

Impact of 3D CT Reconstructed Deltoid Size, Shape, and Volume Measurements on Active Range of Motion Before and After Anatomic and Reverse Total Shoulder Arthroplasty

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INTRODUCTION:

The deltoid is the primary elevator in the shoulder, and yet, few studies have quantified the 3-D size and shape of the muscle and no studies have correlated those measurements to active range of motion after anatomic (aTSA) and/or reverse (rTSA) total shoulder arthroplasty in any statistically/scientifically relevant manner. The goal of this study is to quantify the 3D CT reconstructed deltoid size and shape from 960 shoulder arthroplasty patients and determine the relationship of those image parameters to active range of motion measurements 2-years after aTSA and rTSA.

METHODS:

Preoperative CT images from 960 patients (584F/374M/2Unk), 700 rTSA (445F/253M/2Unk) and 260 aTSA (139F/121M) treated with a single platform shoulder arthroplasty prosthesis (Equinoxe; Exactech, Inc., Gainesville, FL) were analyzed in this study. A machine learning (ML) framework was used to segment the deltoid muscle and quantify 7 different muscle characteristics of size, shape, and volume. All patients had 2-year minimum follow-up, average = 37.8 ± 14.0 months; rTSA: 37.8, aTSA: 37.9). For all patients, active abduction and forward elevation were quantified pre-operatively and at latest follow-up. A multivariate analysis was conducted to compare deltoid image data associated with each aTSA and rTSA patient when classified by 3 different clinically relevant criteria: 1) bottom 25% or top 75% of preoperative abduction/forward elevation, 2) whether each patient achieved (or failed to achieve) patient acceptable symptomatic state (PASS) at latest follow-up for abduction/forward elevation, and 3) whether each patient achieved (or failed to achieve) minimally clinically important difference (MCID) improvement for abduction/forward elevation.

RESULTS:

The multivariate regression analysis identified several deltoid image measurements relevant to pre-operative (Table 1), post-operative (Table 2, PASS), and pre-to-post-operative measurements (Table 3, MCID) of abduction and forward elevation. Specifically, as described in Table 1, deltoid flatness (p=0.042) was identified for pre-operative forward elevation for aTSA patients and deltoid volume normalized by scapular bone volume (p=0.042) was identified for pre-operative abduction for rTSA patients. As described in Table 2, deltoid volume (p=0.030) was identified for achieving PASS for active abduction for aTSA patients. As described in Table 3, deltoid volume normalized by scapular bone volume was identified for achieving MCID for forward elevation (p=0.032) and abduction (p=0.041) for rTSA patients.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION:

The results of this 960 patient shoulder arthroplasty study identified multiple 3D deltoid size, shape, and volume measurements that were statistically relevant to achieving clinically relevant active range of motion thresholds after aTSA and rTSA. Such data is useful to help better understand the relationship between deltoid morphology and functional performance after shoulder arthroplasty and the identification of specific clinically relevant deltoid measurements can be used to inform development of future clinical decision support tools which utilize CT image data to improve treatment decision making.

Table 1. Multivariate Analysis of Deltoid Image Size, Shape, and Volume Measurements Associated with aTSA and rTSA Patients who Failed to Achieve 25th Percentile of the Cohort's Pre-operative Forward Elevation (80°) and Abduction (60°) as Compared to Patients Exceeded this Pre-operative Active Range of Motion Threshold				
aTSA	Deltoid Image Measurement	Did not Achieve	Did Achieve	P-Value (multivariate)
Preop Forward Elevation (<80°)	Volume (cm ³)	309.18 ± 100.88	360.31 ± 101.05	0.003
	Volume Normalized by Scapular Volume	3.75 ± 0.47	3.87 ± 0.44	0.352
	Flatness	0.45 ± 0.08	0.46 ± 0.08	0.004
	Max Deltoid Width in Sagittal Plane (mm)	163.2 ± 16.51	164.16 ± 16.44	0.744
	Max Deltoid Length in Sagittal Plane (mm)	127.63 ± 10.87	133.85 ± 10.86	0.117
	Sphericity	0.45 ± 0.03	0.46 ± 0.03	0.647
	Volume Normalized by Age and Gender	3.49 ± 0.49	3.60 ± 0.53	0.046
	Volume Normalized by Scapular Volume	3.57 ± 0.48	3.69 ± 0.53	0.000
	Flatness	0.45 ± 0.08	0.46 ± 0.08	0.004
	Max Deltoid Width in Sagittal Plane (mm)	161.63 ± 15.84	164.17 ± 15	0.545
Preop Abduction (<60°)	Volume (cm ³)	127.62 ± 21.84	133.72 ± 20.05	0.117
	Volume Normalized by Age and Gender	0.45 ± 0.03	0.46 ± 0.03	0.606
	Volume Normalized by Scapular Volume	0.58 ± 0.10	0.59 ± 0.11	0.000
	Flatness	0.45 ± 0.08	0.46 ± 0.08	0.000
	Max Deltoid Width in Sagittal Plane (mm)	131.23 ± 10.73	131.37 ± 10.16	0.808
	Sphericity	0.45 ± 0.03	0.46 ± 0.03	0.000
	Volume Normalized by Age and Gender	0.45 ± 0.03	0.46 ± 0.03	0.000
	Volume Normalized by Scapular Volume	0.47 ± 0.03	0.47 ± 0.03	0.421
	Flatness	0.45 ± 0.08	0.46 ± 0.08	0.000
	Max Deltoid Width in Sagittal Plane (mm)	131.23 ± 10.73	131.37 ± 10.16	0.808
Preop Forward Elevation (<80°)	Volume (cm ³)	305.13 ± 90.86	328.81 ± 108.02	0.003
	Volume Normalized by Scapular Volume	3.62 ± 0.46	3.77 ± 0.45	0.003
	Flatness	0.45 ± 0.08	0.47 ± 0.08	0.011
	Max Deltoid Width in Sagittal Plane (mm)	157.61 ± 15.4	158.6 ± 15.69	0.109
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Table 2. Multivariate Analysis of Deltoid Image Size, Shape, and Volume Measurements Associated with aTSA and rTSA Patients who Failed to Achieve 2-year Minimum PASS for Forward Elevation (130°) and Abduction (104°) as Compared to Patients Exceeded PASS				
aTSA	Deltoid Image Measurement	Did not Achieve	Did Achieve	P-Value (multivariate)
2yr Min Forward Elevation (PASS (130°))	Volume (cm ³)	123.29 ± 18.52	125.12 ± 22.35	0.211
	Volume Normalized by Scapular Volume	1.8 ± 0.05	1.84 ± 0.05	0.781
	Flatness	0.45 ± 0.08	0.46 ± 0.08	0.313
	Max Deltoid Width in Sagittal Plane (mm)	161.63 ± 15.84	164.17 ± 15.69	0.545
	Max Deltoid Length in Sagittal Plane (mm)	128.09 ± 10.92	129.89 ± 10.87	0.316
	Sphericity	0.45 ± 0.03	0.46 ± 0.03	0.352
	Volume Normalized by Age and Gender	1.82 ± 0.06	1.83 ± 0.06	0.664
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aTSA	Deltoid Image Measurement	Did not Achieve	Did Achieve	P-Value (multivariate)
2yr Min Forward Elevation (MCID (16°))	Volume (cm ³)	305.13 ± 90.86	328.81 ± 108.02	0.003
	Volume Normalized by Scapular Volume	3.62 ± 0.46	3.77 ± 0.45	0.003
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