



Osteochondral Transplant System

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Client: Dr. Brian Walczak, DO

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 - Orthopedic Surgery
 - Pediatric Sports Medicine
 - Knee Arthroscopy



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Problem Statement

- Osteochondral transplants are commonly used to correct defects in cartilage and bone tissue
- 20-25% chance of failure (Chahal, J, et al, 2013)
- Our Role:
 - Create a new system that reduces the forces applied to cartilage layer during insertion
 - Increase chondrocyte viability to decrease failure rate of procedure

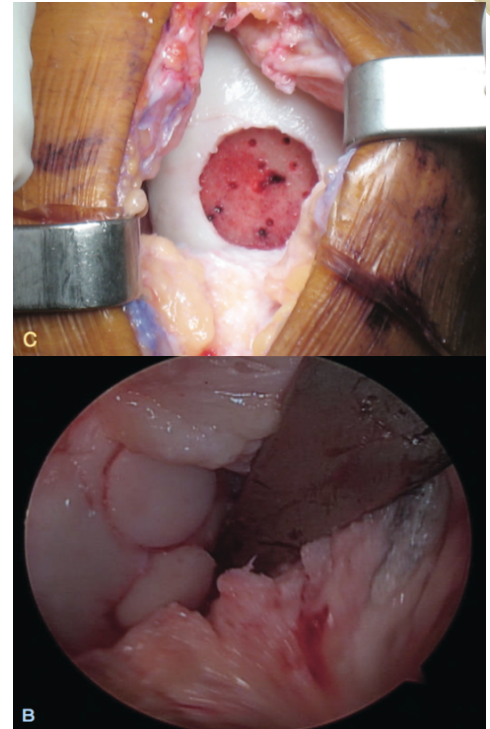


Figure 1: Graft recipient site (above) and inserted graft (below)⁴



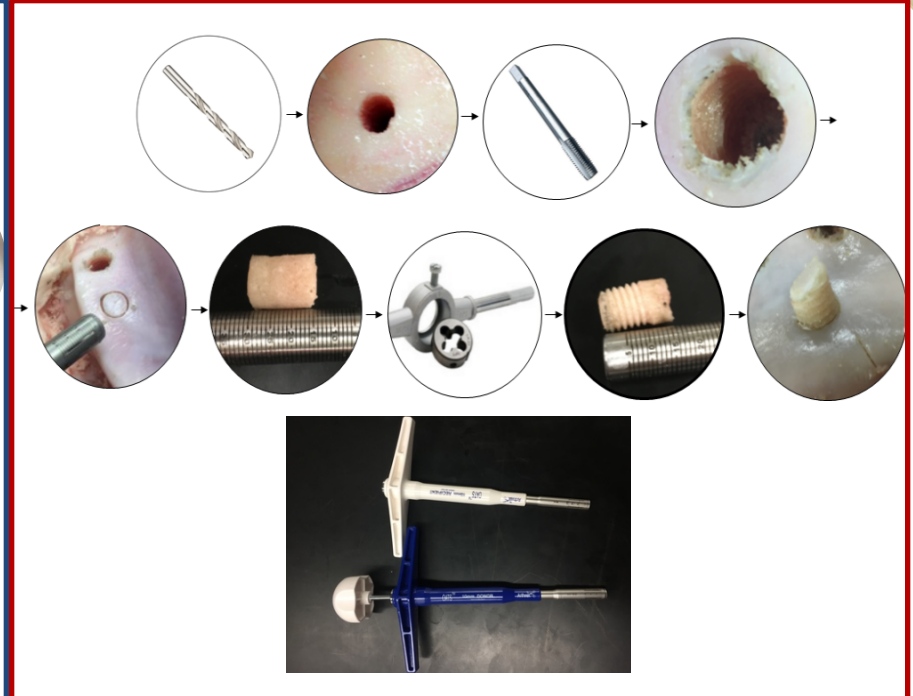
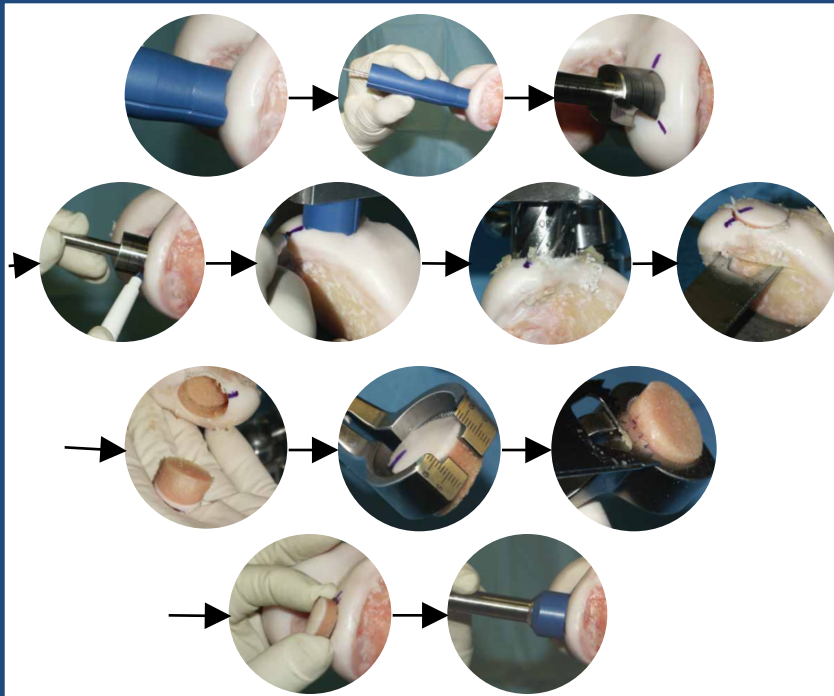
Product Design Specifications (PDS)

- Achieve more than 70% viability → impaction forces < 165 N during implantation (Walczak, et al, 2016)
- Graft must exhibit proper integration postoperatively
- Tools used in procedure should be capable of operating on bone
- Range of 5mm-20mm diameter and at least 10 mm depth for damage repair
- Materials should be sterilizable and comply with FDA regulations



Current Clinical Procedure⁵

Proposed Design Procedure





Fluorescent Microscopy

- Stain
- Incubate
- Cryofreeze and Section thinly
- Image



Figure 2: Fluorescent Microscope⁷
Image Courtesy of <http://www.spachoptics.com>



Flow Cytometry

- Digest using collagenase
- Stain Cells
- Fix
- Run through flow cytometer
 - obtain live/dead numbers

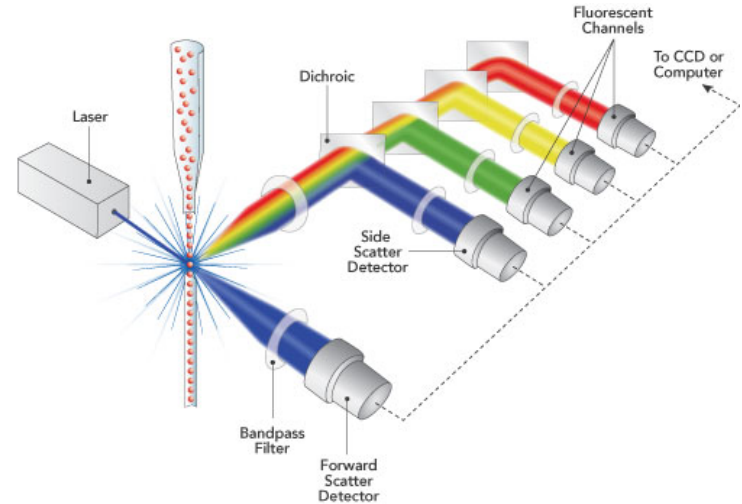


Figure 4: Flow Cytometer⁸
Image Courtesy of www.semrock.com



Confocal Microscopy

- Stain
- Incubate
- Fix and Section
- Image
 - Multiple layers



Figure 5: Confocal Microscope⁹

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<http://www.immunohistochemistry.us>



Design Matrix

Criteria	Fluorescent Microscopy		Flow Cytometry		Confocal Microscopy	
Accuracy (35)	(3/5)	21	(4/5)	28	(5/5)	35
Cost (30)	(5/5)	30	(1/5)	6	(4/5)	24
Ease of Use (20)	(5/5)	20	(2/5)	8	(3/5)	12
Tissue Section Prep (10)	(3/5)	6	(5/5)	10	(4/5)	8
Procedure Length (5)	(3/5)	3	(2/5)	2	(5/5)	5
Total	80		54		84	

Current Progress From Dec. 2016

Figure 1:
Threaded Bone
plug



Figure 2:
Recipient holes

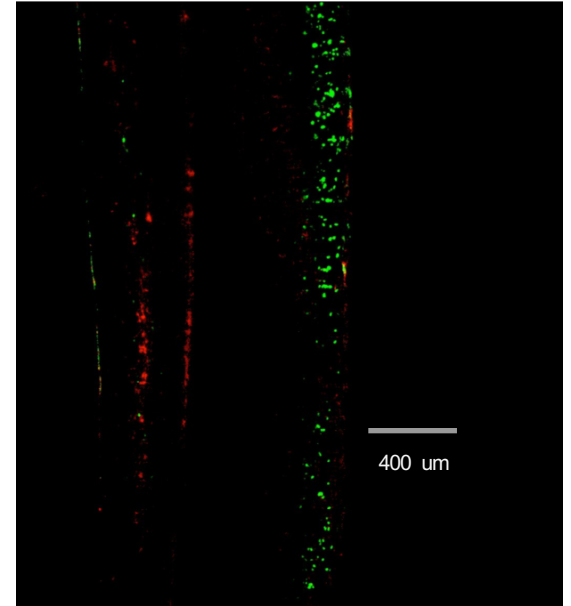


Figure 3: Live dead staining.

-  FITC (Live)
-  TRITC (Dead)

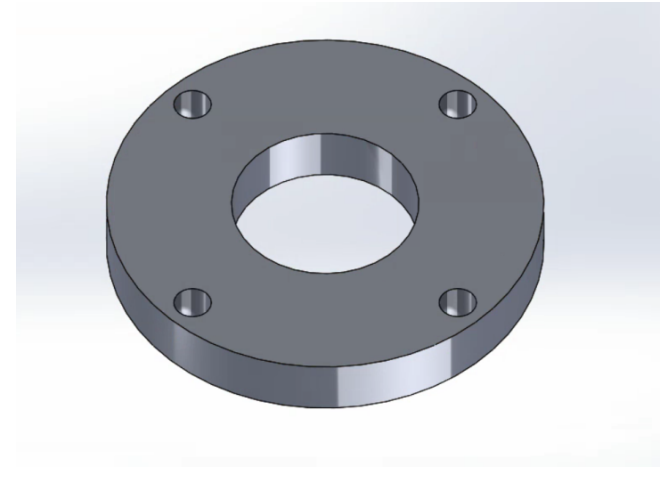


Future Work

- Fabricate a guide to accurately extract a plug
- Thread the plug
- Test compatibility with threaded recipient hole

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