmi dobré	Dobré
7	Výborné	Výborné	Výborné
8	Dobré	Velmi dobré	Velmi dobré
9	Špatné	Výborné	Výborné
10	Velmi dobré	Výborné	Výborné

Tabulka 1: Hodnocení výsledků léčby u jednotlivých pacientů ve 3 kategoriích dle Soutera

Kategorie dle Soutera			
Stupně dle Soutera	Defekt exten. v PIP (stup.)	Vzdálenost špička-dist. dl. řasa (cm)	Flexe v PIP
Výborné	30 %	70 %	60 %
Velmi dobré	20 %	30 %	20 %
Dobré	30 %	0 %	10 %
Slušné	10 %	0 %	10 %
Špatné	10 %	0 %	0 %

Tabulka 2: Přehled jednotlivých kategorií a stupňů dle Soutera. V sloupcích jsou procentuálně výsledky léčby pacientů v každé z kategorií.

DISKUZE

Naše výsledky jsem porovnal s výsledky dosaženými chirurgickou léčbou a publikovanými v roce 2003 v retrospektivní studii Catalanem (4). Jejich vzorek obsahuje 12 pacientů s věkovým průměrem 41 let a úrazovým mechanismem vzniku deformity. Principem chirurgické léčby byla tenodéza FDS. V rámci studie bylo mimo jiné měřeno vstupní a výstupní postavení. Průměrné vstupní postavení stanovené Catalanem činilo 31 stupňů, výstupní 12. Tyto výsledky jsem porovnal s naším vzorkem, z kterého jsem použil osm pacientů, když jsem předem vyřadil pacienta zároveň podstoupivšího i chirurgickou léčbu a pacienta s vrozenou etiologií. Naše průměrné vstupní postavení bylo cca 33,125 stupňů, výstupní cca 8,75 stupňů. Z těchto výsledků je vidět, že i když vstupní postavení v PIP kloubu bylo mírně horší v našem vzorku pacientů, po absolvování terapie bylo výsledné postavení v PIP kloubu mírně lepší u pacientů s konzervativní léčbou.

ZÁVĚR

U 80 procent pacientů se dosáhlo výborných až dobrých výsledků extenze v PIP kloubu. Při měření flexe v PIP kloubu jsme zjistili ještě lepší výsledky, a to výborné až dobré, u 90 procent pacientů. 100 procent pacientů prst dlahovalo, 10 procent navíc podstoupilo i operační léčbu. Průměrná doba užívání Levameho dlahy bylo 6,1 měsíců, rovné dlahy 5,6 měsíců.

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DUÁLNÍ EMISNÍ RENTGENOVÁ ABSORPCIOMETRIE PRO STANOVENÍ HMOTNOSTI AMPUTOVANÉ ČÁSTI KONČETINY PO TRANSTIBIÁLNÍ AMPUTACI

DUAL-EMISSION X-RAY ABSORPTIOMETRY FOR DETERMINING THE WEIGHT OF AN AMPUTATED LIMB PART AFTER TRANSTIBIAL AMPUTATION

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ABSTRACT

Background

Most studies addressing the composition and volume of an amputated limb in lower extremity amputations have focused on determining the amputation stump volume. Examination of the weight of the amputated part of the limb is important for guiding the application of a definitive prosthesis.

Objectives

To assess the theoretical value of the weight of the amputated part of the lower limb in patients after transtibial amputation.

Study design

Cross-sectional study.

Methods

14 patients with transtibial amputation were enrolled, along with 14 matching controls. We assessed limb weight using dual-emission X-ray absorptiometry (DXA) and compared these values to those derived using anthropometric models (per Zatsiorsky, Osterkamp, and Mozumdar).

Results

The lowest average (\pm standard deviation) weight determined for the hypothetical distal part of the amputated limb by DXA was -3.11 ± 1.13 kg. Compared to DXA, anthropometric models provided significantly higher values. The highest value (4.85 ± 0.77 kg) resulted from using calculations according to Osterkamp, and the model proposed by Mosumdar gave the lowest value (3.43 ± 0.45), which was closest to that derived using DXA.

Conclusion

DXA is generally considered the gold standard for measuring body composition. Our comparison of data measured with DXA to that from anthropometric models shows that calculations of amputation mass using selected anthropometric models can significantly overestimate the weight of an amputated limb.

Keywords: body segment parameter, lower limb, amputation, DXA, anthropometryze

BACKGROUND

Dual-emission X-ray absorptiometry for determining the weight of an amputated lower limb part after transtibial amputation

Proper and timely fitting of a prosthetic device is essential in the care of patients after lower limb amputations. The reduction of limb stump oedema, prevention of contractures, and loss of physical condition are all important factors to consider in ensuring success with prosthetic and rehabilitation care. Another issue is the type of prosthetic replacement that is best for an individual patient.

Loss of the lower limb or part of it leads to serious changes and damage to the musculoskeletal system. The correct choice of prosthesis attracts most of the emphasis with regard to cognitive function and physical activity. A recent general trend has been toward development of prostheses that are as light, highly functional, and comfortable as possible. However, the literature offers no reports comparing the weights of the amputated limb and prosthesis to healthy limb weight. Furthermore, few studies have examined the effect of prosthesis weight on the energy demands of gait in patients with transtibial amputation (TTA).^{1,2,3} Anthropometric methods have been proposed as a way to determine the expected weight of the amputated part of the limb.⁴

This gap is an important one to address because patients have approximately the same weight in both lower limbs until amputation, and post-amputation weight and length asymmetries can have negative biomechanical consequences. Pertinent issues in orthopaedic prosthetic management include ensuring consonance between the prosthesis weight and the weight of the amputated part.

Several approaches are available for calculating the weight and volume of a limb, and a number of methods also are available for accurate measurements of body segments. We can classify these as direct methods, using cadavers or imaging in living persons, and indirect methods, including anthropometric models.⁵ Extrapolation of results to the general population is relatively difficult because body fluid ratios and muscle mass volume change with age and somatotypes differ among generations (a secular growth trend).⁶ Direct measurements in volunteers and patients using imaging tend to be closer to exact values. Initially, the most common modality was X-rays, to be followed by computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging.⁷ Despite their applicability, however, these methods have limitations, including price, complexity, length of examination, and radiation exposure (X-ray, computed tomography). A further important limitation is complexity of the resulting data, which precludes their full use in standard clinical practice. Therefore, these methods typically apply only in the research setting.

An available non-invasive and direct reference method for body examination is dual-emission X-ray absorptiometry (DXA).⁸ DXA, which allows for the examination of bone density and soft tissues, has become the gold standard for precise evaluation of body composition.⁹ The low radiation dose (approximately 1 mSv/scan) is an undeniable advantage, falling below natural background radiation, as compared to >10 mSv for a whole-body image using computed tomography.¹⁰

In addition to direct methods, other methods are available that are based on the relationship between anthropometric parameters and the actual weight and distribution of body tissues.¹¹ The advantage of anthropometric models is their low demand, low cost of measuring equipment, and absence of radiation exposure. On the other hand, these methods have several pitfalls. Anthropometric measurement requires a certain routine and a degree of individual accuracy and thus always carries the burden of "human error." Another difficulty is the calculation of the measured values in a regression equation. Specific population groups form the basis for regressions, which may not fully correspond to the group of patients measured.¹²

This study is the first to involve measurement of the missing part of an amputated limb using DXA and to compare the results to those obtained with standard anthropometric models. Our aim was to evaluate the weight of the amputated part of the lower limb in patients undergoing TTA. Our secondary goal was to compare the weight of the amputated limb and prosthesis with the weight of a healthy limb.

METHODS

Participants

From May 2017 to October 2018, we examined patients after TTA and performed measurements in a control group of volunteers at the same time. The group with TTA had a total of 14 persons (13 men and 1 woman) with a mean age of 51.5 years and a mean BMI (\pm standard deviation) of $27.7 \pm 3.6 \text{ kg/m}^2$. The average weight of the prosthetic equipment was $2.39 \pm 0.21 \text{ kg}$, whereas the weight of the amputation stump according to DXA was $1.18 \pm 0.47 \text{ kg}$. The mean weight of the healthy shank lower limb in patients was $4.66 \pm 0.72 \text{ kg}$.

Table 1 provides the basic information about the group of patients after TTA. Patients in this group were selected at a regional prosthetic centre. Inclusion criteria were unilateral transtibial amputation, willingness to cooperate with the examination, and a limb amputation at least 12 months previously. Exclusion criteria were oedema of the amputated limb, cachexia, and obesity. Indications for TTA were peripheral vascular complications in the absence of diabetes ($n = 1$), traumatic amputations ($n = 9$), malignancies ($n = 1$), and infections ($n = 3$). Average time after amputation was $13.9 \pm 11.6 \text{ years}$.

A total of 96 people were included as control participants, divided into three groups. The first group consisted of participants matched to patients for somatic features and age ($n = 14$, mean age was $47.5 \pm 12.2 \text{ years}$ with mean BMI of $26.6 \pm 2.1 \text{ kg/m}^2$). The second group consisted of non-obese individuals who engaged in regular physical activity but did not have a dominant lower limb ($n = 63$). Members of the third control group were all high-jump or long-jump athletes, so that one of their lower limbs was dominant (the lead leg for jumping), and all met the inclusion criterion of specialisation in jumping training for at least 2 years ($n = 19$). **Table 1** lists the somatic parameters of the participants in the three control groups.

Group	n	Age (y)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	BF (kg)	BF (%)
ALL M	13	51.5 ± 12.9	176.5 ± 5.9	83.5 ± 12.1	23.7 ± 7.9	27.3 ± 5.8
ALL F	1	47.8	16.5	65.9	23.4	35.0
CG1 M	13	47.5 ± 12.2	177.7 ± 6.6	84.0 ± 8.6	22.2 ± 5.1	26.2 ± 4.7
CG1 F	1	50.1	157.5	63.5	22.1	34.9
CG2M	38	22.6 ± 2.9	180.6 ± 6.5	77.1 ± 8.6	13.5 ± 3.5	17.5 ± 3.9
CG2F	25	21.4 ± 2.0	168.0 ± 6.5	58.2 ± 7.0	15.3 ± 3.0	26.2 ± 4.1
CG3M	10	18.7 ± 3.2	181.0 ± 4.9	69.2 ± 4.9	9.9 ± 1.8	14.3 ± 2.3
CG3F	9	17.4 ± 2.3	172.4 ± 9.4	61.7 ± 6.5	15.4 ± 2.3	25.1 ± 2.2

ALL M – amputated lower limb, male; ALL F – amputated lower limb, female; CG1 M – matched control group, male; CG1 F – matched control group, female; CG2 M – control group 2, male (healthy without sports); CG2 F – control group, female (healthy without sports); CG3 M – control group 3, male (active athletes); CG3 F – control group 3, female (active athletes); n – frequency; BF – body fat

Table 1. Descriptive characteristics of control groups used for the comparison of lower limb symmetry (mean \pm SD)

All study participants signed an informed consent. All procedures performed in the study were in accordance with the ethical standards of the 2013 Declaration of Helsinki.

All study participants underwent initial measurement of somatic parameters and lower limb weight. We used certified gauges to take weight and height measures of participants in their under wear. In patients with amputation, weight with and without the prosthesis and of the prosthesis it self was measured. Likewise, we used a standardised band gauge to measure limb circumferences and examined lower limb weight using a bone densitometer (Discovery A; Hologic, Waltham, MA, USA) calibrated according to the manufacturer's recommendations with an established precision error.¹³ To calculate the weight of the lower limb based on bone densitometer data, we summed bone mineral content, fat free mass, and body fat. Using the sub-region function, we defined the regions in the obtained densitometric data as "thigh" and "calf" and summed them to obtain the total weight of the lower limb. We chose this procedure because of an overlap of parts of individual lower limbs (right and left) when defining the measurement of the sub-region in the entire lower limb. To verify the symmetry of lower limb weights in healthy participants, we compared the weights of the right and left lower limbs in all three control groups.

Calculation of the weight of the distal part of the amputated limb using anthropometric methods

To compare weight measurements achieved with DXA, we used established and generally known calculation methods with regression equations. For this comparison, we used equations of anthropometric models according to both the original and modified equations of Zatsiorski^{14,15} and the equations of Osterkamp¹⁶ and Mozumdar¹⁷.

Calculation of the hypothetical weight of the distal part of the amputated limb using DXA

For calculating weight, we used methods for determining the weight of individual segments of the lower limb, which are standardised DXA measurements provided by the device manufacturer. To

Group	LLEG (kg)	Sign.	RLEG (kg)	Sign.
CG1 (n = 14)	13.31 ± 1.63	0.095	13.59 ± 1.69	0.087
CG2 (n = 63)	12.60 ± 2.10	0.504	12.72 ± 2.20	0.599
CG3 (n = 19)	12.80 ± 1.52	0.277	12.93 ± 1.55	0.301

Group	LLEG (kg)	RLEG (kg)
CG1 (n = 14)	4.70 ± 0.72	4.59 ± 0.65

CG1 – matched control group; CG2 – physically active without a dominant lower limb; CG3 – physically active with a dominant lower limb (jumpers); LLEG – left limb; RLEG – right limb; n – frequency; Sign. – statistical significance

Table 2. Evaluation normality data of weight symmetry of lower limbs Shapiro-Wilcoxon test

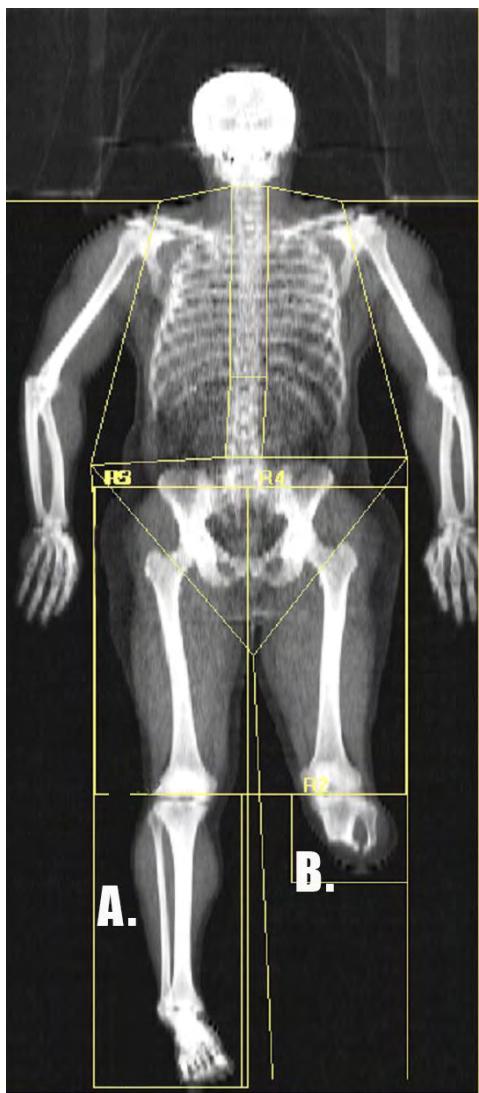


Figure 1. DXA scan of a patient after left-side TTA, with a marked region of interest for the calculation of the amputated part of the left lower limb.

determine the weight of the amputated limb, we took the difference between the weight of the shank of the healthy limb (measured from the knee to the distal end of the toes) and the preserved part of the shank of the contralateral amputated lower limb (measured from the knee to the distal end of the stump). **Figure 1** depicts the individual parts of the area of interest for the examination of the lower limb using DXA.

We performed comparative measurements in healthy controls to validate the calculation of the weight of the amputated lower limb and to compare the symmetry of the weights of the lower limbs using DXA. The weights of the right and left limbs from the first matched control group were compared to evaluate weight asymmetry of the distal part of the lower limb in healthy individuals. To evaluate the validity of anthropometric models for calculating the weight of the amputated part of the limb, we used the concept of criterion validity. We then used the results measured via DXA as an empirical criterion for anthropometric models.

Statistical analysis of data

For statistics, we characterised the measure of central tendency (mean) and the measure of variability (standard deviation). For verifying the normality of data distribution for the various weights (as determined by DXA and anthropometric models), we used the Shapiro-Wilk test, and we applied independent t-tests to assess the statistical significance of differences in the means. (**Table 2**). For all tests, we set a significance level of $\alpha = 0.05$. We used the effect size according to Cohen (Cohen's d) to assess the general significance of differences in means. A d value at the level of 0.2 indicates a minor change, 0.5 an intermediate change, and 0.8 a major change.¹⁸ To assess empirical validity, we used the Pearson correlation coefficient (r)

and standard error of estimation. We performed all statistical processing of results using IBM SPSS Statistics (Version 21; IBM, Armonk, NY, USA).

RESULTS

Comparison of control groups

We first compared groups of patients with TTA to the age- and somatically matched control group. Both groups were very similar in terms of somatic parameters. The control group of healthy non-obese participants without sports activity and the group of active athletes included younger participants with a lower BMI. However, the difference in age and BMI did not play a role in the study results, so we applied the data for these latter two control groups to verify the hypothesis of lower limb symmetry. All parameters of interest in all monitored groups had normal distribution, so we were able to use the parametric independent t-test to assess the statistical significance of differences in means. **Table 1** gives the data for the examined groups.

Comparison of symmetry of lower limbs

To test lower limb symmetry among the three control groups, we used Cohen's test. The age- and somatically matched control group did not show a difference in weight between the right and lower limbs (Cohen's $d = 0.17$). The weights of the right and left limbs also did not differ in the participants without obesity who were not athletes (Cohen's $d = 0.06$), and even in the third group of athletes who favoured one leg over the other for their sport, these weights did not differ (Cohen's $d = 0.08$). Thus, the right and left limbs did not differ in weight in any of the three control groups. (**Table 3**). Due to the fact that the normality of the data was not disturbed, Student's t-test was used.

Group	LLEG (kg)	RLEG (kg)	Diff	P (95% CI)	d
Whole lower limb					
CG1 (n = 14)	13.31 ± 1.63	13.59 ± 1.69	-0.28 ^{NS}	0.660 (-1.568; 1.009)	0.17
CG2 (n = 63)	12.60 ± 2.10	12.72 ± 2.20	-0.12 ^{NS}	0.744 (-0.883; 0.632)	0.06
CG3 (n = 19)	12.80 ± 1.52	12.93 ± 1.55	-0.13 ^{NS}	0.791 (-1.145; 0.879)	0.08
Shank of the lower limb					
Group	LLEG (kg)	RLEG (kg)	Diff	P (95% CI)	d
CG1 (n = 14)	4.70 ± 0.72	4.59 ± 0.65	0.11 ^{NS}	0.670 (-0.422; 0.646)	0.16

CG1 – matched control group; CG2 – physically active without a dominant lower limb; CG3 – physically active with a dominant lower limb (jumpers); LLEG – left limb; RLEG – right limb; n – frequency; Diff – difference; p – statistical significance; 95% CI – confidence interval; d – Cohen's d; ^{NS} non significant (t-test)

Table 3. Evaluation of weight symmetry of lower limbs (mean ± SD)

Comparison of shank symmetry

The evaluation of shanks was performed using Cohen's test in the age-matched control group. The result of Cohen's test on the shank part of the limb showed that the weight of the right and left limbs was symmetrical ($d = 0.16$; **Table 3**).

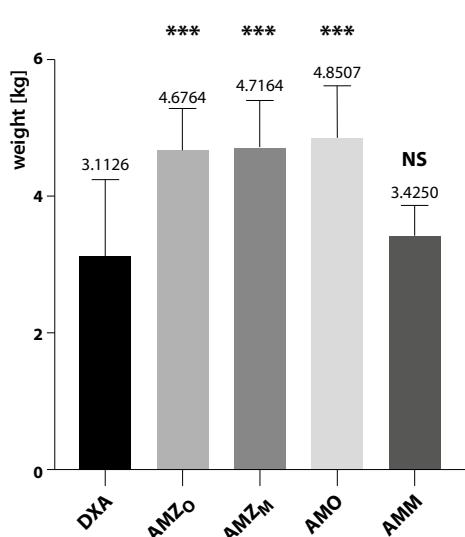


Figure 2. Weight of the amputated part of the lower limb

Evaluation of methods for measuring the weights of amputated limb parts in patients after TTA

With DXA, the lowest weight of the hypothetical distal part of the amputated limb was -3.11 ± 1.13 kg. Compared to DXA, anthropometric models based on the regression equation showed significantly higher weights of the amputated part of the limb. Osterkamp's equation gave the highest weight, at 4.85 ± 0.77 kg, and Mosumdar's equation gave the lowest value at 3.43 ± 0.45 kg (**Figure 2**).

We found no significant differences between values measured using DXA and those calculated with the Mosumdar model. In the other cases of comparison between DXA and the anthropomorphic models, however, the differences were statistically significant ($p < 0.001$) and otherwise significant (Cohen's $d > 0.8$).

	Diff (kg)	d	r	S _{y/x} (kg)	d _{max} (kg)
AMZ _O	1.58***	1.74	0.31	1.12	2.24
AMZ _M	1.61***	1.72	0.41	1.07	2.14
AMO	1.74***	1.80	0.37	1.09	2.18
AMM	0.32 ^{NS}	0.37	0.42	1.07	2.14

AMZO – anthropometric model, Zatsiorsky original; AMZ_M – anthropometric model, Zatsiorsky modified; AMO – anthropometric model, Osterkamp; AMM – anthropometric model, Mosumdar; Diff – difference; d – Cohen's d; r – Pearson's correlation coefficient; ***p < 0.001; Sy/x (SEE) – standard estimation error; d_{max} – threshold estimation error (± 2 Sy/x); NS non significant

Table 4. Differences in means and characteristics of empiric validity to the DXA method

The Pearson's correlation coefficients indicated little if any correlation with the values measured by DXA. The values of Pearson's coefficient explained only 9.6%–17.6% of the variance. The individual anthropometric models did not differ in standard estimation error or limit of observational error. **Table 4** shows differences in means and characteristics of the empirical validity of anthropometric models for DXA.

DISCUSSION

Technological advances in the prosthetics of lower limbs in the last decade have led to improved function for patients after limb amputation.¹⁹ An essential goal after lower limb amputation is to be able to engage inactivities of daily life, adjust the parameters of the prosthetic so to comfortably and stably transfer the biomechanical load, and avoid overloading the musculoskeletal system.

Most studies addressing composition and volume in patients after amputation of the lower extremities have focused on determining the volume of the residual limb part.²⁰ The length of the amputate and composition of soft tissues both show extensive changes, especially during the first year after amputation.²¹ A number of studies have addressed the volume of residual limb and the stabilisation of volume and composition during the maturation process.^{22,23} Examination of residual volume is an essential clinical examination, especially in terms of the strategy of application of definitive prosthetic equipment.²⁵

Volume, soft tissue composition, and muscle mass are of substantial significance. In recent years, several studies have shown loss of muscle mass after amputation.^{25,26} Sherck et al. described this loss in 12 patients after transfemoral and transtibial amputation compared to the unaffected limb.²⁷ Similarly, Renström et al. described muscle atrophy, documenting the loss of muscle mass in both the affected and unaffected limbs.²⁸ An increase in the proportion of adipose tissue in inverse association with the loss of muscle mass also has been documented.²⁹

Several recent studies have focused on the use of anthropometric methods and prediction equations to determine the body composition of lower limbs, especially in athletes and young populations^{30,31}, so that the results are not necessarily applicable to the general adult population. However, some studies have measured this composition in adults^{32,33} and this composition has a substantial effect on cardiovascular health, in particular. Individuals with a higher BMI have a higher risk of both cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes and other serious lifestyle diseases. According to Wong et al., patients need to have a correction of body weight calculations after amputations for appropriate dietary measures to prevent obesity and diabetes.³⁴ This correction requires information not only about body weight but also about adjusted weight from the missing amputated part of the limb.³⁵

Anthropometric models are available for calculating the weight of the missing part of the limb. However, these methods entail several methodological problems. The initial calculations of the weight of individual segments relied on a small number of individuals, mostly white men, without

consideration of changes in body composition in later generations¹⁶. For a long time, models based on cadaver measurements have been used for calculations.¹¹ Zatsiorsky and colleagues were the first to use imaging techniques to determine body segment parameters in a group of 115 young students (100 men and 15 women)^{14,15} and their model is still in use. Osterkamp¹⁶ and Mozumdar¹⁷ introduced major innovations in their models, based on the measurement of 205 patients after amputations of both the upper and lower limbs. These models are widely accepted and used. Yet, we may question the accuracy of the results and ask whether the current progress in imaging methods allows for more accurate measurements. DXA, which we used for the comparison here, is one of the direct reference methods. As our results show, DXA yielded significantly lower values for lower limb weight compared to anthropometric models. This outcome is not surprising, given that most models are based on measurements of young healthy people or a limited number of cadavers. Only the Mozumdar model, which is based on measurements of patients after amputations, produced values similar to those obtained with DXA. We may therefore argue whether it is methodologically correct to use models based on the general population^{14,15,16}, to use a model based on patient data after amputation¹⁷, or to make better use of the modern DXA imaging.

Our results offer a new perspective on the issue of determining the weight of the prosthesis with respect to the weight of the amputated limb. Current anthropometric models significantly overestimate the calculated limb weight compared to the DXA method. This methodology can be used in patients with acquired or congenital upper or lower limb amputation. Individual determination of the optimal weight of prosthetic equipment is very important for the proper development of the child, but also as a prevention of asymmetric loading of the musculoskeletal system in adults.

Limitations of this study

The patient group in our study was relatively small. Future studies should include a larger group of patients with balanced sex distribution for a more accurate evaluation of the results.

CONCLUSIONS

From the biomechanical point of view, the determination of the exact optimal length of the prosthesis, and especially its weight, is a neglected factor. The precise determination of the optimal weight of the prosthesis based on the previous weight of the amputated part of the limb (the amputee) is not sufficiently considered in prosthesis design. The calculation of the weight of the amputated part of the limb using indirect methods (e.g., the Zatsiorsky, Osterkamp, and Mozumdar models) over estimates the weight of the limb compared to using the direct DXA method. DXA seems to be the method of choice because it directly measures the composition of tissues and thus the weight in areas of interest for a particular patient. In our case, we measured the weight of the lower limbs in patients with TTA and in control groups. Based on our results, we recommend DXA imaging as a method of choice for the determination of amputee weight. Designing prostheses will require assessing the optimal weight of the prosthesis individually with regard to biological age and degree of physical activity.

Conflict of interest

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METAFYZÁRNÍ ANADYSPLAZIE S VARÓZNÍMI FEMURY A MALÝMI ČÉŠKAMI: NOVÁ VARIANTA METAFYZÁRNÍ ANADYSPLAZIE TYPU 1 U ČESKÝCH SOUROZENCŮ

METAPHYSEAL ANADYSPLASIA WITH VARUS FEMURS AND SMALL KNEECAPS: A NEW VARIANT OF METAPHYSEAL ANADYSPLASIA TYPE 1 IN CZECH SIBLINGS

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ABSTRACT

The authors present the clinical and radiological findings of two siblings in whom two previously unpublished heterozygous cis-variants (*c.236T>G* and *c.251A>C*) in the *MMP13* gene were identified by genetic testing. We propose to use the name "Metaphyseal anadysplasia with varus femurs and small kneecaps" for this newly described variant of metaphyseal anadysplasia type 1.

Key words: disproportionate short stature; short legs; metaphyseal dysplasia; metaphyseal anadysplasia type 1 (MANDP1); new variants of *MMP13*; small patella

INTRODUCTION

The authors present the clinical and radiological findings of two siblings in whom two previously unpublished heterozygous cis-variants in the *MMP13* gene were identified. The mutations in heterozygous status in the *MMP13* gene are the cause of **Metaphyseal anadysplasia type 1 (MANDP1)**. MANDP1 is heterogeneous genetic bone disease described in literature (2, 4, 9, 12, 13).

MANDP1 is characterized by early mild bowing of the femora and tibiae, discrete rhizomelic micromelia, distended anterior rib ends and long bone joints. Metaphyseal widening and irregularity of the long bones mimic those of rickets and are most pronounced in infancy and toddlerhood when we observed transient growth retardation.

Metaphyseal dysplasia regresses spontaneously with growth and usually disappears by the age of 6 years (9). The varosity of the femurs, and the rhizomelic shortening of the limbs may persist into adulthood. Catch up growth occurs together with regression of the skeletal abnormalities. The adult height may remain below target height.

MOLECULAR BASIS AND PATHOGENESIS

Metaphyseal anadysplasia can be caused by mutations either in *MMP9* or *MMP13* genes (6, 7). These genes are responsible for the production of matrix metalloproteinases, which play an important role in bone formation during growth.

Homozygous loss of function of *MMP9* gene is associated with the mild recessive form of metaphyseal anadysplasia (MANDP 2). Biallelic mutations in *MMP13* gene are associated with recessive metaphyseal dysplasia, Spahr type (1, 8, 9, 10). Heterozygous mutations in *MMP13* result in dominant form of metaphyseal anadysplasia (MANDP 1) and spondyloepimetaphyseal dysplasia, Missouri type, that tends to be more severe (1, 3, 7, 9).

Matrix metalloproteinase 9 belongs to Gelatinases family and is involved in the metabolism of collagen. Matrix metalloproteinase 13 catalyses the degradation of extracellular matrix (ECM) components in the growth plate and cleave and release biologically active molecules stored in the ECM. MANDP 1 is associated with dominant-negative *MMP13* mutations that suppress activity of both *MMP9* and *MMP13*. These proteases cleave most efficiently especially collagen type II which is involved in bone formation during childhood (2, 6, 11).

MANDP1 (AD) belongs to the spectrum of metaphyseal dysplasias connected with *MMP13* that also comprise spondyloepimetaphyseal dysplasia, Missouri type – SEMDM (AD) and metaphyseal dysplasia, Spahr type (AR), MANDP2 (AR). Their common characteristic is regression with age. With the most common metaphyseal bone dysplasia, Schmid type (AD; gene *COL10A1*), these dysplasias are classified as group 11 according to the Nosology and Classification of Genetic Disorders of the Skeleton, 2019 revision (5) with several other well-defined metaphyseal dysplasias which are not regressive.

CASE REPORTS

Two siblings with mild short stature (-1.6 and -1.9 SD) with markedly curved lower extremities, showing so-called rhizomelic shortening, were examined at our department – see Fig. 1a–h. In both

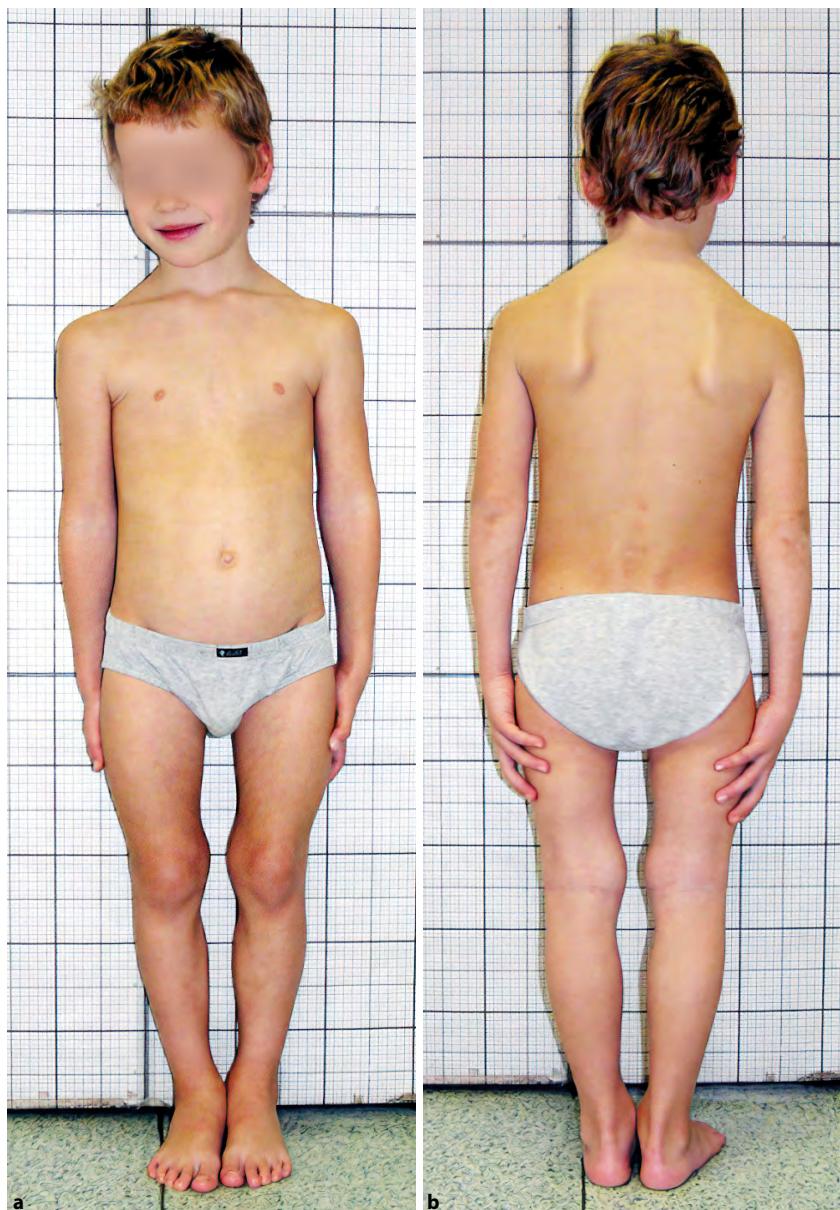


Fig. 1a–h. Phenotype of siblings: stature of a boy in 5 years and 9 months (**1a, b**) and at 9 years and 9 months (**1c, d**). Stature of a girl at 5 years (**1e, f**) and at 9 years (**1g, h**).

Fig. 1a, b. boy 5 y. 9 m.



c



d

Fig. 1c, d. boy 9 y. 9 m.



Fig. 1e, f. girl 5 y.



Fig. 1g, h. girl 9 y.



a



b



c

Fig. 2a–c. X-rays of lower limbs of a boy at 5.5, 5.75 and 7 years of age showing cupped metaphyseal margins of the proximal femurs, enlargement of the growth plates around the knee joints and enlargement of the metaphyses.

a: boy 5 y. 6 m.

b: boy 5 y. 9 m.

c: boy 7 y.



Fig. 3a-d. X-rays of lower limbs of a girl aged 3.5, 5.5 and 9 years show enlargement of the growth plates around the knee joints and a striking fraying and irregularity of the distal margins of the femoral metaphyses (a), which improves with age (b, c). Mother's pelvis (d). X-ray examination of the pelvis and femurs of the children and pelvis and hips of their mother showed wide pelvic blades and varus curvature of the proximal third of the diaphysis of both femurs (2a, c, 3 b, d).



Fig. 4a, b. Lateral films of the knee joints verified very small ossification centres of the patellae in a 7-year-old boy (with fragmentation) and a 5.5-year-old girl.



Fig. 5. X-ray of the left hand of a boy aged 5.5 years: Bone age determined by TW3 method: RUS 6.9 years, Carp 2.0 years

Proportionality

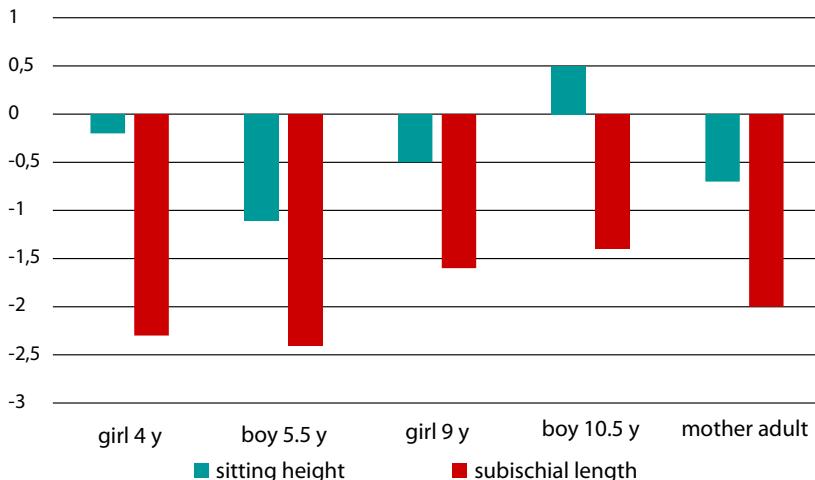


Fig. 6. Proportionality plot showing regression of disproportionality

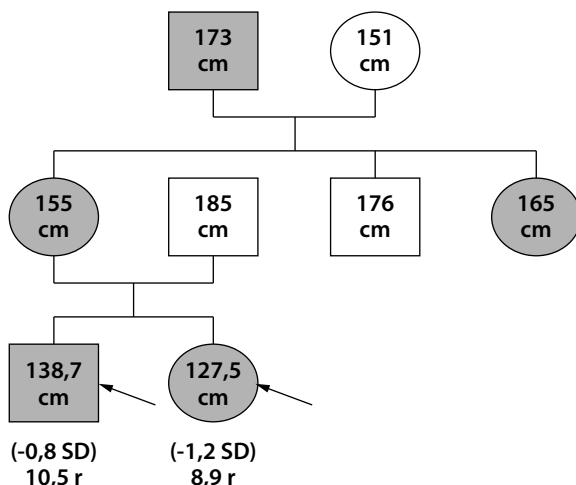


Fig. 7. Family tree

children, rickets was excluded biochemically and the most common metaphyseal dysplasia, Schmid type, was excluded by clinical, anthropological and radiological examination. At the first visit of the boy at 5.5 years and of the girl at 3.5 years, and during visits later, the X-ray examination showed cup enlargement of the metaphyses, varus curvature of the proximal third of the diaphysis of both femurs. (**Fig. 2a-c** and **Fig. 3a-c**). In the girl, there was a striking fraying of the distal metaphysis of the femur (**3a**). Small ossification centres of the patellae (in the boy with fragmentation) was proved at lateral films of the knee joints – see **Fig. 4a, b**.

In both siblings we found short statures near the lower limit of normal with significantly shortened lower limbs and normal hands and feet length. Bone age assessment by TW3 revealed delayed ossification of the carpal bones compared with ossification of radius and ulna and short bones of the hand in the children – **Fig. 5**.

In both siblings, there was regression of the disproportionality, but it remains evident – see **Fig. 6**. Growth dynamics improved. Both children still have waddling gait, cupping of the metaphyses, femoral varus, and rhizomelic limb shortening that persists into adulthood. The girl has grade 1 scoliosis by Cobb (improved from grade 2 by corset therapy) and internal tibial torsion which was partially corrected by derotation braces.

Their mother (154.9 cm) showed similar characteristics. The shortening of the lower extremities is borderline. Both mother and her sister (165 cm) had curvature of the lower extremities in childhood, which regressed with growth. X-ray examination of both children and their mother showed wide pelvic blades and various femoral diaphysis – see **Fig. 2a,c and 3b,d**. Genealogy shows evidence of AD transmission – **Fig. 7**.

CONCLUSION

In the differential diagnosis, we considered the heterozygous form of metaphyseal anadysplasia, where the height of the body ranges from -1 SD to -2 SD, and metaphyseal dysplasia, Schmid type, where the adult height is lower than -3 SD (between 135–160 cm). In both probands, clinical examination verified short stature within the limits of the wider standard with rhizomelic shortening of lower limbs. Radiological examination showed regressive metaphyseal dysplasia with age in both siblings consistent with MANDP1 cases published in the literature, varosity in the proximal third of both femurs, which was also shown on maternal radiographs, and small ossification centres of the patellae.

Two previously unpublished heterozygous variants in the *MMP13* gene, namely heterozygous cis-variants (i.e. both variants on the same allele) c.236T > G and c.251A > C, were described in the family by genetic testing.

Detected variants c.236T > G and c.251A > C in *MMP13* gene are missense variants leading to amino acid substitution (p.Val79Gly, p.Asp84Ala respectively). As these variants were not reported in litera-

ture, prediction programs were used for ascertaining pathogenicity. Most algorithms developed to predict the effect of missense changes on protein structure and function suggest that these variants are likely pathogenic resp. pathogenic and thus having disruptive effect. Furthermore, we can postulate that both cis-variants represent complex allele.

To confirm the pathogenicity, we performed segregation analysis in probands' family. Both variants in *MMP13* gene was found not only in their mother, but also in their maternal aunt and maternal grandfather with skeletal dysplasia – **Fig. 7**. Both variants were excluded in healthy relatives.

Based on above mentioned facts we consider cis-variants c.236T>G and c.251A>C in *MMP13* gene as causal for MANDP1 in probands.

For AD hereditary newly described variant of metaphyseal anadysplasia, type 1 we propose to use the name "**Metaphyseal anadysplasia with varus femurs and small kneecaps**" because of the persistence of varus femurs into adulthood and previously undescribed small kneecaps in both siblings.

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