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რედაქციაში სტატიის წარმოდგენისას საჭიროა დავიცვათ შემდეგი წესები:

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- 8. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს ავტორის მიერ გამოყენებული სამამულო და უცხოური შრომების ბიბლიოგრაფიული სია (ბოლო 5-8 წლის სიღრმით). ანბანური წყობით წარმოდგენილ ბიბლიოგრაფიულ სიაში მიუთითეთ ჯერ სამამულო, შემდეგ უცხოელი ავტორები (გვარი, ინიციალები, სტატიის სათაური, ჟურნალის დასახელება, გამოცემის ადგილი, წელი, ჟურნალის №, პირველი და ბოლო გვერდები). მონოგრაფიის შემთხვევაში მიუთითეთ გამოცემის წელი, ადგილი და გვერდების საერთო რაოდენობა. ტექსტში კვადრატულ ფჩხილებში უნდა მიუთითოთ ავტორის შესაბამისი N ლიტერატურის სიის მიხედვით. მიზანშეწონილია, რომ ციტირებული წყაროების უმეტესი ნაწილი იყოს 5-6 წლის სიღრმის.
- 9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.
- 10. სტატიის ბოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენობა არ უნდა აღემატებოდეს 5-ს.
- 11. რედაქცია იტოვებს უფლებას შეასწოროს სტატია. ტექსტზე მუშაობა და შეჯერება ხდება საავტორო ორიგინალის მიხედვით.
- 12. დაუშვებელია რედაქციაში ისეთი სტატიის წარდგენა, რომელიც დასაბეჭდად წარდგენილი იყო სხვა რედაქციაში ან გამოქვეყნებული იყო სხვა გამოცემებში.

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# PERONEUS LONGUS (PL) AUTOGRAFT IN ANTERIOR CRUCIATE LIGAMENT RECONSTRUCTION AS ALTERNATIVE GRAFT OPTION

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## Abstract.

**Background:** The type of the graft in anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction is still argument which one is the best regarding hamstring or bone tendon bone graft. peroneus longus tendon is emerging good alternative choice in such type of surgery. Methods: Study done on 30 patients with anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction (ACLR) using PL graft and evaluated after 2 years with lysholm knee score and American orthopedic foot and ankle disability index. Results: Two year of surgery, the result 86-95% (good to excellent) in 22 cases (73.3%), 6 (20%) patients with 80-85% (fair to good), and 2 (6.6%) cases with 70% (poor) score without any new insult on the knee. American foot and ankle score was 100 in all 28 patients (93.3) and 96 only in 2 cases (6.6%). Conclusion: Good size of the graft and low donor site morbidity as well as good functional outcome may make the PL graft is a favorable graft choice in ACLR.

**Key words.** Peroneus longus, autograft, anterior cruciate ligament.

## Introduction.

Anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction is a common operation [1]. As in the last years the incidence of anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tear is increasing due to sport or other injuries [2]. The key goal of the ACL reconstruction to return knee function as well as protect other important structure in the knee like meniscus and articular cartilage [3]. Its effective and safe procedure and the patient return to sport about (75-97%), according to Norwegian Knee Ligament Registry [4]. The challenge is the graft choice as it important to success the surgery in both biological and mechanical aspect [5]. The types of graft are either auto graft or allograft. regarding the autograph, we can use hamstring graft, bone tendon bone or peroneus longus tendon [6]. The graft option is limited in our practice to hamstring because lower complication rate and good outcome as well as our training [7]. The main issue regarding this type of ligament. The aim of the graft diameter should be more than or equal to 8mm. in Iraqi patient this diameter is difficult to achieve with hamstring graft [8]. The key factor in the success of ACL reconstruction surgery is graft width [9]. In Iraqi patient the quadruple graft diameter is less than 8 mm in most of the cases, therefore, we must look for alternative graft or used five band hamstring graft. Regarding other type of graft like bone tendon bone graft had a lot of complication and allograft is not available in our country .so we are looking for peroneus longus tendon auto graft as good potential source of graft especially in patient with ACL tear .as there are a lot of study tell us about the tensile strength and tissue ingrowth and regeneration. This study purposes to see the donor site morbidity as well as clinical outcome in patient with ACL reconstruction using peroneus longus auto graft.

## Materials and Methods.

The study was done in aldiwanyia teaching hospital, from October 2020 to October 2022 retrospective study including 30 case of ACL reconstructive surgery with peroneus longus graft. 18 cases were left and 12 cases right knee.

All cases were assessed regarding clinical examination for ACL instability and associated pathology like meniscus, chondral, posterior cruciate and collateral ligaments injuries as well as bony alignment in both sagittal and coronal by CT scan and MRI as well as clinical examination.

Only the patient involve in the study were no any bony abnormality or associated lesion like meniscus, chondral or other ligaments injuries, all these case were excluded.

The age of the patients was between 20 -30 years old and all of them were male. The interval between the injury and the surgery less than three months.

All the patient was treated with same surgical team in the same hospital and the same method of graft harvesting and surgical steps of anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction (ACLR).

## Surgical procedure.

**Graft taking method:** The surgery done under general anesthesia, diagnostic arthroscopy was done in each case to confirm diagnosis and to exclude other pathology like meniscus or chondral lesions after the clinical examination under anesthesia (Lachman and pivot shift test).

The skin incision is 2-2.5 cm long are done about 3cm above the lateral malleolus. Anatomical dissection was done to identify the peroneus longus and peroneus brevis tendon. then we did the eversion of the foot to get more length of tendon. we cut the tendon after stich it the did liberation of the tendon from surrounding fascia then used the tendon stripper of appropriate size to harvest the graft.

After that the wound closed and the taken graft was preparing in usual way in back table by the assistant to get appropriate length and diameter which usually above 8 mm in diameter and more than 9 cm length. Usually, we achieve that by doing triple band graft (Figure 1).

ACL reconstruction surgical technique: The standard anterolateral portal was used as well as tow medial portal done to do transporal ACL reconstruction. Identify the anatomical footprint of both femoral and tibial site. the femoral tunnel was done first then the tibial tunnel followed by passing the ACL graft. the fixation method was adjustable endobutton in femoral side and PEEK screw in the tibial side.

**Post-operative rehabilitation:** The rehabilitation of all patients in the same center and similar protocol for at least 9 months. The follow up visit was every week in the first month then twice a month in the next two months after that the visit once in a month for 9 months. After that every 3 months one visit for 2 years from the surgery.

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Table 1. Results of lysholm score, 24 months after ACLR.

Lysholm Score	No. of patients (%)
Good-excellent	22 (73.34)
Fair-good	6 (20)
Fair-Poor	2 (6.66)

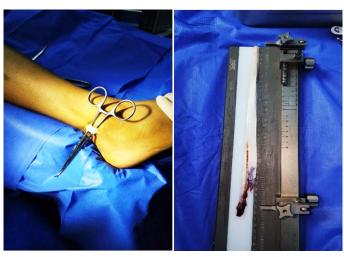


Figure 1. Surgical technique for PLT graft harvesting.

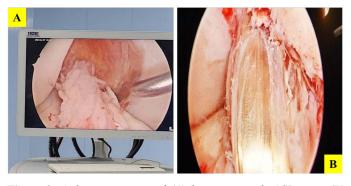


Figure 2. Arthroscopic view of (A) knee joint with ACL tear (B) Peroneus longus (PL) graft after ACL reconstruction.

At the completion of second year, functional result of the knee evaluation was done by means of lysholm knee score [10], foot and ankle function assessment were done depend on American orthopedic foot-and ankle disability index (AOFAS) [11].

The Lysholm Knee Scoring Scale is used to evaluate patients with various knee conditions, including ligament injuries, meniscus tears, patellar instability, and osteoarthritis [10]. It is often used as part of a comprehensive assessment that includes a physical examination and other imaging studies. higher Lysholm score indicates better knee function: ≥95 Excellent knee function, 84-94 good, 65-83 fair, and <65 poor knee function. The AOFAS is covering all 4 regions of the foot (ankle-hindfoot, midfoot, metatarsophalangeal-interphalangeal for the hallux, and metatarsophalangeal, interphalangeal for the lesser toes) [11].

## Results.

We did assessment of both knee and ankle joints for donor sit morbidity and functional outcome by using lysholm knee score and American ankle and foot score, this evaluation done after 2 years of surgery (Figure 2). Lysholm knee score was between 60-75% (poor to fair) in all cases before the operation. And after 2 years of surgery, the result 86-95% (good to excellent) in 22 cases (73.3%), 6 (20%) patients with 80-85% (fair to good), and 2 (6.6%) cases with 70% (poor) score without any new insult on the knee. American foot and ankle score was 100 in all 28 patients (93.3) and 96 only in 2 cases (6.6%).

#### Discussion.

ACL reconstruction surgery result improved dramatically in the last decade, this improved due to improvement in the understanding the anatomy and biomechanics of the ACL [12], other important factor is the development in the fixation methods. All these factors decrease the failure rate to less than 10% [13,14].

In our country the luck of allograft made the main source of the graft is autograft and mostly the hamstring graft. we use this graft for many years due to surgical training on this type of graft as well as the complication of other type of graft like bone tendon bone graft from patellar tendon like anterior knee pain as in our community the kneeling is very common habit. in addition to stiffness and weakness. for these reasons most patient refuse this type of graft [15-17].

On the other side the hamstring graft is very good one with all its advantages. But the diameter of the graft in our patient usually less than 8 mm for 4 band (semitendous and gracilis) to overcome these draw back either we make it 5 band which become short or search for other acceptable source of graft [18-20]. The peroinus longus graft is anew good promising graft used in other arear of the world mainly india in primary ACL reconstruction as well as revision cases [21].

The diameter of the graft of PL is more in comparison with hamstring graft with mean in difference of 0.6mm which is highly significant according to nicolaas et al. Other study shows that the quadruple hamstring graft in 85% of the patient is less than 8 mm which is less favorable as graft source due to low strength [22]. The complication of peroneus longus include hypoesthesia across the adjacent edge of the foot, temporal peroneal nerve damage, reflex sympathetic dystrophy, wound infection, and local pain [23].

Concerning the effect of the graft on the function of the foot is negligible in comparison with other side in spite of low reduction in foot eversion and flexion. There is no patient complain of difficulty in performing sport or pain as well as no difference in range of motion [22].

The clinical result was excellent in most of our patient and in other studies like 80% of the patients with excellent results according Lysholm scoring system [24]. In our study found that clinical results were promising to make the PL graft as promising graft of choice for ACL reconstruction and could be applicable for injuries and diseases [25,26].

## Conclusion.

PL graft is great option for ACL reconstruction, in spite of small patient sample and short duration of follow-up, due to its easy way of harvesting, low complication rate, good diameter and excellent clinical result.

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