

TABLE 1

CHARACTERISTICS OF 13 STUDIES REGARDING THE ACCURACY OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF MENISCAL LESIONS OF THE KNEE

Study	Spectrum of Lesion in:		Total No. of Patients Studied	Age (Years) Mean (Range)	Duration of Complaints
	Diseased	Nondiseased			
Noble, 1980 <sup>22</sup>	Not specified	CM, various other knee lesions	200	(10-60+)	<1 month to >1 year
Barry, 1983 <sup>23</sup>	Not specified	CM, various other knee lesions	37 men, 7 women	Not specified	Not specified
Anderson, 1986 <sup>24</sup>	M+LM	Not specified	76 men, 24 women	31 (11-78)	<2 weeks: 17; 2 weeks-3 months: 31; >3 months: 52
Steinbrück, 1988 <sup>25</sup>	MM, LM, various other knee lesions	CM, ACL, various other knee lesions	205 men, 95 women	31	Not specified
Fowler, 1989 <sup>23</sup>	M+LM, ACL	ACL, CM, contralateral meniscus	106 men, 55 women	33 (13-67)	>1 year
Abdon, 1990 <sup>14</sup>	MM, LM, various other knee lesions	Healthy subjects, various other knee lesions	110 men, 35 women	(16-66)	Not specified
Boeree, 1991 <sup>15</sup>	MM, LM, ACL, PCL	ACL, PCL, contralateral meniscus	154 men, 49 women	32.7 (6-71)	Not specified
Saengnipanthkul, 1991 <sup>16</sup>	MM	Plica medialis	148 men, 42 women	26 (14-59)	Not specified
Evans, 1993 <sup>17,26</sup>	M+LM, various other knee lesions	Various other knee lesions	104	Not specified	Not specified
Corea, 1994 <sup>18</sup>	Not specified	Not specified	93 men	25.3 (18-40)	Not specified
Grifka, 1994 <sup>19</sup>	Not specified	Not specified	61 men, 52 women	47 (15-78)	Not specified
Shelbourne, 1995 <sup>20</sup>	M+LM, ACL	ACL, contralateral meniscus	118 men, 55 women	22.4	8 days (0-30 days)
Mariani, 1996 <sup>21</sup>	LM, ACL	Not specified	243 men, 162 women	34 (14-77)	Not specified

CM denotes chondromalacia patellae; M+LM, medial + lateral meniscus (not separately presented); MM, medial meniscus; LM, lateral meniscus; ACL, anterior cruciate ligament; PCL, posterior cruciate ligament.