

## Supplementary Online Content

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### **eTable 1.** Treatment Effect on Structural Outcomes, Completers' Analysis

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**eTable 1. Treatment Effect on Structural Outcomes, Completers' Analysis**

Measurement	Triamcinolone (n=53) Mean (95% CI)		Saline (n=54) Mean (95% CI)		Between group mean change (95% CI)	p- value
	Baseline	2-year Change	Baseline	2-year Change		
Mean Cartilage Thickness (mm)						
Index compartment mean thickness	2.44 (2.28, 2.60)	-0.15 (-0.21, -0.10)	2.35 (2.20, 2.51)	-0.09 (-0.15, -0.03)	-0.06 (-0.15, 0.02)	.14
Total Mean Cartilage Thickness	5.48 (5.23, 5.73)	-0.21 (-0.29, -0.13)	5.57 (5.33, 5.82)	-0.13 (-0.22, -0.05)	-0.08 (-0.19, 0.04)	.20
Cartilage Damage Index (CDI) (mm <sup>3</sup> )						
Index compartment CDI	1006.71 (881.85, 1131.56)	-107.78 (-145.72, -69.84)	905.42 (781.47, 1029.37)	-76.72 (-115.20, -38.24)	-31.06 (-85.10, 22.97)	.26
Total CDI	2660.30 (2479.87, 2840.72)	-143.22 (-201.57, -84.88)	2663.95 (2484.86, 2843.05)	-99.26 (-158.44, -40.07)	-43.97 (-127.07, 39.14)	.30
Area of Denudation (mm <sup>2</sup> )						
Index compartment denudation	2.99 (2.22, 3.76)	0.36 (0.16, 0.57)	3.38 (2.62, 4.15)	0.42 (0.21, 0.63)	-0.06 (-0.35, 0.24)	.71
Total Denudation	4.46 (3.72, 5.21)	0.11 (-0.23, 0.45)	4.51 (3.78, 5.25)	0.33 (0.00, 0.66)	-0.22 (-0.69, 0.25)	.36
BML (log), mm <sup>3</sup> ^	7.25 (5.80, 8.71)	1.74 (0.58, 2.90)	6.63 (5.18, 8.07)	1.44 (0.29, 2.60)	0.30 (-1.34, 1.93)	.72
Effusion (log), mm <sup>3</sup> ^	10.73 (10.52, 10.95)	-0.13 (-0.32, 0.06)	10.74 (10.53, 10.96)	-0.28 (-0.47, -0.01)	0.15 (-0.11, 0.42)	.25

Abbreviations used: CDI, Cartilage Damage Index.

Index compartment indicates compartment with greatest joint space narrowing.

Denudation, BML, effusion: Higher baseline values indicate worse structural damage; high change values indicate worse damage.

CDI, mean thickness: lower baseline values indicate worse structural damage, high change values indicate worse damage.

Estimates and test for treatment by time interaction from repeated-measures, random intercept model, adjusted for KL and gender.

Time used is months from baseline exam as a linear trend.

^Higher natural log values for bone marrow lesions and effusion denote greater volumes affected by these findings. The natural log transformation was used for these measures due to pronounced skewness.