Comparison of the in vivo stability of 2 cementless TKA designs using CT micromotion analysis -

A randomized controlled trial -1 year results -ClessTKA



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Introduction

total medial pivot knee **GMK** Sphere arthroplasty introduced the market several to years ago¹. A 3D printed cementless version of this prosthesis is now introduced. The aim of this study was to analyze the early migration of this new tibial implant and compare it with that of a well-documented implant, using CT-RSA ^{2,3}.

Methods and Materials

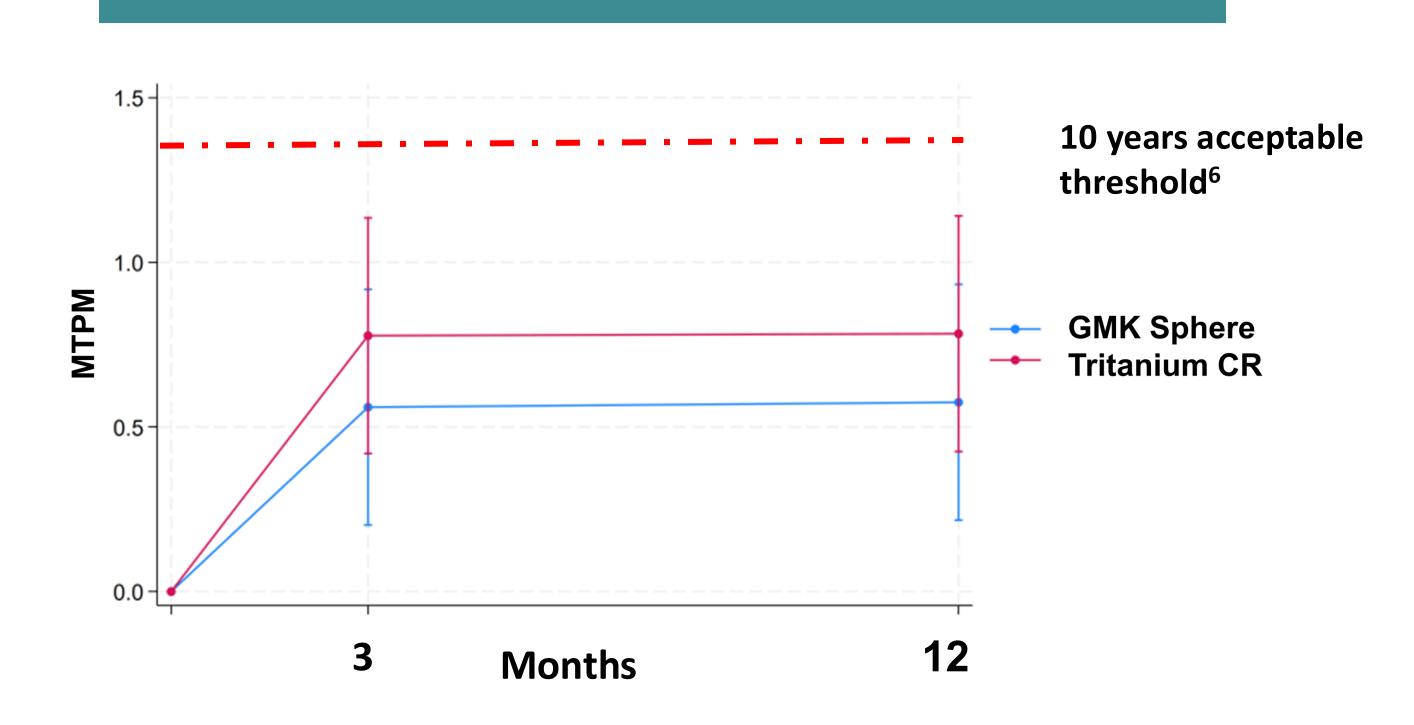
In this blinded RCT we randomized patients to receive either GMK Sphere 3D Metal (Medacta Int.) (n=25) or Tritanium CR (Stryker, Mahwah, USA) (n=25) ^{4,5}. CT-RSA was performed postoperatively, and at 3 and 12 months postoperatively. We measured MTPM and XYZ translations and rotations.

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Figure 1 GMK Sphere 3D Metal and Triatium CR tibial implants

Results



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Absolute 95% CI

Tritanium GMK

		Sphere	difference		
MTPM	0.6	0.8	0.2	-0.3-0.7	0.42
Translations					
Transversal	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1-0.0	0.79
Posterior	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0-0.1	0.58
Proximal	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.3-0.1	0.14
Rotations					
Transversal	0.4	-0.2	0.6	-1.3-0.1	0.07
Varus	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.5-0.2	0.47
Internal	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	-0.3-0.0	0.08

Discussion

The main finding of the 1 year migrations results is that there was no significant difference in migration of the implants, neither with the MTPM nor segmental translations and rotations. Both implants also showed migration patterns well below thresholds set by Pijls et. al ⁶.

Conclusions

The results of the study show that the mean micromotions and rotations of the tibial components of GMK Sphere 3D Metal and Triathlon Tritanium did not differ significantly at 1 year follow up.

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