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Joint Contact Stresses Calculated for Acetabular Dysplasia Patients using Discrete Element Analysis are Significantly Influenced by the Applied Gait Pattern

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Abstract

Gait modifications in acetabular dysplasia patients may influence cartilage contact stress patterns within the hip joint, with serious implications for clinical outcomes and the risk of developing osteoarthritis. The objective of this study was to understand how the gait pattern used to load computational models of dysplastic hips influences computed joint mechanics. Three-dimensional pre- and post-operative hip models of thirty patients previously treated for hip dysplasia with periacetabular osteotomy (PAO) were developed for performing discrete element analysis (DEA). Using DEA, contact stress patterns were calculated for each pre- and post-operative hip model when loaded with an instrumented total hip, a dysplastic, a matched control, and a normal gait pattern. DEA models loaded with the dysplastic and matched control gait patterns had significantly higher ($p=0.012$ and $p<0.001$) average pre-operative maximum contact stress than models loaded with the normal gait. Models loaded with the dysplastic and matched control gait patterns had nearly significantly higher ($p=0.051$) and significantly higher ($p=0.008$) average pre-operative contact stress, respectively, than models loaded with the instrumented hip gait. Following PAO, the average maximum contact stress for DEA models loaded with the dysplastic and matched control patterns decreased, which was significantly different ($p<0.001$) from observed increases in maximum contact stress calculated when utilizing the instrumented hip and normal gait patterns. The correlation between change in DEA-computed maximum contact stress and the change in radiographic measurements of lateral center-edge angle were greatest ($R^2 = 0.330$) when utilizing the dysplastic gait pattern. These results indicate that utilizing a dysplastic gait pattern to load DEA models may be a crucial element to capturing contact stress patterns most representative of this patient population.

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INTRODUCTION

Acetabular dysplasia is a common cause of hip pain and degeneration in the young adult population (Hadley et al., 1990). This deformity is characterized by a shallow acetabulum that inadequately covers the femoral head, which alters force transfer through the hip joint (Noguchi et al., 1999) and elevates cartilage contact stresses, which may in turn accelerate osteoarthritis (OA) onset and progression (Chegini et al., 2009; Mavcic et al., 2008).

Computational modeling techniques such as finite element analysis (FEA) (Anderson et al., 2010; Harris et al., 2012; Henak et al., 2014; Henak et al., 2011; Knight et al., 2017; Zou et al., 2013) and discrete element analysis (DEA) (Abraham et al., 2013; Armiger et al., 2009; Townsend et al., 2018) have been utilized to predict hip cartilage contact stresses. The majority of these studies have investigated cartilage contact stresses when loading their computational models with walking gait data obtained directly from instrumented total hip implants (Bergmann et al., 2001a). This extensive set of kinematics and kinetics is used so frequently in studies of hip joint mechanics (Abraham et al., 2017; Anderson et al., 2008; Henak et al., 2014; Phillips et al., 2007; Yoshida et al., 2006) because it is considered the most comprehensive due to the direct measurement of hip joint forces. However, the age range of the subjects (51–76 years) from which those data were measured is much older than typical dysplasia patients, and those subjects received instrumented total hip replacements as treatment for OA, meaning that they presumably would have altered their gait to alleviate OA pain (Mont et al., 2007; Perron et al., 2000). Consequently, it is probable that a gait pattern modeled after instrumented total hip data may not be particularly representative of gait in dysplasia patients.

In this study, we investigated the influence of gait parameters used to load dysplastic hip models on the DEA-computed joint mechanics. Pre- and post-operative DEA models of patients previously treated for hip dysplasia with a periacetabular osteotomy (PAO) were subjected to four gait patterns: (1) the frequently utilized instrumented total hip data set (Bergmann et al., 2001a), (2) a gait pattern derived from motion capture in hip dysplasia patients (Skalshoi et al., 2015), (3) a gait pattern derived for matched control patients using identical methodology to the dysplasia group (Skalshoi et al., 2015), and (4) a gait pattern derived from a separate population of young, healthy individuals by a different research group (Anderson and Pandy, 2001a; Correa et al., 2010). Differences in the DEA-computed contact measures and their relationship to radiographic measurements of dysplastic deformity were evaluated.

METHODS

Under Institutional Review Board approval, pre- and post-operative pelvis CT scans (0.7 mm isotropic voxel size) were selected for thirty consecutive hip dysplasia patients treated with PAO by the same orthopaedic surgeon at our institution between 2007 and 2009. For each

patient, an experienced hip surgeon that did not perform the operations measured lateral center edge angle (LCEA) (Clohisy et al., 2008; Novais et al., 2017; Wiberg, 1953), Tönnis angle (Tönnis and Heinecke, 1999), extrusion index (Murphy et al., 1995), anterior center edge angle (ACEA) (Lequesne and de Seze, 1961), and posterior wall sign (Reynolds et al., 1999) on pre- and post-operative radiographs to quantify severity of hip dysplasia and improvement following PAO (Table 1). Patients averaged 29.2 ± 11.5 years of age and weighed 65 ± 26.4 kg at the time of operation.

DEA Model Generation

A semi-automated watershed-based algorithm (Thomas et al., 2011) was used to segment femoral, pelvic, and spinal bony geometry from pre-operative and post-operative patient CT scans. Any failures of automated surface identification in subluxed joint surfaces were manually corrected (www.itksnap.org), and the resulting triangulated surface models were smoothed to reduce stair-step artifact (Geomagic Design X 3D; Systems, Inc., Rock Hill SC). Articular cartilage surfaces were approximated by first projecting the femoral and acetabular subchondral bone surfaces a uniform distance of 1 mm, and then smoothing those projected surfaces toward sphericity using a custom iterative smoothing algorithm. (Shivanna et al., 2007; Townsend et al., 2018). The resulting non-uniform cartilage surfaces have been previously shown to yield valid contact stress calculations (Townsend et al., 2018). Patient-specific anatomic landmarks were identified on the bone surface models and used to align the models to the hip joint coordinate system defined by Bergmann et al. (2001a).

Gait Loading Parameters

Four different patterns of the stance phase of walking gait were utilized to load each DEA model. The first was a “gold standard” gait data set with forces and rotations measured from patients with instrumented total hip replacements for OA (“post-THA”) (Bergmann et al., 2001a). The second was a “dysplastic” gait data set with hip forces and rotations obtained from 32 hip dysplasia patients using a combination of 3D motion capture, inverse kinematics, and static optimization (Skalshoi et al., 2015). The third gait pattern modeled was that of the “matched control” group that was age-, weight-, and height-matched to the dysplasia cohort in that same study (Skalshoi et al., 2015). Finally, because muscle modeling techniques often result in higher estimations of joint contact stress than direct measurement (Heller et al., 2001), and because specific modeling assumptions and techniques can lead to different results, a second “normal” gait pattern reported by an alternate research group using similar (3D motion capture), but not identical (dynamic muscle optimization) techniques (Anderson and Pandy, 2001a; Correa et al., 2010) was implemented to account for the effects data collection/modeling technique on calculated joint loading. When necessary, rigid transformations were applied to ensure the forces and rotations could be applied to hip models aligned to the Bergmann-defined hip coordinate system (Bergmann et al., 2001a). All forces and rotations were discretized into 13 evenly-distributed steps spanning the stance phase of gait (Figure 1) to facilitate direct comparison of the resulting contact stress distributions.

Contact Stress Computations

For DEA calculation, the force associated with each gait pattern was scaled to patient body weight and applied along the axis of the femur, which was held fixed. The rotation of the pelvis relative to the femur was governed by the specific gait pattern applied, and the pelvis was free to move in translation to achieve a seated congruent joint position. Cartilage was assigned isotropic linear-elastic material properties ($E = 8 \text{ MPa}$, $\nu = 0.42$). Contact stress computations were completed using a custom Newton's method solver previously developed in MATLAB (Kern and Anderson, 2015) and validated in cadaveric hips (Townsend et al., 2018) to iteratively match spring forces with the applied walking gait forces.

Statistical Analysis

Paired t-tests with a Holm-Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons were made at each time point in the stance phase of gait to identify statistically significant differences in contact stresses calculated using different input gait patterns. This was done for overall joint values as well as for regional analysis of six regions spanning the acetabular surface. To determine potential relationships between radiographic correction of dysplastic deformity and calculated contact stresses, Pearson's correlation coefficients were calculated between DEA-calculated contact stresses and radiographic measures.

RESULTS

DEA models loaded with the dysplastic gait had a whole-gait cycle average pre-operative maximum contact stress of $10.5 \pm 0.5 \text{ MPa}$, which was significantly greater ($p=0.012$) than the average pre-operative maximum contact stress of $9.2 \pm 0.4 \text{ MPa}$ calculated when loading models with normal gait, and nearly significantly greater than those calculated with post-THA gait ($7.4 \pm 0.4 \text{ MPa}$, $p=0.051$), but significantly less than the matched control group ($12.2 \pm 0.5 \text{ MPa}$, $p=0.003$) (Figure 2). Maximum contact stress for pre-operative models loaded with the dysplastic gait was higher than that calculated in 25/30 (83%) of the pre-operative models loaded with the normal gait, contributing to the significant p -value despite a modest reduction in average maximum contact stress. In contrast, maximum contact stress for pre-operative models loaded with the dysplastic gait was only higher than that calculated in 19/30 (63%) of the pre-operative models loaded with the post-THA gait, explaining the lack of significance despite an overall larger decrease in average maximum contact stress. Maximum pre-operative contact stress was greater with the matched control gait pattern than all other patterns. Maximum contact stress occurred shortly after heel-strike in models loaded with the post-THA and normal gait patterns and toward toe-off when implementing dysplastic and the matched control loading patterns, which corresponds with the increased superior loading near toe-off with those two gait patterns (Figure 1). Following PAO, DEA models loaded with the dysplastic gait pattern had an average decrease in maximum contact stress of $0.7 \pm 0.4 \text{ MPa}$, which was significantly ($p < 0.001$) different from increases of $0.5 \pm 0.6 \text{ MPa}$ and $1.3 \pm 0.6 \text{ MPa}$ when utilizing the post-THA gait and normal gait, respectively (Figure 2). As expected due to the similarity of the applied gait patterns, the reduction in peak contact stress with the matched control gait pattern ($0.8 \pm 0.5 \text{ MPa}$) was not significantly different ($p=0.222$) than for that found with the dysplastic gait cycle. Contact stresses after PAO were reduced laterally and increased medially with all applied gait cycles (Figure 3).

The change in maximum contact stress calculated by DEA models loaded with dysplastic gait had an improved correlation with change in LCEA ($R^2 = 0.330$) compared to models loaded with post-THA, normal, or matched control gait ($R^2 = 0.071$, $R^2 = 0.008$, $R^2 = 0.310$, respectively). Similar findings were evident for comparisons with Tonnis angle and the change in extrusion index (Figure 4), which would indicate that depending on the specific loading input to the model, very different conclusions could be drawn about the relationship between radiographic correction achieved by a PAO and changes in contact stress.

DISCUSSION

The objective of this study was to assess how DEA-computed contact stress distributions are affected by the gait parameters used to load the models (Figure 5). Use of a dysplastic gait pattern in pre-operative DEA models resulted in calculation of increased cartilage contact stress, particularly near toe-off (Figure 2). DEA models of post-PAO hips that were loaded with a dysplastic gait pattern had an average decrease in maximum contact stress relative to the preoperative values, which coincides with the clinical assumption that acetabular reorientation improves the biomechanics of the joint. Regional analysis showed that use of a dysplastic gait cycle resulted in calculation of greater contact stress in the anterior-lateral region of the acetabulum, which corresponds to where cartilage damage often presents in dysplasia patients (McCarthy and Lee, 2002). Application of dysplastic gait also improved the correlation of contact stress with the radiographic measures frequently utilized for clinical assessment of acetabular dysplasia. Calculated contact areas (Supplemental Data) paralleled stress data. Interestingly, the data available for the dysplastic hips was extremely similar to that for the matched control group in that study (Skalshoi et al., 2015), and moderately different from the frequently utilized Bergmann data (Bergmann et al., 2001b) and an alternative normal gait cycle (Anderson and Pandy, 2001a; Correa et al., 2010), indicating different relationships between hip deformity and contact stress may be identified depending on the specific loading inputs applied to the contact stress models.

Maximum contact stress values calculated using our DEA methodology were similar in magnitude to those previously reported in DEA and FEA studies of PAO patients (Abraham et al., 2017; Armiger et al., 2009; Henak et al., 2014; Zou et al., 2013), verifying that our methods produce realistic representations of hip joint contact mechanics. However, the majority of those prior studies have evaluated contact mechanics when loading their models only with the instrumented total hip-measured data (Bergmann et al., 2001a), which may call into question the accuracy of those values for dysplasia patients. To our knowledge, this is the first study to assess how motion capture-derived alterations in joint loading by dysplasia patients (Harris et al., 2017; Skalshoi et al., 2015) influence the computed contact mechanics in dysplastic hip joints.

This work has several limitations related to the modeling process. First, we utilized a quasi-static discrete element analysis methodology to perform contact stress calculations. While offering many computational advantages such as numerical stability and rapid execution time, DEA omits the inclusion of shear and continuum mechanics, and the treatment of the material properties of cartilage were limited to simple, linearly elastic behavior. The lack of a use of a contrast agent in this historical set of CT scans precluded modeling of patient-

specific cartilage or the labrum. It has been found that DEA can over-predict contact stresses (Abraham et al., 2013), particularly when the cartilage in the models is approximated (Anderson et al., 2010). The cartilage generation methodology used in this work yields cartilage surfaces that are on the lower end of the thickness range (0.7 ± 0.2 mm for the femoral head and 1.2 ± 0.2 mm for the acetabulum) reported for the hip (Adam et al., 1998; Athanasiou et al., 1994; Shepherd and Seedhom, 1999), but which have been shown to yield realistic calculations of contact stress in the hip (Townsend et al., 2018). The available imaging and the use of DEA also prevented inclusion of labral soft tissues in our model, with potential implications for overall accuracy of the computed contact stresses. While previous studies have included extremely detailed patient-specific labrum and cartilage anatomy (Henak et al., 2014), the boundary and loading conditions in that work were based on the Bergmann dataset, which our data suggest may not be realistic for modeling dysplasia.

There are also several limitations related to the modeled gait patterns that warrant discussion. First, we utilized a consecutive patient population with varying deformities of lateral coverage, version abnormalities, and femoral deformities. An individual patient's deformity would likely influence their specific gait pattern, making inclusion of patient-specific gait pattern loading information highly desirable in addition to patient-specific anatomy in computational models of dysplastic hips. However, given that gait data were not prospectively collected for the thirty subjects modeled in this study, the best available option for loading the models was to use gait patterns that were averages from multiple subjects that encompassed individual variation in movement. We limited the activity modeled to walking gait due to the repeated loading of the joint and availability of input data, although other activities of daily living may be equally or more important to producing damaging contact stress. Improved joint stability after PAO permits the individual to walk in a more normal manner; however, not all gait characteristics normalize following PAO (Gahramanov et al., 2017; Jacobsen et al., 2014; Pedersen et al., 2006; Sucato et al., 2010). Without knowledge of how the patient cohort modeled in this work modified their gait, we were limited to use of the same gait pattern in the post-operative DEA models that was applied to the corresponding pre-operative models.

We implemented two different “normal” gait patterns, both of which were taken from healthy individuals with similar ages and weights; however, there were notable differences in the reported forces and rotations between these two patterns with the “matched control” pattern being extremely similar to the “dysplastic” pattern and relatively different than the “normal” pattern described for healthy individuals of a similar age. One explanation may be subtle differences in walking speed between the two cohorts, as the walking speed of the “matched control” group that was matched to the dysplasia patients was not specified (Skalshoi et al., 2015), whereas data defining the “normal” gait pattern was metronome controlled (Anderson and Pandy, 2001a). However, it is more likely that the differences in reported gait patterns between those studies was a result of the different modeling approach used in each study. While both research groups utilized musculoskeletal models to obtain their joint forces, the gait information for the “matched control” group was generated using a static optimization technique with a greater number of muscles modeled (Skalshoi et al., 2015), whereas the “normal” gait pattern applied was generated using dynamic optimization

techniques that incorporated EMG readings of muscles as both input information and validation checks of calculated forces (Anderson and Pandey, 2001a; Correa et al., 2010). Previous studies have shown wide variability in the agreement between static and dynamic optimization solutions (Anderson and Pandey, 2001b; Morrow et al., 2014), indicating that the optimization method and associated modeling assumptions may have greatly influenced calculated joint forces in those previous studies, and therefore affected the joint contact stresses reported here. The striking similarity between the dysplastic and matched control gait patterns was likely a result of several modeling decisions by Skalshoi, et al. and may indicate that dysplastic gait is only subtly different than normal (Skalshoi et al., 2015). Yet recent work by Harris, et al. has also found differences in joint reaction forces in dysplastic hips (Harris et al., 2017), making it clear that additional studies of dysplastic gait before and after PAO that have associated musculoskeletal modeling approaches to facilitate calculations of joint reaction forces will be important to provide good data upon which to model walking in hip dysplasia patients.

In conclusion, our findings suggest that any modifications in gait by dysplasia patients to stabilize their hip joint may produce elevated cartilage contact stresses that could accelerate OA progression. However, until a strong association between DEA-computed contact stress and clinical outcomes has been established, it remains unclear if the differences in magnitude of maximum contact stress found in this work are sufficient to indicate future joint pathology. Based on the differences in computed contact stresses associated with different applied gait patterns, we believe that utilizing a gait pattern accurate to hip dysplasia patients to load computational models will be critical to capturing cartilage contact stress patterns representative of this particular patient population.

Supplementary Material

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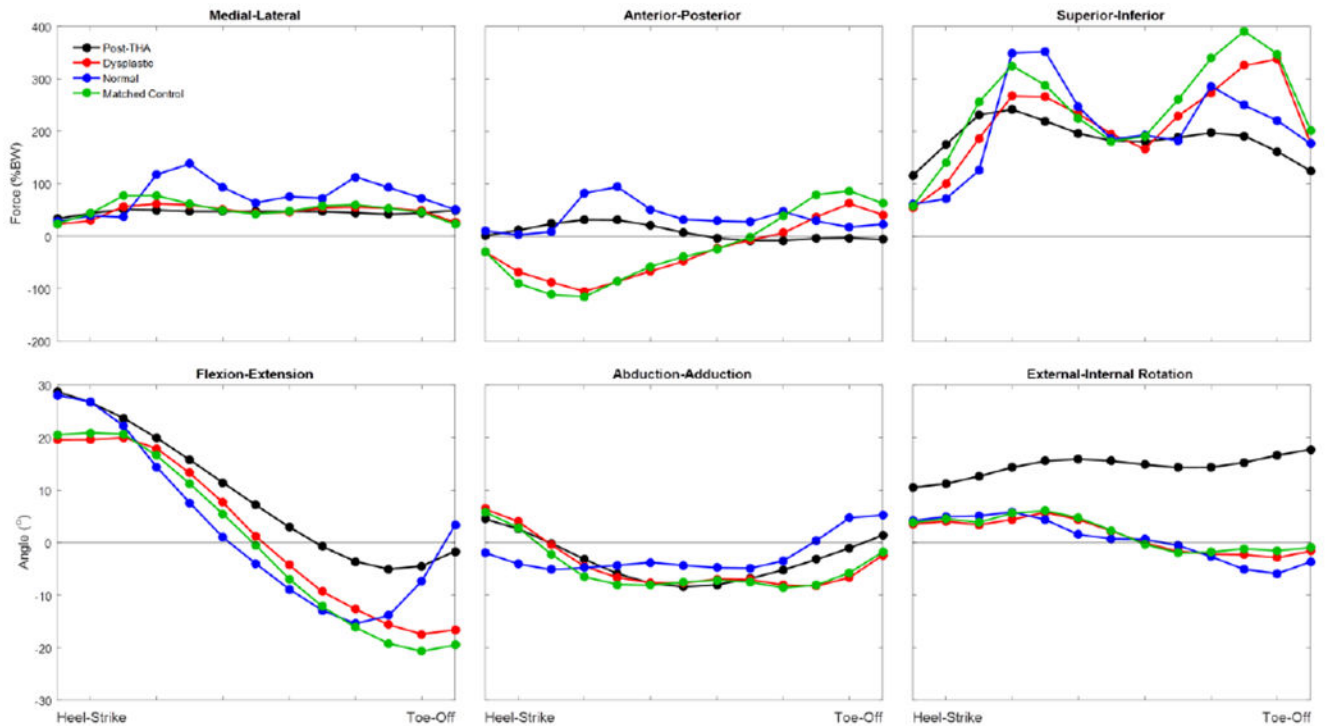


Figure 1. Plots of applied joint reaction forces and hip rotation angles in all three planes of motion. The Bergmann (Post-THA) data were provided as a percentage bodyweight and with associated hip rotation angles (Bergmann et al., 2001a). The Dysplastic and Matched Control data were provided as $N/BM^{2/3}$ (Skalshoi et al., 2015), which was converted to percentage bodyweight by taking the study’s average patient body mass of 66 kg and multiplying the force data by $(66 \text{ kg})^{2/3}$ to obtain the force in Newtons. The force in Newtons was the divided by $(66 \text{ kg} \cdot 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)$ and multiplied by 100% to obtain percentage bodyweight for application to the models. The Normal gait pattern that was implemented in the DEA models was taken from a research group that published their joint reaction force data (Anderson and Pandy, 2001a) and their joint angular data (Correa et al., 2010) in two different locations.

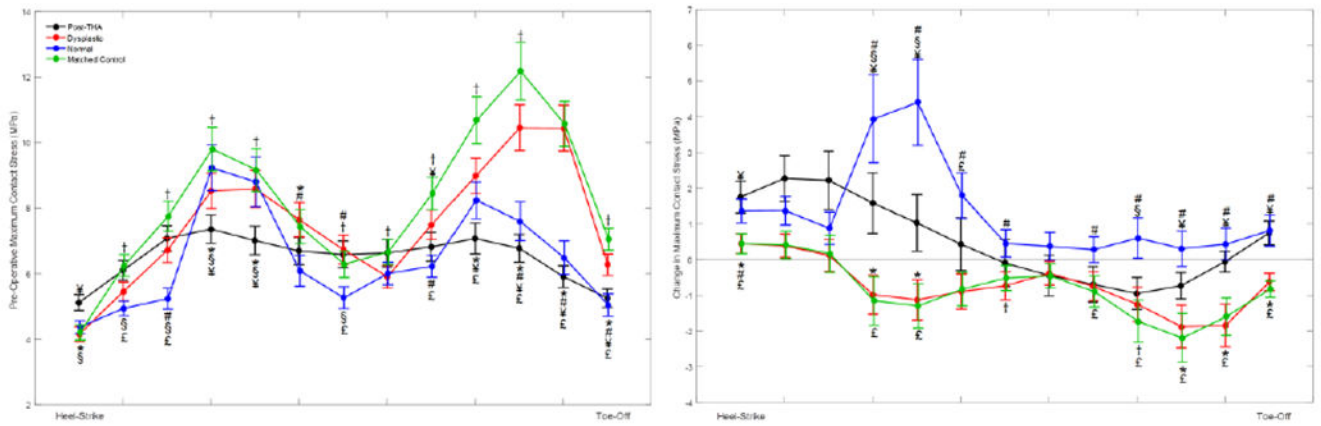


Figure 2.

(Left) Force and rotation differences between the applied gait patterns alter the maximum contact stress magnitude and the time at which it occurs during stance phase of gait. DEA models loaded with the dysplastic and matched control gait patterns developed pre-operative maximum contact stress near toe-off, whereas the models loaded with normal or post-THA gait patterns developed maximum contact stress shortly after heel-strike. (Right) DEA models loaded with the dysplastic and matched control gait patterns had average decreases in maximum contact stress after PAO, which were significantly ($p < 0.001$) different from the increases in maximum contact stress for models loaded with arthritic and normal gait patterns. Statistical significance is indicated with the following symbols: *dysplastic vs. post-THA. #dysplastic vs. normal, †dysplastic vs. matched control. §post-THA vs. normal. ¥post-THA vs. matched control. £normal vs. matched control.

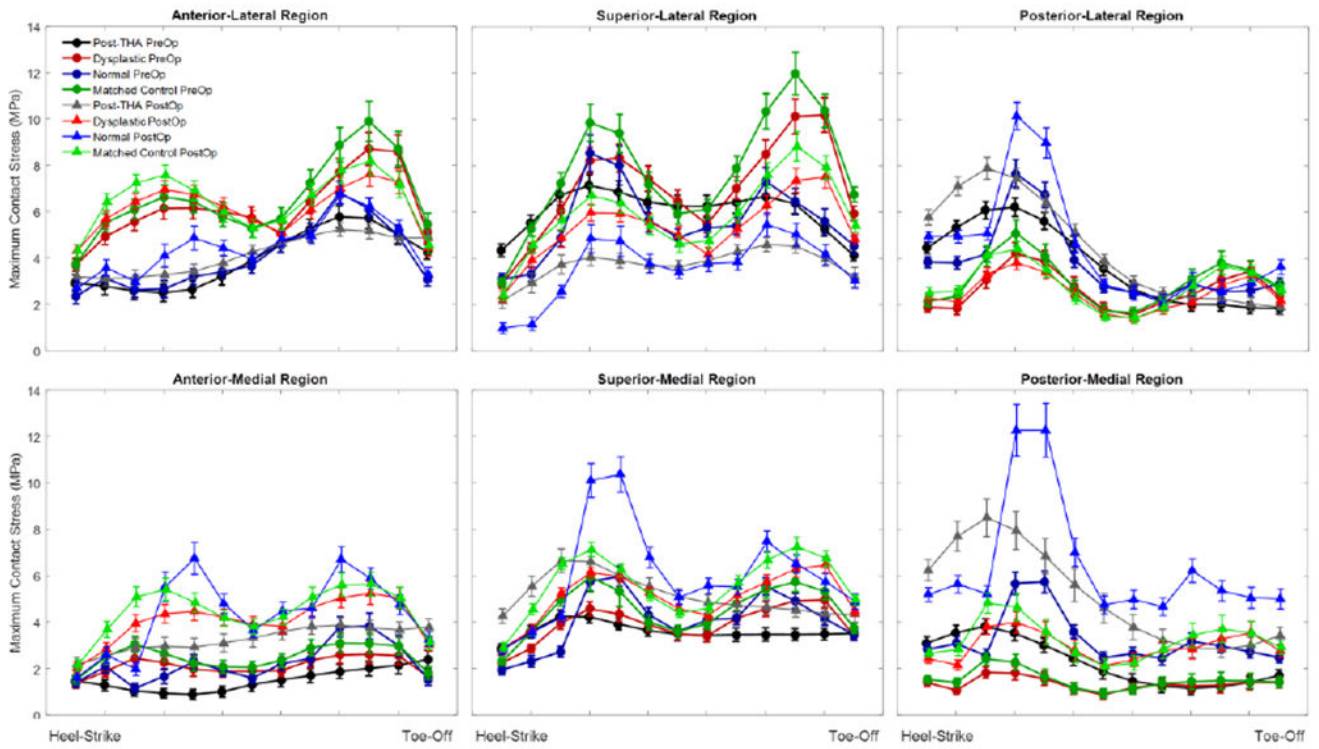


Figure 3. Maximum contact stress over the gait cycle for a regional analysis of contact stress. Use of a dysplastic gait cycle resulted in elevated contact stresses in the anterior-lateral portion of the acetabulum. PAO surgery increased contact stresses medially regardless of applied gait cycle, however the degree of offloading of the lateral compartment varied with the applied loading scheme. Significance of the differences are found in Table 2.

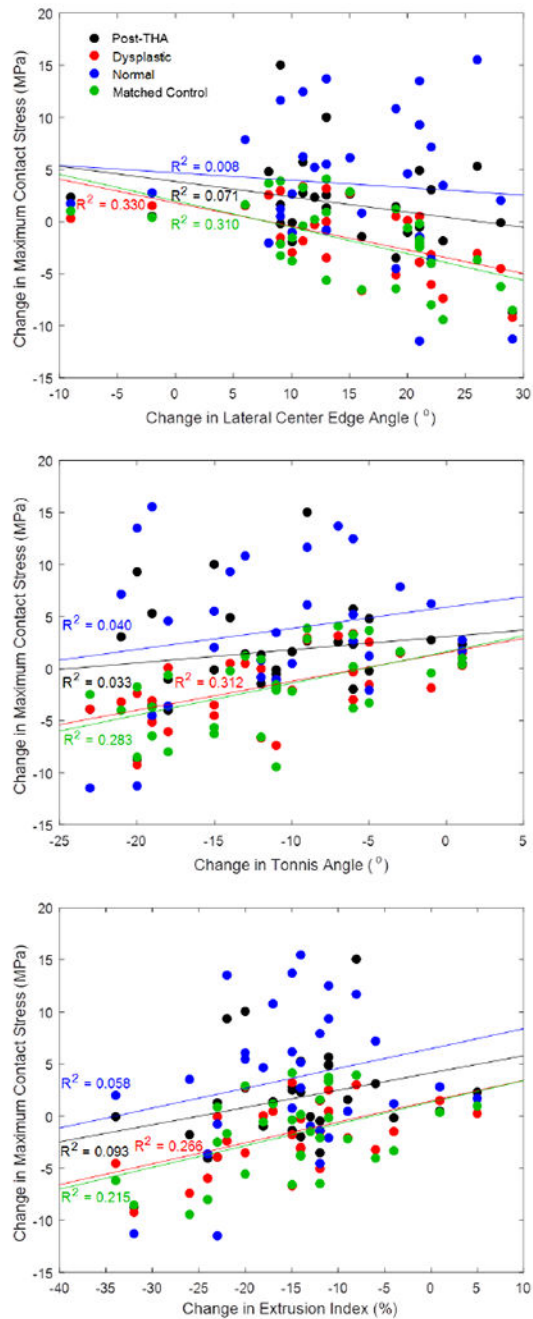


Figure 4. Correlations between the change in DEA-calculated maximum contact stress and the change in lateral center edge angle (top), change in Tonnis angle (middle), and change in extrusion index (bottom) all improve when loading DEA models with dysplastic gait.

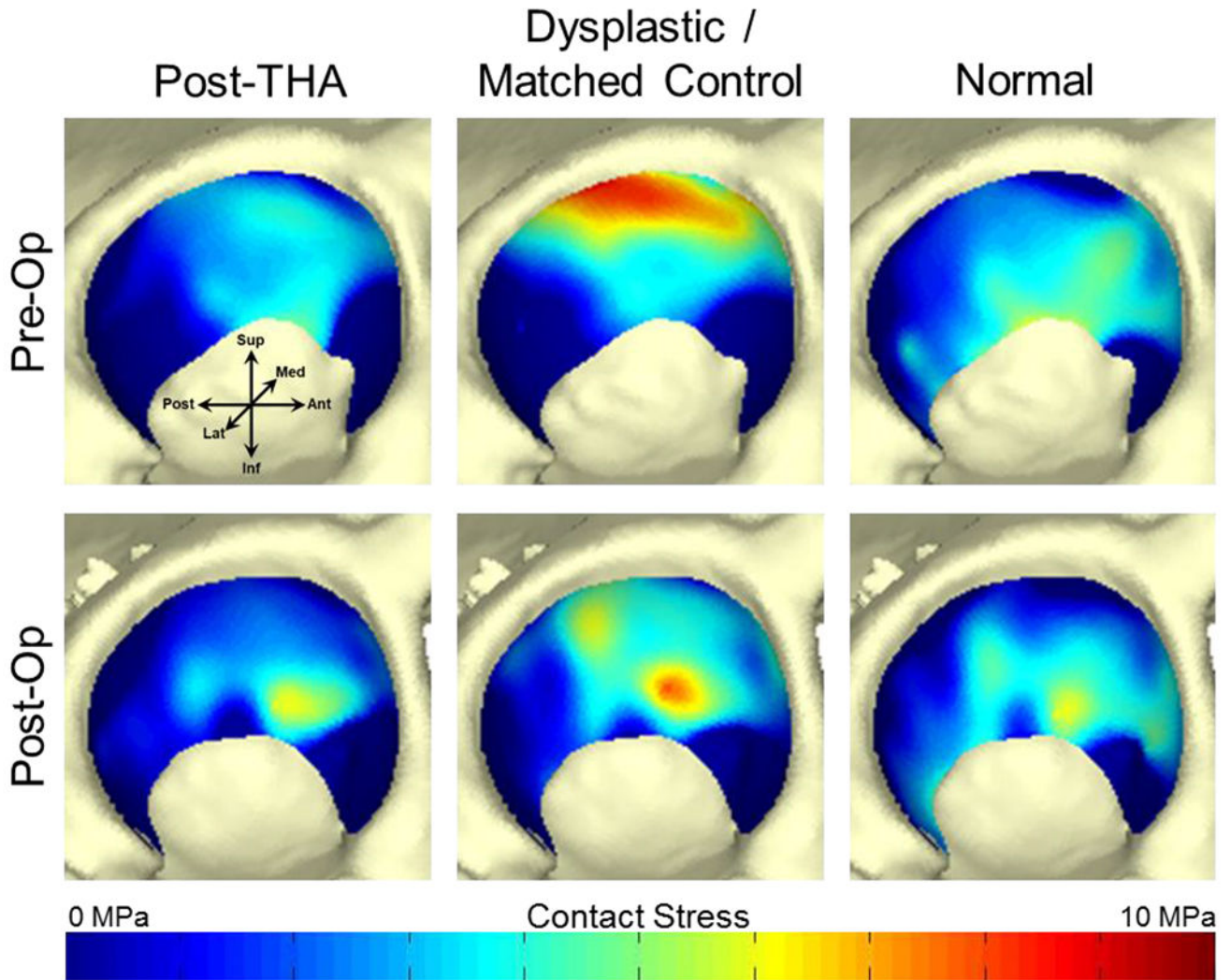


Figure 5. Pre- and post-operative contact stress distributions calculated using all four gait patterns in a single dysplastic patient. Dark blue color indicates no contact between the acetabular and femoral cartilage surfaces at that location. Loading this patient’s DEA models with the dysplastic and matched control gait patterns resulted in decreased and medialized maximum contact stress after PAO, indicating improved joint mechanics that were not appreciated in models loaded with the post-THA or normal gait patterns.

Patient information for individuals modeled in this work. Illustration of the radiographic measurements can be found in Supplemental Figures S-1 and S-2. Cases of borderline dysplasia are indicated in italics and primarily anteverting PAO cases are shown in gray. All other patients were diagnosed with classic dysplasia. Lateral center edge angle (LCEA), Tonnis angle, and anterior center edge angle (ACEA) are shown in degrees, extrusion index is unitless, and the presence of a posterior wall sign is shown by a +. Blank values of ACEA indicate insufficient quality radiographs from which to make this measurement, and blank values of the posterior wall sign indicate this finding was absent on radiographs.

Table 1.

Patient Number	Age (yrs)	Weight (kg)	Operative Side	LCEA		Tonnis Angle		Extrusion Index		ACEA		Post Wall Sign	
				pre	post	pre	post	pre	post	pre	post	pre	post
1	14	83.7	Right	7	23	19	7	0.35	0.20	10	20		+
2	<i>14</i>	<i>71.6</i>	<i>Left</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.10</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>40</i>		+
3	15	46.3	Left	17	29	12	6	0.26	0.12	32	34		+
4	16	67.0	Left	6	27	33	10	0.40	0.17	6	17		
5	<i>17</i>	<i>81.6</i>	<i>Right</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>0.29</i>	<i>0.09</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>34</i>		
6	<i>17</i>	<i>75.7</i>	<i>Left</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.14</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>38</i>		+
7	18	86.0	Left	17	26	13	4	0.25	0.17	-12	25		
8	19	96.9	Right	25	34	8	3	0.19	0.15	18	31		+
9	19	72.9	Right	8	28	23	5	0.35	0.17		30		+
10	<i>21</i>	<i>50.8</i>	<i>Left</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>0.20</i>	<i>0.09</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>35</i>		
11	24	88.0	Right	31	29	4	5	0.17	0.18		34		+
12	25	70.0	Left	18	37	13	0	0.23	0.06	19	17		+
13	<i>26</i>	<i>86.5</i>	<i>Left</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.22</i>	<i>0.10</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>28</i>		+
14	<i>26</i>	<i>76.3</i>	<i>Right</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>-3</i>	<i>0.16</i>	<i>0.05</i>		48		
15	28	88.1	Right	8	36	23	8	0.41	0.07	31	24		
16	29	59.8	Left	50	41	-6	-5	0.07	0.12		59		+
17	<i>31</i>	<i>107.4</i>	<i>Right</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0.30</i>	<i>0.16</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>31</i>		
18	33	93.3	Left	28	41	4	-3	0.16	0.01	24	23		+
19	33	93.3	Right	26	35	12	2	0.25	0.16		31		+
20	34	102.9	Right	3	22	29	10	0.37	0.25	7	21		+
21	36	71.0	Right	-10	19	35	15	0.61	0.29		23		+
22	38	100.6	Right	12	34	19	1	0.36	0.12	7	26		+
23	38	93.5	Right	18	29	12	11	0.33	0.18	22	27		+

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Patient Number	Age (yrs)	Weight (kg)	Operative Site	LCEA		Tonnis Angle		Extrusion Index		ACEA		Post Wall Sign	
				pre	post	pre	post	pre	post	pre	post	pre	post
24	38	61.0	Right	20	41	24	13	0.23	0.11	26	28	+	+
25	42	102.8	Right	6	29	17	6	0.46	0.20	7	13	+	+
26	45	65.0	Right	12	22	27	16	0.34	0.21	20	25		
27	45	83.0	Right	12	25	22	10	0.37	0.14	19	21	+	+
28	47	72.4	Left	11	32	22	2	0.29	0.07	13	44	+	+
29	50	61.0	Right	7	29	28	7	0.33	0.27		0		
30	54	64.4	Right	15	41	19	0	0.20	0.06	29	4	+	+

Table 2.

P-values are shown for each comparison of the regional maximum contact stresses shown in Figure 3 with statistical significance indicated by bolded values.

Step of Gait Cycle	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Anterior Lateral	Dysplastic vs. Post-THA	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.145	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.007
	Dysplastic vs. Normal	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.020	<0.001	0.022	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
	Dysplastic vs. Matched Control	0.878	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.012	0.257	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.007
Anterior Medial	Post-THA vs. Normal	<0.001	0.064	0.651	0.322	0.053	0.390	0.547	0.940	0.002	0.091	0.953	<0.001
	Post-THA vs. Matched Control	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Superior Lateral	Normal vs. Matched Control	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
	Dysplastic vs. Post-THA	0.590	0.010	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.004	0.095	0.253	0.061	0.233	0.569	0.041
	Dysplastic vs. Normal	0.950	0.465	<0.001	0.018	0.117	0.736	0.108	0.017	0.487	<0.001	0.042	0.483
Superior Medial	Dysplastic vs. Matched Control	0.009	<0.001	<0.001	0.063	0.317	0.328	0.279	0.008	0.003	0.011	0.021	0.034
	Post-THA vs. Normal	0.424	<0.001	0.502	0.001	<0.001	0.002	0.369	0.038	0.032	<0.001	0.005	0.010
	Post-THA vs. Matched Control	0.994	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.002	0.045	0.028	0.003	0.007	0.050	0.168
Pre-Operative Maximum Contact Stress	Normal vs. Matched Control	0.622	0.146	<0.001	0.003	0.577	0.859	0.065	0.801	0.142	0.228	0.968	0.434
	Dysplastic vs. Post-THA	<0.001	<0.001	0.009	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.417	0.004	0.009	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
	Dysplastic vs. Normal	0.523	<0.001	<0.001	0.652	0.649	0.002	<0.001	0.690	<0.001	0.040	<0.001	<0.001
Anterior Lateral	Dysplastic vs. Matched Control	0.051	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.034	0.045	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.224	<0.001
	Post-THA vs. Normal	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.013	0.130	0.073	<0.001	0.038	0.025	0.266	0.880	0.081
	Post-THA vs. Matched Control	<0.001	0.495	0.097	<0.001	<0.001	0.007	0.255	0.804	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Superior Lateral	Normal vs. Matched Control	0.776	<0.001	<0.001	0.142	0.189	0.009	0.006	0.030	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
	Dysplastic vs. Post-THA	<0.001	<0.001	0.081	0.088	0.045	0.320	0.862	0.590	0.002	<0.001	<0.001	0.639
Superior Medial	Dysplastic vs. Normal	0.265	0.037	<0.001	0.002	<0.001	0.244	0.784	0.003	0.990	0.010	0.789	0.035
	Dysplastic vs. Matched Control	0.776	<0.001	<0.001	0.142	0.189	0.009	0.006	0.030	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001

Step of Gait Cycle	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Dysplastic vs. Matched Control	0.116	<0.001	<0.001	0.030	0.160	0.789	0.812	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.047	0.010
Post-THA vs. Normal	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.060	0.910	0.039	0.023	<0.001	<0.001	0.051	0.330
Post-THA vs. Matched Control	0.016	0.882	0.006	0.009	0.052	0.280	0.958	0.075	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.698
Normal vs. Matched Control	0.072	<0.001	<0.001	0.867	0.392	0.344	0.877	0.394	0.068	0.637	0.108	0.012	0.302
Dysplastic vs. Post-THA	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.704	0.107	0.002	<0.001	0.049
Dysplastic vs. Normal	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.267	0.021	0.099	0.031	0.095
Dysplastic vs. Matched Control	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.008	0.116	0.360	0.110	0.047	<0.001	<0.001	0.755	<0.001
Posterior Lateral	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.018	0.031	0.004	0.536	0.671	<0.001	0.021	0.003	<0.001
Post-THA vs. Normal	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.002	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.782	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.003
Post-THA vs. Matched Control	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.891	0.475	0.004	0.036	0.676
Normal vs. Matched Control	<0.001	<0.001	0.679	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.891	0.475	0.004	0.036	0.676
Dysplastic vs. Post-THA	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.230	0.564	0.496	0.674	0.259
Dysplastic vs. Normal	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	<0.001
Dysplastic vs. Matched Control	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.474	0.929	0.213	0.334	0.840	0.070	0.021	0.878	0.653
Posterior Medial	0.090	0.031	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.037	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.009
Post-THA vs. Normal	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.145	0.529	0.175	0.245	0.646	0.301
Post-THA vs. Matched Control	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	<0.001
Normal vs. Matched Control	<0.001	<0.001	0.425	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	<0.001
Post-THA vs. Post-THA	0.568	0.471	0.209	0.073	0.060	0.119	0.274	0.963	0.371	0.161	0.177	0.729	0.067
Dysplastic vs. Dysplastic	0.051	0.042	0.039	0.073	0.158	0.558	0.689	0.995	0.315	0.110	0.026	0.009	0.023
Normal vs. Normal	0.367	0.253	0.384	0.010	0.002	0.004	0.326	0.474	0.637	0.916	0.937	0.417	0.420
Matched Control vs. Matched Control	0.047	0.019	0.011	0.063	0.321	0.635	0.919	0.807	0.237	0.036	0.006	0.004	0.017
Post-THA vs. Post-THA	0.020	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Dysplastic vs. Dysplastic	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Normal vs. Normal	0.349	0.120	0.002	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Matched Control vs. Matched Control	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001

Change in Maximum Contact Stress

Step of Gait Cycle	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Post-THA vs. Post-THA</i>	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.022
<i>Dysplastic vs. Dysplastic</i>	0.068	0.068	0.004	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<i>Normal vs. Normal</i>	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<i>Matched Control vs. Matched Control</i>	0.053	0.044	0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<i>Post-THA vs. Post-THA</i>	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	0.003	0.006	0.017	0.018
<i>Dysplastic vs. Dysplastic</i>	0.005	0.002	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<i>Normal vs. Normal</i>	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<i>Matched Control vs. Matched Control</i>	0.009	0.002	<0.001	0.093	0.212	<0.001	0.002	0.004	0.002	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<i>Post-THA vs. Post-THA</i>	0.002	<0.001	0.003	0.031	0.113	0.204	0.341	0.363	0.305	0.358	0.403	0.557	0.845
<i>Dysplastic vs. Dysplastic</i>	0.173	0.332	0.496	0.373	0.237	0.295	0.408	0.462	0.357	0.361	0.611	0.665	0.539
<i>Normal vs. Normal</i>	0.003	0.004	0.034	0.003	0.003	0.063	0.714	0.924	0.557	0.961	0.931	0.266	0.005
<i>Matched Control vs. Matched Control</i>	0.200	0.517	0.933	0.187	0.153	0.191	0.287	0.320	0.286	0.471	0.798	0.801	0.699
<i>Post-THA vs. Post-THA</i>	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<i>Dysplastic vs. Dysplastic</i>	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<i>Normal vs. Normal</i>	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<i>Matched Control vs. Matched Control</i>	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001