

# 1 Supplementary material

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## 3 List of authors, included in the systematic search.

| Author                           | Study<br>(meniscal states,<br>ligaments, interventions)                            | Test setup                              | Knee<br>flexion<br>angle | Motion         | Load                                                                  | Muscle<br>simulation                                           | Pressure<br>measurement        |
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| 1. Agneskirchen<br>et al. (2007) | HighTibialOsteotomy<br>(HTO), valgus<br>alignment                                  | material testing<br>machine             | 0°                       | N.A.           | 1000 N<br>(axial)                                                     | N.A.                                                           | Tekscan                        |
| 2. Ahmed et al.<br>(1983)        | intact, meniscectomy                                                               | desktop<br>machine                      | 0°, 30°,<br>60°, 90°     | N.A.           | 2668 N<br>(axial)                                                     | N.A.                                                           | Transducer                     |
| 3. Alhalki et al.<br>(2000)      | intact, meniscectomy,<br>autograph, allograph                                      | horizontal rig                          | 0°, 15°,<br>30°, 45°     | N.A.           | 1000 N<br>(axial)                                                     | N.A.                                                           | Fuji Film                      |
| 4. Allaire et al.<br>(2008)      | intact, root tear,<br>repair, meniscectomy                                         | modified<br>material testing<br>machine | 0°, 30°,<br>60°, 90°     | N.A.           | 1000 N<br>(axial)                                                     | N.A.                                                           | Fuji film                      |
| 5. Amadi et al.<br>(2008)        | meniscomfemoral<br>ligaments                                                       | material testing<br>machine             | 0°                       | N.A.           | 700 N<br><br>(4 DOF)<br><br>+ 5 Nm int.<br>moment<br><br>(3 DOF test) | N.A.                                                           | Fuji film                      |
| 6. Andrish et al.<br>(2001)      | intact                                                                             | modified<br>material testing<br>machine | N.A.                     | 15° to<br>75°  | N.A.                                                                  | Quadriceps<br>,VL (45 N),<br>VM (45 N),<br>Hamstring<br>(45 N) | Force<br>Sensing<br>Technology |
| 7. Arno et al.<br>(2015)         | intact, posterior horn<br>horizontal cleavage<br>lesion                            | desktop<br>machine                      | N.A.                     | -5° to<br>135° | 500 N (axial),<br>100 N P<br>shear, 2.5 Nm<br>torque                  | Quadriceps                                                     | Tekscan                        |
| 8. Baratz et al.<br>(1986)       | tear, repair, partial<br>meniscectomy,                                             | material testing<br>machine             | 0°, 30°                  | N.A.           | 1800 N<br>(axial)                                                     | N.A.                                                           | Fuji Film                      |
| 9. Beamer et al.<br>(2017)       | intact, horizontal<br>cleavage tear, repair,<br>partial (subtotal)<br>meniscectomy | modified<br>material testing<br>machine | 0°, 10°, 20°             | N.A.           | 2437 N<br>(axial)                                                     | N.A.                                                           | Tekscan                        |
| 10. Becher et al.<br>(2011)      | intact, with articular<br>resurfacing device                                       | Oxford Rig                              | N.A.                     | 5° to<br>45°   | 700 N (GRF)                                                           | Quadriceps                                                     | Tekscan                        |

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| 11. Becker et al. (2005)    | repair of bucket-handle tear                                            | modified material testing machine         | N.A.                                              | 10° to 90° | 1400 N (axial)                                                       | Quadriceps (2000 N)               | Tekscan                 |
| 12. Bedi et al. (2012)      | intact, radial tear, repair, partial meniscectomy                       | wear simulator                            | N.A.                                              | gait cycle | 2100 N (axial), A-P force, rotation torque                           | N.A.                              | Tekscan                 |
| 13. Beidokhti et al. (2017) | intact                                                                  | horizontal rig                            | 0°, 30°, 60°, 90°                                 | N.A.       | 5.2 Nm torque, 12 Nm, 106 N (axial), 100 N A force                   | RF (20 N), VM (10 N), VL/VI (10N) | Tekscan                 |
| 14. Bode et al. (2017)      | CP after HTO and absorbing device                                       | biomechanical simulator                   | N.A.                                              | 120° to 0° | 31 Nm, physiological loading                                         | Quadriceps<br>Hamstring           | Tekscan                 |
| 15. Bretin et al. (2011)    | neutral position, malrotation femur                                     | experimental setup with entire lower limb | full ext. leg, malrotation 5°, 10°, 15°, 20°, 25° | N.A.       | half-bodyweight force due to one leg                                 | N.A.                              | Tekscan                 |
| 16. Brial et al. (2019)     | intact, bone plug meniscal allograft, fixation techniques, meniscectomy | multidirectional dynamic simulator        | N.A.                                              | gait cycle | physiological loads                                                  | N.A.                              | Tekscan                 |
| 17. Brown et al. (2016)     | horizontal tear, meniscectomy                                           | material testing machine                  | 0°                                                | N.A.       | 1800 N (axial)                                                       | N.A.                              | Tekscan                 |
| 18. Bruns et al. (1993)     | meniscal repair, meniscectomy                                           | experimental apparatus                    | 0°                                                | N.A.       | 500 N (axial)                                                        | N.A.                              | Fuji Prescale Film      |
| 19. Bryant et al. (2014)    | TKA; normal and valgus                                                  | experimental apparatus                    | 0°. 30°, 60°                                      | N.A.       | 450 N (muscle load)                                                  | Quadriceps                        | Fuji Prescale Film      |
| 20. Chen et al. (2016)      | intact, tear, ACL rupture                                               | wear simulator                            | N.A.                                              | gait cycle | 2100 N (axial), A-P force, rotation torque                           | N.A.                              | Tekscan                 |
| 21. Chen et al. (2020)      | intact, mattress suture repair                                          | material testing machine                  | 0°, 30°, 60°, 90°                                 | N.A.       | 1000 N<br><br>5 N-int/ex rotation, 134 N-anterior tibial translation | N.A.                              | Fuji film               |
| 22. Chen M. et al. (1996)   | meniscectomy, transplantation (different horn fixations)                | desktop machine                           | 0°                                                | N.A.       | 310 N (axial)                                                        | N.A.                              | Inteque Resources Corp. |

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| 23. Dienst et al. (2007)      | intact, meniscectomy, allografts                                                                    | material testing machine          | 0°, 30°                 | N.A.                       | 1000 N (axial)                             | N.A.                                  | Fuji film      |
| 24. Du et al. (2017)          | osteocondral allograft (OCA)                                                                        | test setup                        | N.A.                    | N.A.                       | Extension moment<br>0 Nm, 4Nm, 6 Nm, 8 Nm  | N.A.                                  | Load cell      |
| 25. Dugas et al. (2015)       | meniscocapsular separation, repair                                                                  | modified material testing machine | 0°                      | N.A.                       | 1500 N (axial)                             | N.A.                                  | Tekscan        |
| 26. Flemming et al. (2008)    | intact, ACL-reconstruction                                                                          | horizontal fixation test setup    | 0°                      | N.A.                       | N.A.<br>Passive motion                     | N.A.                                  | Tekscan        |
| 27. Forkel et al. (2014)      | lateral posterior root release, transection MFL, refixation posterior root (2 different techniques) | material testing machine          | 0°                      | N.A.                       | 100 N (axial)                              | N.A.                                  | Novel approach |
| 28. Fukubayashi et al. (1980) | intact, meniscectomy                                                                                | modified material testing machine | 0°                      | N.A.                       | 1000 N (axial)                             | N.A.                                  | Fuji film      |
| 29. Geeslin et al. (2016)     | lateral posterior root avulsion, deficient MFLs, ACL tear, ACL reconstruction, root repair          | material testing machine          | 0°, 30°, 45°, 60°, 90°  | N.A.                       | 1000 N (axial)                             | N.A.                                  | Tekscan        |
| 30. Gilbert et al. (2014)     | intact                                                                                              | wear simulator                    | N.A.                    | gait cycle, stair climbing | 2100 N (axial), A-P force, rotation torque | N.A.                                  | Tekscan        |
| 31. Goss et al. (1997)        | anterior cruciate ligament (ACL)                                                                    | experimental apparatus            | 0°, 30°, 60°, 90°, 120° | N.A.                       | 0–200 N                                    | N.A.                                  | N.A.           |
| 32. Goyal et al. (2014)       | short (extended) vertical tear, partial (subtotal) meniscectomy                                     | modified material testing machine | 0°, 30°, 60°            | N.A.                       | 350 N (axial)                              | Quadriceps (311 N), Hamstring (156 N) | Fuji film      |
| 33. Guettler et al. (2007)    | normal, 3°, 6°, 9° varus direction, osteochondral defects                                           | modified material testing machine | 30°                     | N.A.                       | 687 N (axial)                              | N.A.                                  | Tekscan        |
| 34. Hofer et al. (2012)       | kneeling on TKA                                                                                     | custom knee testing system        | 90°, 105°, 120°, 135°   | N.A.                       | 339 N / 678 N (single stand kneeling)      | Quadriceps (300 N)                    | Tekscan        |

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| 35. Huang et al. (2002)       | autograft, allograft                                                                  | horizontal Rig                         | 0°; 15°, 30°, 45°                | N.A.         | 1200 N (axial) | N.A.                                | Fuji film                          |
| 36. Ihn et al. (1993)         | intact, partial (total) meniscectomy                                                  | material testing machine               | 0°                               | N.A.         | 3000 N (axial) | N.A.                                | Sensor                             |
| 37. Inaba et al. (1990)       | varus-valgus instability                                                              | experimental apparatus                 | 0°                               | N.A.         | 2700 N         | N.A.                                | pressure transducers, Bourdon tube |
| 38. Kdolsky et al. (2004)     | uninjured knee pressure pattern → intraoperative pressure                             | flexed and hanging, as in a leg holder | N.A.                             | 90°–0° – 90° | N.A.           | N.A.                                | Tekscan                            |
| 39. Kenawey et al. (2011)     | intact, rotational alignment                                                          | specimen lying on table + foot plate   | 0° flex + 10°–40° int./ext. rot. | N.A.         | 350 N (axial)  | N.A.                                | Tekscan                            |
| 40. Kim et al. (2013)         | root tear, repair, total meniscectomy, allograft, MCL release                         | modified material testing machine      | 0°, 30°, 60°, 90°                | N.A.         | 300 N(axial)   | N.A.                                | Novel approach                     |
| 41. Koh et al. (2016)         | intact, horizontal cleavage tear, repair, leaf resection, resection of both leaves    | desktop machine                        | 0°, 60°                          | N.A.         | 800 N (axial)  | N.A.                                | Tekscan                            |
| 42. Kurosawa et al. (1980)    | total meniscectomy                                                                    | desktop machine                        | 0°, 30°, 60°, 90°                | N.A.         | 1500 N (axial) | N.A.                                | Silicone rubber                    |
| 43. LaPrade et al. (2015)     | root tear, anatomical (nonanatomical) transtibial pull-out repair                     | modified material testing machine      | 0°, 30°, 60°, 90°                | N.A.         | 1000 N (axial) | N.A.                                | Tekscan                            |
| 44. Lee et al. (2006)         | radial tear, total meniscectomy                                                       | desktop machine                        | 0°, 30°, 60°                     | N.A.         | 1800 N (axial) | N.A.                                | Tekscan                            |
| 45. Li et al. (2002)          | PCL deficiency                                                                        | robotic machine                        | 0–120°                           | N.A.         | N.A.           | Quadriceps 400 N<br>Hamstring 200 N | N.A.                               |
| 46. Linder-Ganz et al. (2010) | intact, total meniscectomy, implant                                                   | modified material testing machine      | 0°                               | N.A.         | 1200 N (axial) | N.A.                                | Tekscan                            |
| 47. Marchetti et al. (2017)   | intact, MCL tear and repair, bucket-handle tear, inside-out repair, all-inside repair | modified material testing machine      | 0°, 30°, 45°, 60°, 90°           | N.A.         | 1000 N (axial) | N.A.                                | Tekscan                            |
| 48. Marzo et al. (2009)       | meniscal horn tear, repair                                                            | material testing machine               | 0°                               | N.A.         | 1800 N (axial) | N.A.                                | Tekscan                            |

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| 49. McCulloch et al. (2016)    | intact, transplant, autograft                                                                | Oxford-rig                        | 0°, 30°, 90°, 115°                                   | flexion-extension cycle | 267 N (axial – GRF)  | Quadriceps (218 N), Hamstring (80 N) | Tekscan            |
| 50. McDermott et al. (2008)    | intact, meniscectomy, allograft (bone block, suture)                                         | modified material testing machine | 0°                                                   | N.A.                    | 700 N (axial)        | N.A.                                 | Fuji film          |
| 51. MacDonald et al. (1996)    | posterior cruciate deficient knee                                                            | material testing system machine   | 0°, 30°, 60°                                         | N.A.                    | 1500 N               | Quadriceps                           | Fuji Prescale film |
| 52. Meyer et al. (2008)        | test to failure, ACL rupture due to ex compressive loading                                   | modified material testing machine | 30°                                                  | N.A.                    | up to 5.5 kN         | N.A.                                 | Fuji Prescale film |
| 53. Mina et al. (2008)         | HTO for unloading osteochondral defect                                                       | material testing machine          | 30° flexion + 12° valgus to 10° varus (stepwise 2°). | N.A.                    | 200 N                | N.A.                                 | Tekscan            |
| 54. Muriuki et al. (2011)      | intact, tear, medial meniscal tear, repair, total meniscectomy                               | modified material testing machine | 0°, 30°, 60°, 90°                                    | N.A.                    | 1000 N (axial)       | N.A.                                 | Fuji film          |
| 55. Nakayama et al. (2005)     | diff. TKA designs by posterior force                                                         | parallel-link six-axis actuator   | 9°, 120°, 150°                                       | N.A.                    | posterior load 500 N | N.A.                                 | Tekscan            |
| 56. Ode et al. (2012)          | intact, radial tear, repair, total meniscectomy                                              | modified material testing machine | 0°, 60°                                              | N.A.                    | 800 N (axial)        | N.A.                                 | Tekscan            |
| 57. Ostermeier et al. (2006)   | TKA and tibiofemoral slope                                                                   | knee simulator (isokinetic)       | N.A.                                                 | 120° – 0°               | passive              | Hamstring 200 N, Quadriceps 31 Nm    | Tekscan            |
| 58. Paci et al. (2009)         | intact, after release Anterior Intermeniscal Ligament                                        | modified material testing machine | N.A.                                                 | 0° to 60°               | 1000 N (axial)       | N.A.                                 | Tekscan            |
| 59. Padalecki et al. (2014)    | root avulsion, repair, radial tear, in situ repair                                           | modified material testing machine | 0°, 30°, 45°, 60°, 90°                               | N.A.                    | 1000 N (axial)       | N.A.                                 | Tekscan            |
| 60. Paletta et al. (1997)      | intact, meniscectomy, allograft, release of anterior/posterior horn attachments of allograft | material testing machine          | 0°, 30°, 60°                                         | N.A.                    | 1800 N (axial)       | N.A.                                 | Fuji film          |
| 61. Perez-Blanca et al. (2016) | posterior root avulsion, repair, total meniscectomy                                          | desktop machine                   | 0°, 30°, 60°, 90°                                    | N.A.                    | 1000 N (axial)       | N.A.                                 | Tekscan            |

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| 62. Poh et al. (2012)          | intact, after sectioning anterior intermeniscal ligament     | modified material testing machine | 0°                            | N.A.                                      | 1800 N (axial)                             | N.A.                 | Tekscan   |
| 63. Prince et al. (2014)       | intact, lateral anterior horn tear, repair, meniscectomy     | material testing machine          | 0°, 30°                       | N.A.                                      | 1000 N (axial)                             | N.A.                 | Tekscan   |
| 64. Rodner et al. (2006)       | HTO, tibial slope                                            | material testing machine          | 0°, 30°                       | N.A.                                      | 500 N                                      | N.A.                 | Tekscan   |
| 65. Schall et al. (2019)       | Proof-of-Concept: Novel Knee Joint Simulator                 | knee joint simulator, Oxford rig  | N.A.                          | gait cycle, exercises                     | GGF: over 800 N                            | Quadriceps Hamstring | Tekscan   |
| 66. Schillhammer et al. (2012) | posterior horn detachment, repair                            | modified material testing machine | N.A.                          | gait cycle                                | 2000 N (axial), A-P force, rotation torque | N.A.                 | Tekscan   |
| 67. Seitz et al. (2012)        | intact, partial (total) meniscectomy                         | modified material testing machine | 0°, 30°, 60°                  | N.A.                                      | 1000 N (axial)                             | N.A.                 | Tekscan   |
| 68. Seitz et al. (2019)        | open-wedge high tibial osteotomy (5°, 10°)                   | load-application system           | 0°, 30°                       | N.A.                                      | 1000 N (axial)                             | N.A.                 | Tekscan   |
| 69. Sekaran et al. (2002)      | nonanatomic location (autolog. PCL)                          | load-application system           | 0°, 15°, 30°, 45°             | N.A.                                      | 1200 N (axial)                             | N.A.                 | Fuji film |
| 70. Shimakawa et al. (2019)    | intact, ACL reconstruction, partial- + subtotal meniscectomy | load-application system           | 0°, 30°, 60°, 90°             | N.A.                                      | 735 N                                      | N.A.                 | Tekscan   |
| 71. Shiramizu et al. (2009)    | high flexion knee designs                                    | mechanical testing machine        | 0, 30, 60, 90, 110, 135, 155° | N.A.                                      | 3600 N                                     | N.A.                 | Tekscan   |
| 72. Stein et al. (2019)        | partial medial meniscectomy, partial meniscal replacement    | mechanical testing machine        | N.A.                          | flexion cycle, squat, 0° to 100°          | 200 N                                      | N.A.                 | Tekscan   |
| 73. Steinbrück et al. (2016)   | TKA posterior-stabilized vs. medial-stabilized design        | Oxford rig                        | N.A.                          | active deep knee flexion from 20° to 120° | N.A.                                       | Quadriceps Hamstring | Tekscan   |

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| 74. Stukenborg-Colsman et al. (2000) | intact, before and after total knee arthroplasty (TKA) | knee simulator (horizontal)             | N.A.                                    | 120° – 0°   | N.A.                                                      | Quadriceps , 31 Nm ext. moment | Tekscan                               |
| 75. Stukenborg-Colsman et al. (2002) | intact, before and after total knee arthroplasty (TKA) | knee simulator (horizontal)             | N.A.                                    | 120° – 0°   | N.A.                                                      | Quadriceps , 31 Nm ext. moment | Tekscan                               |
| 76. Thambya et al. (2007)            | contact stresses at both compartments                  | 6-DOF holding apparatus                 | 15.5° flexion and slight varus angle 2° | N.A.        | 1144 N                                                    | N.A.                           | Tekscan                               |
| 77. Uquillas et al. (2017)           | intact, horizontal cleavage tear, flap removal         | desktop machine                         | N.A.                                    | –5° to 135° | 500 N (axial)<br>100 N P shear<br>2.5 Nm torque           | Quadriceps                     | Tekscan                               |
| 78. Van Egmond et al. (2017)         | HTO, MCL release                                       | test setup                              | 0°                                      | N.A.        | N.A.                                                      | N.A.                           | Tekscan                               |
| 79. Van Thiel et al. (2011)          | total meniscectomy, transplant                         | material testing machine                | 0°                                      | N.A.        | 800 N (axial)                                             | N.A.                           | Tekscan                               |
| 80. Verma et al. (2008)              | meniscectomy, transplant                               | material testing machine                | 0°, 30°                                 | N.A.        | 1000 N (axial)                                            | N.A.                           | Tekscan                               |
| 81. Vrancken et al. (2016)           | intact, implant, total meniscectomy, allograft         | Horizontal Rig                          | N.A.                                    | 0° to 90°   | 1000 N (axial), 76 N (A-P force) 3.4 Nm (rotation torque) | Quadricep (190 N), RF (250 N)  | Tekscan                               |
| 82. Walker et al. (1975)             | intact                                                 | test setup                              | 0°, 30°, 60°, 90°                       | N.A.        | 0 N, 1000 N, 1500 N                                       | N.A.                           | Miniature contact pressure transducer |
| 83. Walker et al. (2015)             | intact                                                 | Horizontal Rig                          | N.A.                                    | –5° to 135° | 500 N (axial) + 100 N a.-p. shear                         | N.A.                           | Tekscan                               |
| 84. Wang et al. (2015)               | intact, meniscectomy, autograft transplantation        | modified load-controlled knee simulator | N.A.                                    | gait cycle  | N.A.                                                      | N.A.                           | Tekscan                               |
| 85. Willinger et al. (2019)          | neutral, varus/valgus malalignment                     | modified material testing machine       | 0° flexion<br>10%, 20% varus/valgus     | N.A.        | 750 N                                                     | N.A.                           | Tekscan                               |

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| 86. Willinger et al. (2020) | sequential medial meniscus resection, intersect the tibia plateau at 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70% | universal testing machine         | 0°               | N.A. | 750 N                    | N.A. | Tekscan   |
| 87. Yazdi et al. (2014)     | intact, tibial rotation                                                                      | lower limb loading apparatus      | 0°               | N.A. | Half BW of each specimen | N.A. | Fuji film |
| 88. Yazdi et al. (2016)     | intact, partial fibulectomy                                                                  | lower limb loading apparatus      | 0°               | N.A. | Half BW of each specimen | N.A. | Fuji film |
| 89. Zhang et al. (2015)     | intact, repair, meniscectomy                                                                 | modified material testing machine | 0°, 8°, 15°, 30° | N.A. | 250 N, 500 N, 1000 N     | N.A. | Tekscan   |