

## Supplementary material 1. Database Search strategies

*PubMed (search date 24/04/2017):*

"triangular fibrocartilage"[MeSH Terms] OR "triangular fibrocartilage" OR "triangular cartilage" OR "triangular fibrocartilaginous" OR TFCC OR (("distal radioulnar joint" OR "distal radioulnar joints" OR DRUJ) AND (instability OR unstable)) OR "ulnar avulsion" OR "ulnar avulsions"

*Ovid Embase (search date 25/04/2017):*

1 triangular fibrocartilage/

2 "triangular fibrocartilage".mp.

3 "triangular cartilage".mp.

4 "triangular fibrocartilaginous".mp.

5 TFCC.mp.

6 (radioulnar joint/ or "distal radioulnar joint".mp. or "distal radioulnar joints".mp. or DRUJ.mp.) and (instability or stability or unstable or stable).mp.

7 "ulnar avulsion".mp.

8 "ulnar avulsions".mp.

9 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8

*Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL) (search date 25/04/2017):*

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Supplementary table I. References for full text articles excluded, with key reasons for exclusion.

Full text article excluded	Key reason for exclusion
Abe et al, [1]	No DRUJ stability status documented
Anderson et al, [2]	No differentiation between peripheral types
Andersson et al, [3]	Associated injuries
Atzei et al, [4]	No DRUJ stability status documented post-op
Atzei, [5]	Overlap with 2008 paper and included reconstruction with PL
Badia and Khanchandani, [6]	No DRUJ stability status documented
Baehser-Griffith et al, [7]	No DRUJ stability status documented
Buterbaugh et al, [8]	No DRUJ stability status documented No differentiation between peripheral tear type Associated injuries
Chou and Lee, [9]	Only four isolated 1B tears included - sample size considered to be too small for inclusion by senior author (TL)
Chou et al, [10]	Associated injuries and procedures
Corso et al, [11]	Associated injuries
Dailey and Palmer, [12]	No primary data available
Degreef et al, [13]	No Pre-op DRUJ stability documented Previous treatments unknown Age range: 16-56 Follow up: 7-36m
De Smet et al, [14]	No DRUJ stability status documented
Estrella et al, [15]	No differentiation between tear types
Hess et al, [16]	Reconstruction with tendon graft
Kovachevich and Elhassan, [17]	No primary data available
Luchetti et al, [18]	Associated injuries
McAdams et al, [19]	Associated ECU tendinosis in 1 DRUJ instability in 4 - unclear which patients they were

Millants et al, [20]	No DRUJ stability status documented
Miwa et al, [21]	Pre-op DRUJ status unclear Age range 14-55
Moritomo et al, [22]	4 subjects had simultaneous USO
Moritomo, [23]	3 subjects had LT 11 subjects had simultaneous USO
Nakamura et al, [24]	Limited patient information (Age, outcome scores, mean follow up)
Nakamura et al, [25]	Ambiguity regarding whether positive UV had corrective osteotomy first
Papapetropoulos et al, [26]	No DRUJ stability status documented
Park et al, [27]	No differentiation of outcomes for tear types. No post op DRUJ stability status (stable pre-op)
Reiter et al, [28]	Mean follow up of 11 months
Ruch & Papadonikolakis, [29]	No DRUJ stability status Associated injuries No differentiation between tear types
Shih et al, [30]	No differentiation between tear types.
Shinohara et al, [31]	Unclear which patient had distal radius fracture
Soreide et al, [32]	No DRUJ stability status documented
Tang et al, [33]	Mean follow up 8.2 months
Tang et al, [34]	Mean follow up 8 months. No differentiation between tear types
Trumble et al, [35]	Four patients were included with distal radius fractures
Wolf et al, [36]	5 subjects had USO post TFCC repair
Wolf et al, [37]	5 subjects had USO before mid-term results (overlap with Wolf et al, 2010)
Woo et al, [38]	Age range 17-34
Yao, [39]	No DRUJ stability status documented
Yao and Lee, [40]	No DRUJ stability status documented

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Supplementary table II. Joanna Briggs Checklist Results – Primary Analysis Group

	Iwasaki et al, 2011	Kim et al, 2013	Bayoumy et al, 2015
1. Were there clear criteria for inclusion in the case series?	Yes	Yes	No
2. Was the condition measured in a standard, reliable way for all participants included in the case series?	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Were valid methods used for identification of the condition for all participants included in the case series?	Yes	Yes	Yes
4. Did the case series have consecutive inclusion of participants?	Yes	Unclear	Yes
5. Did the case series have complete inclusion of participants?	Unclear	Yes	Yes
6. Was there clear reporting of the demographics of the participants in the study?	Yes	Yes	Yes
7. Was there clear reporting of clinical information of the participants?	Yes	Yes	Unclear
8. Were the outcomes or follow up results of cases clearly reported?	Yes	Yes	Yes
9. Was there clear reporting of the presenting site(s)/clinic(s) demographic information?	N/a	N/A	N/A
10. Was statistical analysis appropriate?	Yes	Yes	Yes





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7. Was there clear reporting of clinical information of the participants?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
8. Were the outcomes or follow up results of cases clearly reported?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9. Was there clear reporting of the presenting site(s)/clinic(s) demographic information?	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
10. Was statistical analysis appropriate?	Yes	N/a	Yes	Yes	N/a	N/a	Yes

