

Supplementary file 3

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Costs for additional imaging modalities requested by a medical specialist (sports physician/orthopedic surgeon) are presented in Table 1. This table illustrates three different scenarios to gain insight in the possible impact of including imaging costs in our study. In scenario 1 none of the participants had an ultrasound or MRI. In scenario 2 all of the participants had an ultrasound of the lower leg. In scenario 3 all participants had a MRI of the lower leg. Costs for ultrasound (€119,47) and MRI (€424,93) are based on standard costs for those imaging modalities in the Netherlands.

Secondary Care (Sports medicine physician/orthopedic surgeon)	Mean (SD) medical costs	Median (IQR) medical costs
Scenario 1 (None of the participants received imaging)	€36 (71)	€0 (0-42)
Scenario 2 (All participants received an ultrasound)	€155 (71)	€119 (119-161)
Scenario 3 (All participants received a MRI)	€461 (71)	€425 (424-467)

Table 1. Additional annual medical costs as a result of imaging studies per patient.