

1 **Ten-year natural course of early hip osteoarthritis in middle-aged persons with hip pain; a**

2 **CHECK study**

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4 Online supplementary material

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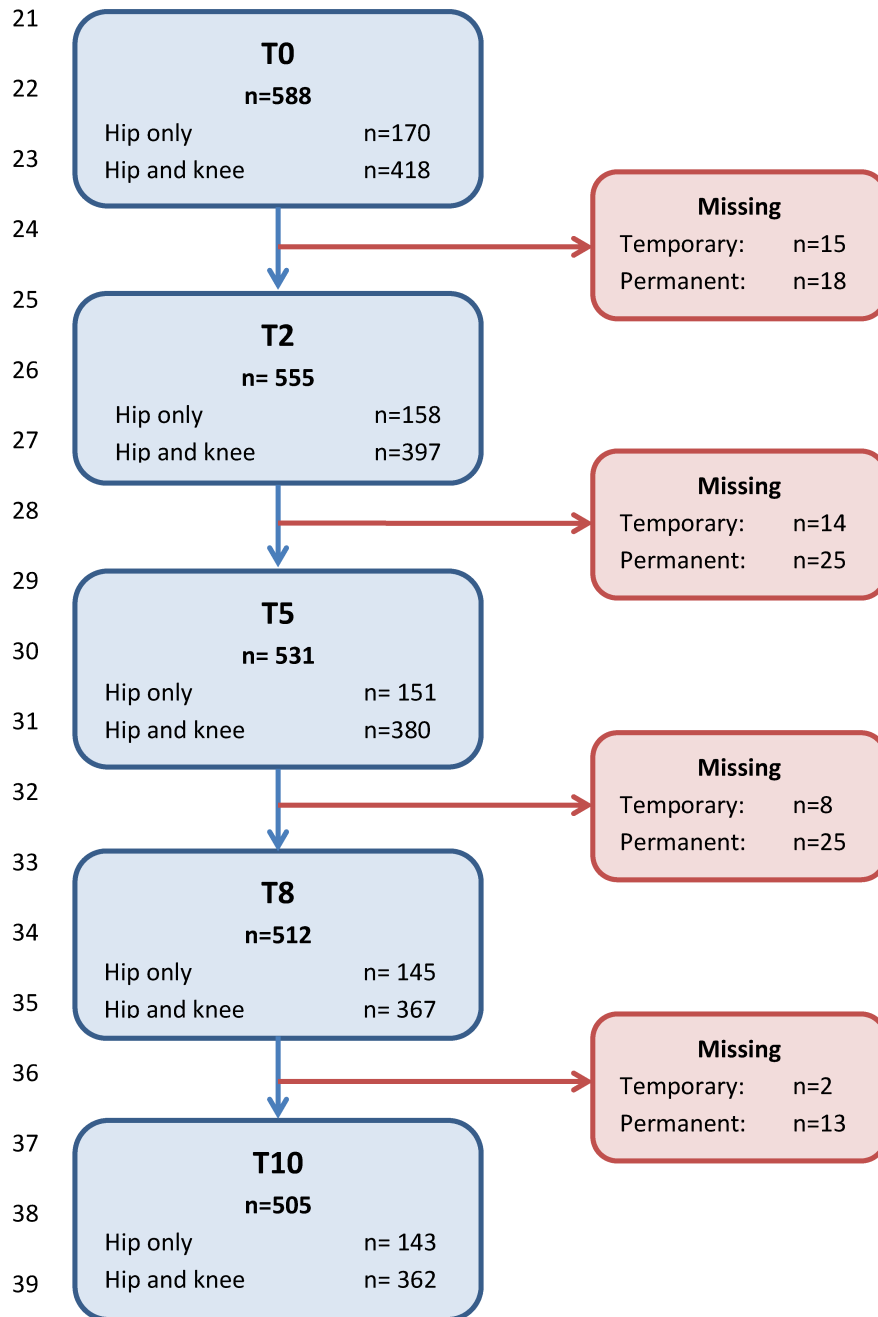
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42 Supplementary Table S1. Course of pain, physical functioning, and radiographic OA features  
 43 during follow-up, for total study group (n=588) and subdivided for H-group (n=170) and H&K-  
 44 group (n=418).

	Baseline	T2	T5	T8	T10
<b>WOMAC, mean (sd)</b>					
- Pain (0-20)	5.4 (±3.4)	5.2 (±3.5)	5.1 (±4.0)	4.5 (±3.6)	4.7 (±3.8)
○ H-group	4.8 (±3.2)	4.3 (±3.5)	4.3 (±3.9)	3.5 (±3.4)	3.6 (±3.4)
○ H&K-group	5.7 (±3.5)	5.5 (±3.5)	5.4 (±4.0)	4.9 (±3.6)	5.1 (±3.9)
- Stiffness (0-8)	2.8 (±1.7)	2.6 (±1.6)	2.8 (±1.8)	2.4 (±1.8)	2.6 (±1.9)
○ H-group	2.5 (±1.7)	2.3 (±1.6)	2.5 (±1.8)	2.1 (±1.6)	2.1 (±1.8)
○ H&K-group	2.9 (±1.7)	2.7 (±1.6)	2.9 (±1.8)	2.5 (±1.8)	2.7 (±1.9)
- Physical function (0-68)	17.2 (±12.0)	16.4 (±12.0)	17.6 (±12.0)	16.3 (±13.0)	16.2 (±13.1)
○ H-group	14.7 (±11.1)	13.4 (±10.9)	14.3 (±12.8)	12.4 (±11.5)	12.2 (±10.7)
○ H&K-group	18.3 (±12.2)	17.6 (±12.3)	18.8 (±13.3)	17.8 (±13.2)	17.8 (±13.6)
NRS past week, mean (sd)	3.7 (±2.1)	3.7 (±2.3)	3.2 (±2.6)	2.7 (±2.5)	2.9 (±2.6)
○ H-group	3.4 (±2.2)	3.0 (±2.4)	3.0 (±2.6)	2.2 (±2.3)	2.5 (±2.5)
○ H&K-group	3.8 (±2.1)	4.0 (±2.2)	3.2 (±2.6)	2.9 (±2.5)	3.1 (±2.6)
Use any pain medication, n (%)	250 (43)	263 (48)	251 (47)	250 (49)	249 (50)
○ H-group	63 (38)	61 (39)	61 (40)	55 (38)	57 (40)
○ H&K-group	187 (46)	202 (52)	190 (50)	195 (53)	192 (54)
Hip pain, n (%)	588 (100)	374 (68)	301 (57)	267 (54)	247 (51)
○ H-group	170 (100)	114 (73)	90 (61)	71 (53)	57 (44)
○ H&K-group	418 (100)	260 (66)	211 (56)	196 (54)	190 (53)
Knee pain, n (%)	418 (71)	361 (65)	327 (62)	297 (58)	264 (53)
○ H-group	0 (0)	58 (37)	60 (40)	56 (39)	50 (37)
○ H&K-group	418 (100)	303 (77)	267 (70)	241 (66)	214 (60)
Morning stiffness (hip) <60 min, n (%)	326 (55)	287 (52)	272 (51)	239 (47)	228 (45)
○ H-group	101 (59)	85 (54)	77 (51)	61 (42)	58 (41)
○ H&K-group	225 (54)	202 (51)	195 (52)	178 (49)	170 (47)
Physically active (>30 min) for ≥3 times a week, n (%)	316 (55)	319 (60)	292 (56)	296 (58)	276 (56)
○ H-group	103 (62)	90 (58)	78 (52)	81 (57)	80 (56)
○ H&K-group	213 (53)	229 (60)	214 (57)	215 (59)	196 (56)
Cumulative sum of HR, n (%)	0 (0)	13 (2)	41 (7)	58 (10)	69 (12)
○ H-group	0 (0)	8 (5)	26 (15)	33 (19)	38 (22)
○ H&K-group	0 (0)	5 (1)	15 (4)	25 (6)	31 (7)
Cumulative sum of KR, n (%)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (1)	9 (2)	10 (2)
○ H-group	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
○ H&K-group	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (1)	9 (2)	10 (2)
K/L grade ≥2 either hip, n (%)	110 (19)	128 (22)	151 (28)	183 (35)	253 (49)
○ H-group	38 (23)	40 (25)	48 (33)	54 (39)	64 (48)
○ H&K-group	72 (17)	88 (21)	103 (26)	129 (33)	189 (49)

<b>K/L grade <math>\geq 2</math> either knee, n (%)</b>	76 (13)	119 (20)	178 (37)	226 (51)	294 (69)
○ H-group	14 (8)	22 (14)	39 (26)	59 (42)	88 (63)
○ H&K-group	62 (15)	97 (25)	157 (42)	195 (55)	248 (70)
<b>Clinical OA* either knee, n (%)</b>	206 (35)	278 (47)	323 (55)	349 (59)	366 (62)
○ H-only	0 (0)	16 (9)	37 (22)	46 (27)	51 (30)
○ H&K	206 (50)	262 (63)	286 (68)	303 (73)	315 (75)
<b>Painful internal rotation either hip, n (%)</b>	322 (55)	197 (36)	190 (38)	166 (36)	179 (39)
○ H-only	101 (60)	61 (41)	51 (39)	43 (36)	49 (42)
○ H&K	221 (53)	136 (35)	139 (38)	123 (36)	129 (38)
<b>Painful external rotation either hip, n (%)</b>	160 (35)	86 (17)	115 (20)	86 (15)	89 (20)
○ H-only	45 (34)	28 (20)	31 (25)	26 (23)	22 (20)
○ H&K	115 (35)	58 (16)	84 (17)	60 (17)	67 (20)
<b>Painful flexion either hip, n (%)</b>	315 (54)	227 (42)	192 (39)	149 (32)	159 (35)
○ H-only	94 (56)	65 (43)	48 (38)	33 (29)	39 (35)
○ H&K	221 (54)	162 (41)	144 (39)	116 (33)	120 (35)

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 46 the clinical criteria of the American College of Rheumatology; once those clinical ACR criteria  
 47 are satisfied, the case will be seen as clinical hip or knee OA. NRS= Numeric Rating Scale (0-10).  
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 49 score.

50 Supplementary Table S2. Course of pain, physical functioning, and radiographic OA features  
 51 during follow-up, for the no HR-group (n=518) and HR-group (n=69) and for HR-group with  
 52 LOCF.

	Baseline	T2	T5	T8	T10
<b>WOMAC, mean (sd)</b>					
<b>- Pain (0-20)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	5.4 (±3.4)	5.1 (±3.5)	5.3 (±4.0)	4.7 (±3.6)	4.9 (±3.8)
▪ HR-group	5.7 (±3.9)	5.5 (±3.7)	4.0 (±4.0)	3.6 (±3.8)	3.1 (±3.6)
▪ <sup>a</sup> HR-group with LOCF	5.7 (±3.9)	6.4 (±3.9)	6.9 (±4.1)	7.1 (±4.3)	7.1 (±4.3)
<b>- Stiffness (0-8)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	2.8 (±1.7)	2.6 (±1.6)	2.9 (±1.8)	2.4 (±1.8)	2.6 (±1.9)
▪ HR-group	2.9 (±1.6)	2.6 (±1.7)	2.5 (±1.8)	2.1 (±1.8)	2.2 (±2.0)
▪ <sup>a</sup> HR-group with LOCF	2.9 (±1.6)	2.9 (±1.7)	3.1 (±1.8)	3.1 (±1.9)	3.1 (±1.9)
<b>- Physical function (0-68)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	16.9 (±11.9)	16.1 (±11.8)	17.8 (±13.3)	16.8 (±12.9)	16.9 (±13.1)
▪ HR-group	20.1 (±12.5)	18.5 (±13.6)	15.8 (±13.2)	13.3 (±13.5)	12.0 (±12.2)
▪ <sup>a</sup> HR-group with LOCF	20.1 (±12.5)	21.1 (±13.7)	23.9 (±13.9)	24.9 (±14.6)	24.9 (±14.6)
<b>NRS past week, mean (sd)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	3.6 (±2.1)	3.6 (±2.2)	3.2 (±2.6)	2.8 (±2.4)	3.0 (±2.7)
▪ HR-group	4.1 (±2.4)	4.1 (±2.6)	2.9 (±2.9)	2.3 (±2.5)	2.2 (±2.4)
▪ <sup>a</sup> HR-group with LOCF	4.1 (±2.4)	4.6 (±2.5)	4.9 (±2.7)	5.1 (±2.7)	5.1 (±2.7)
<b>Use any pain medication, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	221 (44)	227 (48)	222 (48)	220 (49)	224 (52)
▪ HR-group	29 (43)	35 (52)	28 (41)	29 (43)	24 (36)
▪ <sup>a</sup> HR-group with LOCF	29 (43)	36 (53)	43 (64)	45 (66)	45 (66)
<b>Hip pain, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	518 (100)	326 (68)	266 (58)	239 (54)	231 (53)
▪ HR-group	69 (100)	47 (71)	35 (56)	27 (51)	15 (29)
▪ <sup>a</sup> HR-group with LOCF	69 (100)	59 (87)	59 (88)	61 (90)	61 (90)
<b>Knee pain, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	386 (75)	328 (68)	295 (64)	265 (60)	240 (55)
▪ HR-group	31 (45)	32 (47)	32 (47)	31 (47)	23 (35)
▪ <sup>a</sup> HR-group with LOCF	31 (45)	34 (50)	32 (48)	34 (50)	34 (50)
<b>Morning stiffness (hip) &lt;60 min, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	282 (54)	244 (50)	236 (51)	210 (47)	202 (46)
▪ HR-group	43 (62)	42 (62)	35 (52)	28 (43)	25 (38)
▪ <sup>a</sup> HR-group with LOCF	43 (62)	48 (71)	49 (73)	51 (75)	51 (75)
<b>Physically active (&gt;30 min) for ≥3 times a week, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	282 (56)	283 (61)	257 (56)	256 (58)	239 (56)
▪ HR-group	34 (52)	35 (52)	35 (52)	40 (61)	37 (55)
▪ <sup>a</sup> HR-group with LOCF	34 (52)	34 (52)	35 (55)	38 (58)	38 (58)
<b>Cumulative sum of HR, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
▪ HR-group	0 (0)	13 (19)	41 (59)	58 (84)	69 (100)

<b>Cumulative sum of KR, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (1)	8 (2)	9 (2)
▪ HR-group	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)
<b>K/L grade <math>\geq 2</math> either hip, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	73 (14)	92 (20)	134 (30)	174 (39)	252 (59)
▪ HR-group	37 (54)	374 (66)	17 (61)	8 (73)	-
<b>K/L grade <math>\geq 2</math> either knee, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	64 (13)	103 (21)	166 (37)	221 (51)	293 (69)
▪ HR-group	12 (17)	16 (24)	30 (44)	33 (51)	42 (65)
<b>Clinical OA* either hip, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	125 (24)	171 (33)	205 (40)	226 (43)	243 (47)
▪ HR-group	34 (49)	43 (62)	51 (74)	54 (78)	54 (78)
<b>Clinical OA* either knee, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	194 (38)	253 (49)	296 (57)	320 (62)	335 (65)
▪ HR-group	12 (17)	24 (35)	26 (38)	28 (41)	30 (44)
<b>Painful internal rotation any hip, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	271 (53)	166 (34)	160 (35)	151 (34)	163 (37)
▪ HR-group	50 (73)	30 (55)	29 (74)	14 (70)	14 (78)
▪ <sup>*</sup> HR-group with LOCF	50 (73)	41 (60)	50 (75)	53 (79)	53 (79)
<b>Painful external rotation any hip, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	131 (33)	69 (13)	101 (22)	77 (18)	80 (19)
▪ HR-group	28 (50)	17 (32)	13 (45)	8 (44)	8 (67)
▪ <sup>*</sup> HR-group with LOCF	28 (50)	27 (42)	36 (56)	37 (58)	37 (58)
<b>Painful flexion any hip, n (%)</b>					
▪ No HR-group	265 (52)	199 (41)	174 (38)	138 (31)	146 (34)
▪ HR-group	48 (71)	28 (51)	17 (55)	17 (65)	12 (75)
▪ <sup>*</sup> HR-group with LOCF	48 (71)	39 (57)	42 (63)	45 (67)	45 (67)

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○ H-group with LOCF for HR	4.8 (±3.2)	4.6 (±3.6)	5.1 (±3.9)	4.6 (±3.8)	4.8 (±3.7)
○ H&K-group with LOCF for HR	5.7 (±3.5)	5.6 (±3.6)	5.6 (±4.0)	5.1 (±3.7)	5.4 (±4.0)
<b>- Stiffness (0-8)</b>	2.8 (±1.7)	2.6 (±1.6)	2.9 (±1.8)	2.5 (±1.8)	2.7 (±1.9)
○ H-group with LOCF for HR	2.5 (±1.6)	2.4 (±1.6)	2.6 (±1.7)	2.4 (±1.8)	2.4 (±1.8)
○ H&K-group with LOCF for HR	2.9 (±1.7)	2.7 (±1.6)	3.0 (±1.8)	2.6 (±1.8)	2.8 (±1.9)
<b>- Physical function (0-68)</b>	17.2 (±12.0)	16.7 (±12.1)	18.6 (±13.5)	17.8 (±13.4)	18.0 (±13.6)
○ H-group with LOCF for HR	14.7 (±11.1)	14.2 (±11.4)	16.6 (±13.1)	15.8 (±12.9)	15.8 (±12.1)
○ H&K-group with LOCF for HR	18.3 (±12.2)	17.7 (±12.3)	19.3 (±13.6)	18.6 (±13.5)	18.8 (±14.0)
<b>NRS past week, mean (sd)</b>	3.7 (±2.1)	3.7 (±2.3)	3.4 (±2.7)	3.1 (±2.6)	3.3 (±2.8)
○ H-group with LOCF for HR	3.4 (±2.2)	3.2 (±2.3)	3.6 (±2.6)	3.1 (±2.7)	3.3 (±2.8)
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<b>Use any pain medication, n (%)</b>	250 (43)	264 (48)	266 (50)	266 (52)	270 (54)
○ H-group with LOCF for HR	63(38)	62 (40)	72 (48)	68 (47)	73 (51)
○ H&K-group with LOCF for HR	187 (46)	202 (52)	194 (51)	198 (54)	197 (55)
<b>Hip pain, n (%)</b>	588 (100)	386 (70)	325 (61)	301 (59)	293 (58)
○ H-group with LOCF for HR	170 (100)	121 (77)	108 (72)	96 (66)	85 (59)
○ H&K-group with LOCF for HR	418 (100)	265 (67)	217 (57)	205 (56)	208 (58)
<b>Knee pain, n (%)</b>	418 (71)	363 (66)	327 (62)	300 (59)	275 (55)
○ H-group with LOCF for HR	0 (0)	57 (36)	54 (36)	53 (36)	50 (35)
○ H&K-group with LOCF for HR	418 (100)	306 (77)	273 (72)	247 (68)	225 (63)
<b>Morning stiffness(hip)&lt;60 min, n (%)</b>	326 (55)	293 (53)	286 (54)	262 (51)	254 (50)
○ H-group with LOCF for HR	101 (59)	90 (57)	87 (58)	78 (53)	75 (52)
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○ H&K-group with LOCF for HR	213 (53)	229 (60)	212 (57)	212 (58)	195 (55)
<b>Painful internal rotation either hip, n (%)</b>	322 (55)	208 (38)	211 (40)	205 (40)	217 (43)
○ H-only with LOCF for HR	101 (60)	68 (43)	67 (45)	67 (46)	73 (51)
○ H&K with LOCF for HR	221 (53)	140 (35)	477 (38)	138 (38)	144 (40)
<b>Painful external rotation either hip, n (%)</b>	160 (35)	96 (19)	138 (26)	115 (23)	118 (24)
○ H-group with LOCF for HR	45 (34)	34 (23)	45 (30)	44 (31)	39 (28)
○ H&K-group with LOCF for HR	115 (28)	62 (17)	93 (25)	71 (20)	79 (22)
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