

Fig. E-1

Autograft bone plug obtained from the tibial tunnel.



Fig. E-2

Photograph showing intra-articular infection five years after ACL reconstruction with a bioabsorbable screw in a forty-year-old man.

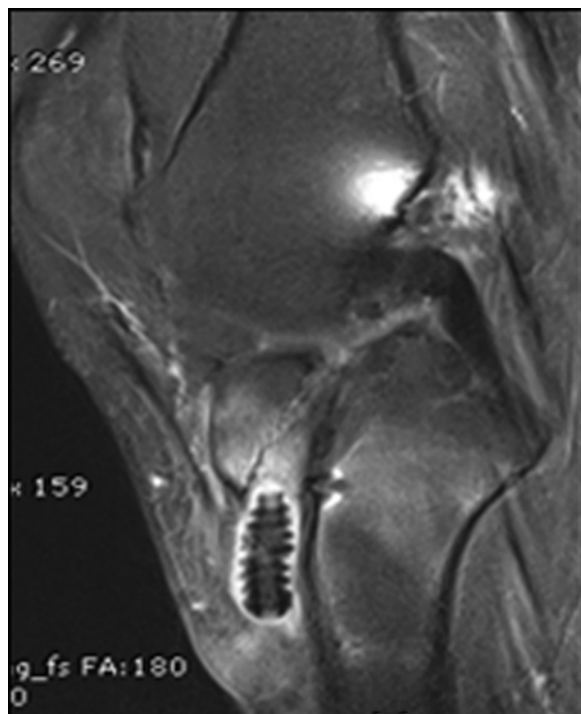


Fig. E-3

MRI showing extrusion of a bioabsorbable screw from the tibial tunnel exit with soft-tissue swelling.

TABLE E-1 Preoperative Demographic Data

	Group I (41 Knees): Bioabsorbable Screw	Group II (40 Knees): Bone Plug	P Value
Mean age (range) (yr)	31.7 (20.1-49.3)	32.4 (22.2-50.1)	0.338
Sex (no.)			0.432
Male	26	28	
Female	15	12	
Interval from injury to surgery* (mo)	3.1 ± 1.2	3.3 ± 0.8	0.544
IKDC score*	61.5 ± 5.9	60.5 ± 7.5	0.561
Lysholm score*	63.2 ± 7.2	62.4 ± 6.4	0.454
Tegner score*	3.8 ± 2.5	3.5 ± 2.2	0.312

\*The values are given as the mean and standard deviation.