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CHAPTER 8

Radiographic scoring methods in hand osteoarthritis – a systematic literature search and descriptive review

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ABSTRACT

Objective

This systematic literature review aimed to evaluate the use of conventional radiography in hand osteoarthritis (OA) and to assess the metric properties of the different radiographic scoring methods.

Design

Medical literature databases up to November 2013 were systematically reviewed for studies reporting on radiographic scoring of structural damage in hand OA. The use and metric properties of the scoring methods, including discrimination (reliability, sensitivity to change), feasibility and validity, were evaluated.

Results

Of the 48 included studies, 10 provided data on reliability, 11 on sensitivity to change, four on feasibility and 36 on validity of radiographic scoring methods. Thirteen different scoring methods have been used in studies evaluating radiographic hand OA. The number of examined joints differed extensively and the obtained scores were analyzed in various ways. The reliability of the assessed radiographic scoring methods was good for all evaluated scoring methods, for both cross-sectional and longitudinal radiographic scoring. The responsiveness to change was similar for all evaluated scoring methods. There were no major differences in feasibility between the evaluated scoring methods, although the evidence was limited. There was limited knowledge about the validity of radiographic OA findings compared with clinical nodules and deformities, whereas there was better evidence for an association between radiographic findings and symptoms and hand function.

Conclusions

Several radiographic scoring methods are used in hand OA literature. To enhance comparability across studies in hand OA, consensus has to be reached on a preferred scoring method, the examined joints and the used presentation of data.

INTRODUCTION

Osteoarthritis (OA) is the most common musculoskeletal disorder, frequently affecting the hands.^{1,2} Hand OA is characterized by the formation of bony enlargements and deformities, most frequently occurring in the distal interphalangeal (DIP) joints and first carpometacarpal (CMC1) joints, less often in the proximal interphalangeal (PIP) joints and least prevalent in metacarpophalangeal (MCP) joints.³ Currently, no structure modifying treatments are available. To date, few high-quality clinical trials have been performed in hand OA.^{4,5} A key problem in the lack of high-quality clinical trials in hand OA is the lack of standardization of outcome measures.^{4,6} The Outcome Measures in Rheumatoid Clinical Trials (OMERACT) and Osteoarthritis Research Society International (OARSI) Task Force on Clinical Trials Guidelines defined core domains to describe outcomes in clinical trials. One of these domains for structure modifying trials was imaging.⁷⁻⁹

Conventional radiography is commonly used to assess structural damage in hand OA, as they are widely available and relatively cheap. Radiography allows visualization of osteophytes, joint space narrowing (JSN), subchondral cysts, sclerosis and central erosions. Several standardized scoring methods are available such as the Kellgren-Lawrence (KL),¹⁰ Kessler¹¹ and Kallmann grading scales,¹² the OARSI scoring atlas,¹³ the Verbruggen-Veys anatomical phase score,¹⁴ and the Gent University scoring system (GUSS).¹⁵ These scores differ in the joints that are assessed, the type of scores (composite score or individual feature scores), and the total score ranges.

Most scoring methods have been shown to be reliable instruments for the assessment of structural damage in hand OA as well as its change.¹⁵⁻¹⁷ However, a systematic comparison of the different scoring methods that will help to decide on a recommended method has not been performed.

We performed a systematic review to evaluate the use of conventional radiography in studies on hand OA and to assess the metric properties of the different radiographic scoring methods.¹⁸ To this end we made use of the OMERACT filter,¹⁹ focusing on aspects of discrimination (reliability and sensitivity to change), feasibility and truth (validity) of the radiographic scoring methods available in hand OA.

METHODS

Identification of studies

In cooperation with a medical librarian (JWS), a systemic literature search was performed to obtain all manuscripts reporting on any radiographic scoring methods assessing the nature, severity and progression of structural damage in hand OA. Medical literature databases (PubMed, Embase, Web of Science, COCHRANE and CINAHL) were searched up to November 2013, using all variations of the following key words 'hand', 'osteoarthritis', 'radiography', 'reliability', 'validity', 'sensitive' and 'feasibility' (see Supplementary File for exact search strings).

Inclusion and exclusion criteria

First all retrieved titles were screened, subsequently selected abstracts were reviewed and finally full text articles of the remaining references were read by one reviewer (AWV). A random sample of 150 titles was also reviewed by a second reviewer (MK), resulting in a similar selection of titles. In case of uncertainties in the reviewing process by the single reviewer, these were discussed and solved with MK. The metric properties of the studied radiographic scoring methods were evaluated according to four items: reliability, sensitivity to change, feasibility and validity. Inclusion criteria required for studies to evaluate these items differed per item:

- Reliability was evaluated in studies describing the reliability of two or more scoring methods performed on the same radiographs and by the same reader. Both cross-sectional and longitudinal studies were included.
- Sensitivity to change was evaluated in longitudinal studies of at least one year, in which hand OA was assessed by at least two radiographic scoring methods. Studies with a follow-up duration between one and three years using only one radiographic scoring method were also included.
- Feasibility was evaluated in studies describing the feasibility of one or more scoring methods.
- Validity was evaluated in studies comparing a radiographic scoring method with other measurements of structural damage such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), ultrasound (US), digital photography, histology or nodes at physical examination. In addition, validity was evaluated in studies comparing radiographic findings to clinical signs such as hand function or symptoms. Both cross-sectional and longitudinal studies were included.

Studies that fulfilled the requirements for at least one of these four items were included in this review.

Animal studies, reviews, abstracts, letters to the editor and studies reporting on musculoskeletal diseases other than hand OA or in languages other than English were excluded.

Data extraction

A standardized form was used to extract information about the following data: (1) study population (population size, setting, age, sex), (2) applied radiographic scoring methods, (3) performance of the scoring (number of readers, consensus/independent reading), (4) assessed joints, (5) level of analyses of obtained scores (joint, joint group or patient level) and used definition of outcome (e.g. summed scores (total or per feature), counts of number of affected joints, dichotomized outcome), (6) results concerning: reliability (intra-class correlation coefficient (ICC), kappa-value, percentage of agreement, smallest detectable change (SDC)), sensitivity to change (percentage of change, amount of change, standardized response mean (SRM)), feasibility (time needed to perform scoring), validity (correlations, associations and measures of agreement between radiographic scores and other measures). From a random number of studies data were also extracted by MK and all extracted results were discussed with MK.

Statistical analyses

Due to the heterogeneity of the studies and the difference in outcome measures that were used it was not possible to perform a meta-analysis. Therefore we chose to perform a descriptive review.

RESULTS

Literature flow

After removing duplicate references, 1,873 unique references were identified (Figure 1). After reviewing 133 abstracts and 80 full-text articles, 48 articles were included in this review. Of the included studies, 10 fulfilled the inclusion criteria for evaluation of reliability,^{12,16,17,20-26} 11 for sensitivity to change,^{14,16,17,24-31} four for feasibility,^{11,16,17,22} and 36 for validity of radiographic scoring methods.^{20-24,32-62}

Evaluation of radiographic scoring methods was the primary aim in 10 of the included studies.^{11,12,14,16,17,22,26,27,59,60} The other studies used radiographic scoring to identify prevalence or progression of radiographic OA features (n = 7),^{20,25,28-30,33,34} or to compare obtained scores with other outcome measures (other imaging methods, clinical outcomes, histology) (n = 31).^{21,23,24,31,32,35-38,40-58,61-63}

The characteristics of the evaluated or applied radiographic scoring methods (except for non-validated methods) are depicted in Table 1.

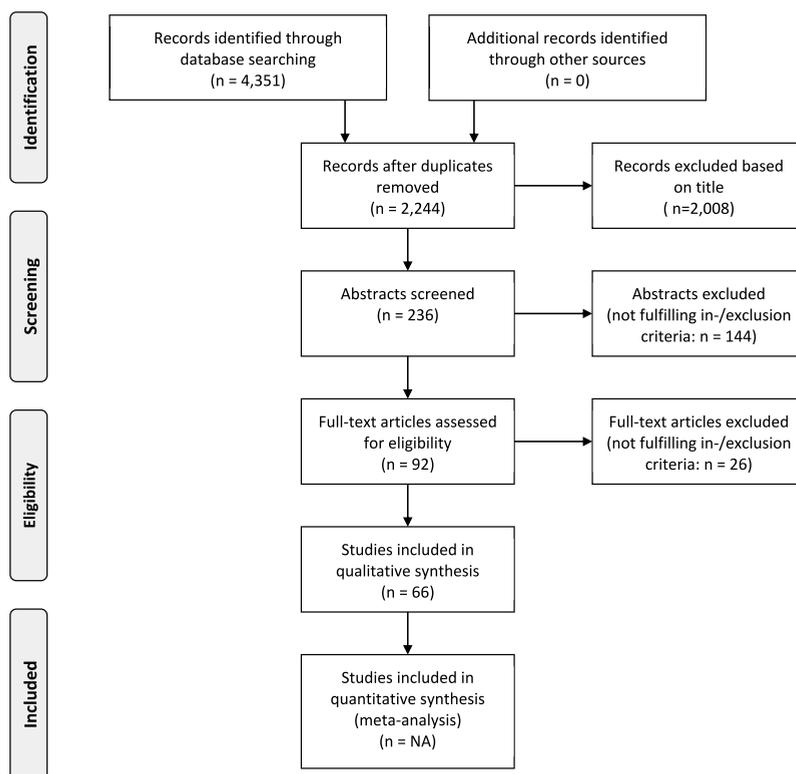


Figure 1. Overview of literature research

Table 1. Radiographic scoring methods for hand osteoarthritis

Scoring method	No. of joints	DIP	PIP	IP1	MCP	CMC1	STT	Scored features	Type of score	Range of total score
Anatomical phases ¹⁴	26	+	+	+	+	-	-	Osteophytes, JSN, erosions, sclerosis	Composite score	0-218.4
Anatomical lesions ¹⁴	24	+	+	-	+	-	-	Osteophytes, JSN, cysts	Composite score	Not specified
Burnett ⁷⁴	18	+	+	-	-	+	-	Osteophytes, JSN, sclerosis	Individual features	0-126
Eaton ⁷⁵	4	-	-	-	-	+	+	Osteophytes, JSN, erosions, cysts, sclerosis, subluxation	Composite score	Not specified
GUSS ¹⁵	18	+	+	+	-	-	-	Osteolytic areas, bone plate resorption, JSN	Composite score	10-300
Kallman ¹²	22	+	+	+	-	+	+	Osteophytes, JSN, cysts, sclerosis, deformity, cortical collapse	Individual features	0-208
Kellgren-Lawrence ¹⁰	30	+	+	+	+	+	-	Osteophytes, JSN, sclerosis, alignment	Composite score	0-120
Kessler ¹¹	18	+	+	-	-	+	-	Osteophytes, JSN, sclerosis	Composite score	0-18
Lane ⁷⁶	22	+	+	+	-	+	+	Osteophytes, JSN, erosions/cysts, sclerosis, deformity	Individual features	0-182
OARSI ¹³	20	+	+	+	-	+	-	Osteophytes, JSN, erosions/cysts, sclerosis, alignment	Individual features	0-198

CMC1, first carpometacarpal joint; DIP, distal interphalangeal joint; GUSS, Gent University scoring system; IP1, first interphalangeal joint; JSN, joint space narrowing; MCP, metacarpophalangeal joint; No., number; OARSI, Osteoarthritis Research Society International; PIP, proximal interphalangeal joint; STT, scaphotrapezotrapezoidal joint.

Study characteristics

The characteristics of the 48 included studies are depicted in Table 2. Most studies included more women than men and most of the studied individuals were aged >50 years. As shown in Table 2, a wide variety of scoring methods (n = 13) was used to assess radiographic (signs of) hand OA. The KL scoring method was used most frequently (n = 24), followed by the OARSI scoring method (n = 18). Other scoring methods were the Kallman (n = 9), individual features following non-validated methods (n = 7), anatomical phases (n = 6), anatomical lesions (n = 2) and automatic JSW measurement (n = 3). The GUSS,

Burnett, Kessler, Lane, Eaton and a non-validated global score were all used in only one study. Although the majority of studies used only one radiographic scoring method, 15 studies used more than one method.

The examined joint groups differed between the studies: DIPs and PIPs were assessed most frequently (in 48 and 46 studies, respectively), followed by the CMC1s (n = 34), MCPs (n = 30), IP1s (n = 23) and the scaphotrapezotrapezoidal (STT) joints (n = 8).

The way the analysis of the radiographic scores were executed was quite different across the studies; (1) the score of one joint (the most severely affected) from a joint group, hand or patient^{33,36,37,43,46,50}, (2) sum score for all joints and features^{14,16,17,20-22,24-26,31,34,38,44,45}, (3) sum scores per feature^{21,22,24,27-29,48}, (4) sum scores per joint group^{16,24,47,49}, (5) mean score per feature^{12,30} or per joint⁶⁰, (6) scores on joint level (composite score or per feature)^{12,20-24,34,35,38,40-44,47,48,51-53,60,61} and (7) presence or absence of radiographic features per joint,^{21,22,54,55,57,58} joint group,^{32,38,39,45} or on patient level^{52,56}.

Table 2. Overview of included studies (n = 48)

First author, year of publication	Source population, no. of patients (% women), mean age (years)	Scoring methods	Joints investigated	Analysis of radiographic scores
Addimanda, 2012 ²⁰	Secondary care (50% erosive OA), 446 (93), 68	KL Kallman	DIP, PIP, CMC1 DIP, PIP, CMC1	Score per joint, summed total Score per joint per feature, summed per joint, summed total
Bagge, 1991 ³³	General population, 217 (66), 82	KL	DIP, PIP, IP, MCP, CMC1	Score per joint group (most affected joint)
Bijsterbosch, 2011 ¹⁶	Familial polyarticular OA (GARP), 90 (78), 60	KL OARSI Anatomical phases	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1 DIP, PIP, IP1, CMC1 DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP	Summed per joint group, summed total Summed per joint group, summed total Summed per joint group, summed total
Botha-Scheepers, 2005 ²⁷	Familial polyarticular OA (GARP), 20 (90), median age 62	OARSI	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1, STT	Summed total per feature
Botha-Scheepers, 2007 ²⁹	Familial polyarticular OA (GARP), 193 (80), 60	OARSI	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1, STT	Summed total per feature
Botha-Scheepers, 2008 ²⁸	Familial polyarticular OA (GARP), 172 (79), 61	OARSI	DIP, PIP, IP1, CMC1	Summed total per feature
Buckland-Wright, 1990 ³⁰	Unclear (radiographic OA patients), 32 (91), 62	Stereoscopic measurement	DIP, PIP, MCP	Mean score total per feature, mean score per joint group per feature

Table 2. Continued

First author, year of publication	Source population, no. of patients (% women), mean age (years)	Scoring methods	Joints investigated	Analysis of radiographic scores
Caspi, 2001 ³⁴	Secondary care (geriatric patients), 253 (68), 79	Modified OARSI	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1	Score per joint, summed total
Ceceli, 2012 ⁶²	Secondary care, 60 (100), 59	Kallman	Not specified	Summed per hand
Cicutini, 1998 ³⁵	General population (twin study), 660 (100), 56	Burnett Kallman	DIP PIP, CMC1	Score per joint Score per joint
Dahaghin, 2004 ⁴³	General population (Rotterdam study), 3906 (58), 67	Modified KL	DIP, PIP, MCP, CMC1, STT	Score per joint, score per joint group, score per patient (most affected joint)
Ding, 2007 ⁴⁴	Finnish dentists/teachers, 543 (100), range 45-63	KL	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP	Score per joint, no. of joints scored ≥ 2 , summed total
Dominick, 2005 ⁴⁵	Familial OA (GOGO study), 700 (80), 69	KL	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1, STT	Present/absent of score ≥ 2 per joint group, summed total
Drape, 1996 ³²	Secondary care (mucoïd cyst), 23 (61), 63	Osteophytes, JSN (NVM)	DIP	Present/absent per joint group per feature
El-Sherif, 2008 ⁴⁶	Secondary care, 40 (100), 57	KL	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1	Score per patient (most affected joint)
Grainger, 2007 ⁵⁴	Secondary care, 15 (93), 59	Erosions (NVM)	DIP, PIP	Present/absent per joint
Hart, 1991 ³⁶	Primary/secondary care (non-joint related problems), 541 (100), 54	KL	DIP, PIP, CMC1	Score per joint group (most affected joint)
Hart, 1994 ³⁷	Primary care, 976 (100), age range 45-65	KL	DIP, PIP, CMC1	Score per joint group (most affected joint)
Haugen, 2012 ²¹	Secondary care (Oslo hand OA cohort), 106 (92), 69	KL OARSI Marginal erosions (NVM)	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1 DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1 DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1	Score per joint, summed total Score per joint per feature, summed total per feature Present/absent per joint
Haugen, 2013 ²⁴	Secondary care (Oslo hand OA cohort), 190 (91), 62 (longitudinal analysis: 99 (92), 61)	KL OARSI	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1 DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1	Score per joint, summed per joint group, summed total Score per joint per feature, summed total per feature

Table 2. Continued

First author, year of publication	Source population, no. of patients (% women), mean age (years)	Scoring methods	Joints investigated	Analysis of radiographic scores
Huetink, 2012 ⁵⁹	22 phantom joints, 22 human cadaver joints	Automatic JSN quantification	DIP, PIP, MCP	Millimeter per joint
Iagnocco, 2005 ⁵⁶	Secondary care (inflammatory OA), 110 (100), 67	Classical/erosive OA (NVM)	DIP, PIP	Present/absent per patient
Jones, 2001 ⁴⁷	Secondary care, 522 (67), 56	OARSI	DIP, CMC1	Score per joint per feature, summed per joint group
Jonsson, 2012 ³⁸	General population (AGES-Reykjavik study), 381 (58), 76	KL	DIP, PIP, CMC1	Score per joint, present/absent of score ≥ 2 per joint group, summed total
Kallman, 1989 ¹²	General population (BLSA), 50 (0), 68	KL Kallman	DIP, PIP, IP1, CMC1 DIP, PIP, IP1, CMC1, STT	Score per joint, score per joint group, mean score total Score per joint per feature, score per joint group per feature, mean score total per feature
Keen, 2008 ⁵⁷	Secondary care, 37 (84), 57	OARSI	DIP, PIP, MCP, CMC1	Present/absent per joint per feature
Kessler, 2000 ¹¹	Advanced hip/knee OA patients (Ulm OA study) 50, range 51-79	Kessler Kallman Lane	DIP, PIP, CMC1 DIP, PIP, CMC1 DIP, PIP, CMC1	No. of affected joints per joint group Not specified Not specified
Kortekaas, 2011 ⁴⁸	Secondary care, 55 (47), 61	OARSI	DIP, PIP, IP1, CMC1	Score per joint per feature, summed total per feature
Kwok, 2011 ²²	Familial polyarticular OA (GARP), 235 (83), 65, and 471 controls	OARSI Anatomical phases Semi-automated measured JSW	DIP, PIP, MCP DIP, PIP DIP, PIP, MCP	Score per joint per feature, summed total per feature Present/absent per joint Score per joint, summed total
Lee, 2012 ⁴⁹	General population (KLoSHA), 378 (48), 75	KL	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1	Summed per finger

Table 2. Continued

First author, year of publication	Source population, no. of patients (% women), mean age (years)	Scoring methods	Joints investigated	Analysis of radiographic scores
Maheu, 2007 ¹⁷	Secondary care, 105 (93), 61	KL Kallman Global score Anatomical phases	DIP, PIP, MCP, CMC1 DIP, PIP, MCP, CMC1, STT DIP, PIP, MCP, CMC1, STT DIP, PIP, MCP	Summed total Summed total Summed total Summed total
Mancarella, 2010 ²³	Secondary care, 35 (94), 66	KL Kallman	DIP, PIP, MCP DIP, PIP, MCP	Score per joint Score per joint
Marshall, 2009 ³⁹	Primary care (hand pain), 592 (62), 64	KL	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1, STT	Present/absent of score ≥ 2 per joint group
Mathiessen, 2012 ⁴⁰	Secondary care (Oslo hand OA cohort), 127 (91), 69	OARSI	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP	Score per joint per feature
Olejárová, 2000 ³¹	Secondary care, erosive OA: 28 (93), 68; non-erosive OA: 24 (83), 65	Kallman	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1	Summed total
Ozkan, 2007 ⁵⁰	Secondary care, 100 (87), 69	KL	DIP, PIP, MCP, CMC1	Score per patient (most affected joint)
Rees, 2012 ⁴¹	Secondary care (GOAL study participants with ≥ 1 node), 1939 (54), 68	KL OARSI	DIP, PIP, IP1, CMC1 DIP, PIP, IP1, CMC1	Score per joint Score per joint per feature
Saltzherr, 2013 ⁶¹	Secondary care, 30 (70), median age 57	Eaton	CMC1, STT	Score per joint, score per joint per feature
Sonne-Holm, 2006 ⁵¹	General population (Copenhagen city hearth study), 3355 (61), age > 20	Modified KL	CMC1	Score per joint, score per joint per feature
Stern, 2004 ⁴²	Primary and secondary care (I-NODAL study), 71 (80), 67	KL	DIP, PIP, IP1, CMC1	Score per joint
Sunk, 2012 ⁵³	Post mortem IP joints, 40 (44), median age 66	KL OARSI	DIP, PIP DIP, PIP	Score per joint Score per joint per feature
Verbruggen, 1996 ¹⁴	Unclear (radiographic OA), 46 (96), 57	Anatomical phases Anatomical lesions	DIP, PIP, MCP DIP, PIP, MCP	Summed total Summed total
Verbruggen, 2002 ²⁶	Unclear (radiographic OA, 2 RCT's), 222 (92), 56	Anatomical phases Anatomical lesions	DIP, PIP, MCP DIP, PIP, MCP	Summed total Summed total

Table 2. Continued

First author, year of publication	Source population, no. of patients (% women), mean age (years)	Scoring methods	Joints investigated	Analysis of radiographic scores
Verbruggen, 2012 ²⁵	Secondary care (RCT), 60 (85), 61	Anatomical phases GUSS	DIP, PIP DIP, PIP	No. of joints in each phase per patient Summed total
Van 't Klooster, 2008 ⁶⁰	Familial polyarticular OA (GARP), 40 (33), 60	OARSI Automatic JSW quantification	DIP, PIP, MCP DIP, PIP, MCP	Score per joint Mean score per joint
Vlychou, 2009 ⁵⁸	Secondary care (OA patients), 22 (91), 63	Osteophytes, erosion (NVM)	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1	Present/absent per joint per feature
Wittoek, 2011 ⁵⁵	Secondary care, erosive OA: 9 (67), median 61; non-erosive OA: 5 (100), median 63	Osteophytes, erosions (NVM)	DIP, PIP	Present/absent per joint per feature
Zhang, 2002 ⁵²	General population (Framingham hand OA study), 1032(64), age ≥71	Modified KL	DIP, PIP, IP1, MCP, CMC1	Score per joint, present/absent of score ≥2 per patient

AGES, Age, Gene/Environment Susceptibility; BLSA, Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging; CMC1, first carpometacarpal joint; DIP, distal interphalangeal joint; GARP, Genenetics osteoArthritis and Progression; GOAL, Genetics of Osteoarthritis and Lifestyle; GOGO, Genetics of Generalized Osteoarthritis; I-NODAL, Investigation of Nodal Osteoarthritis to Detect an Association with Loci encoding IL-1; IP1, first interphalangeal joint; JSN, joint space narrowing; JSW, joint space width; KL, Kellgren-Lawrence; KLoSHA, Korean Longitudinal Study on Health and Aging; MCP, metacarpophalangeal joint; no., number; NVM, non-validated method; OA, osteoarthritis; OARSI, Osteoarthritis Research Society International; PIP, proximal interphalangeal joint; RCT, randomized controlled trial; STT, scaphotrapezotrapezoidal joint.

Discrimination

Reliability

Ten included articles provided data on the reliability of at least two radiographic scoring methods, shown in Table 3. The KL scoring method was assessed in seven of these studies.^{12,16,17,20,21,23,24} Other assessed scoring methods were the Kallman (n = 4),^{12,17,20,23} OARSI (n = 4),^{16,21,22,24} anatomical phases (n = 4),^{16,17,25,26} anatomical lesions (n = 1),²⁶ GUSS (n = 1),²⁵ global score (n = 1),¹⁷ and the semi-automated joint space width (JSW) measurement (n = 1).²²

Eight studies provided cross-sectional data.^{12,16,17,20-24} The ICCs as well as kappa values were shown to be reliable for all assessed total scores, and no differences between the scoring methods were observed. The ICCs and kappa values for the individual radiographic features depended on the scored feature; the lowest reliability was reported for the scoring of cysts and the highest for the scoring of erosions and osteophytes.^{12,20,21}

In five of the studies readers performed the scoring independently of another reader, providing results on the interreader reliability.^{12,16,17,21,24} The interreader ICCs and kappa values were somewhat lower than the intrareader values, especially for the Kallman method and for sclerosis as scored using the OARSI atlas.^{12,17,24} Whether readers were from one or different centers did not seem to influence the reliability of the scoring methods.

Six studies provided data on the reliability of change of at least two radiographic scoring methods.^{12,16,17,24-26} The reliability of change of KL, OARSI, Kallman, global, anatomical phases and GUSS scores was reported to be good for all methods.^{12,16,17,24-26} Bijsterbosch et al. compared the SDC of three scoring methods on patient level, showing a small difference in favor of the KL score, followed by the anatomical phases and OARSI scores. Reported SDCs were a little higher over a six year interval than over a two year interval.¹⁶ Haugen et al. assessed reliability of change in KL and OARSI scores, showing a good reliability for the KL score and most of the OARSI features. ICC and kappa values were somewhat lower for change scores than for baseline KL and OARSI scores. Except for change of sclerosis (OARSI), moderate to good reliability was reported for the scoring of change in KL and OARSI scores.²⁴ Kallman et al. evaluated agreement on progression in KL and Kallman scores on joint group level, showing that agreement was more often present in DIP joints than PIP joints and that agreement was lowest on the progression of cysts.¹²

Sensitivity to change

Table 4 shows the characteristics of the included studies describing data on sensitivity to change of radiographic scoring methods. Nine studies reported data on short-term follow-up (≤ 3 years), most of them on patient level.^{16,17,25-31} Two studies evaluated change of summed KL, Kallman and anatomical phases scores, of which one study also evaluated the global score.^{16,17} Maheu et al. reported SRMs over a 1 year interval of the global, KL, Kallman, anatomical phases and OARSI scores; all below 0.50, indicating that the responsiveness to change was small.¹⁷ Bijsterbosch et al. detected somewhat more progression over a two year interval when scored following the KL or anatomical phases score as compared with the OARSI atlas.¹⁶ The anatomical phases score was evaluated in two other studies,^{25,26} one of these studies (a randomized controlled trial) also assessed change of GUSS. Progression over a one year interval was detected by both scoring methods, although no difference between treatment and placebo group was observed.²⁵

Table 3. Studies providing data on reliability of scoring methods (n = 10)

First author	No. of readers, centers	Intrareader reliability*	Interreader reliability*
<i>Cross-sectional studies</i>			
Addimanda ²⁰	2 (consensus), 1	KL: ICC 0.994 Kallman: ICC 0.987, κ range per feature 0.42-0.81	N/A
Bijsterbosch ¹⁶	3 (independent), 3	KL: ICC range per reader 0.90-0.96 OARSI: ICC range per reader 0.77-0.97 Anatomical phases: ICC range per reader 0.88-0.97	KL: ICC range per 2 readers 0.84-0.91 OARSI: ICC range per 2 readers 0.80-0.95 Anatomical phases: ICC range per 2 readers 0.81-0.95
Haugen ²¹	2 (independent), 2	KL: ICC 0.97, κ 0.86 (one reader) OARSI (including marginal erosions): ICC range per feature 0.70-0.97, κ range per feature 0.75-0.88 (one reader)	KL: ICC 0.96, κ 0.79 OARSI (including marginal erosions): ICC range per feature 0.56-0.95, κ range per feature 0.62-0.81
Haugen ²⁴	2 (independent), 2	KL: ICC 0.97, κ 0.82 (one reader) OARSI: ICC range per feature 0.62-0.96, κ range per feature 0.64-0.81 (one reader)	KL: ICC 0.95, κ 0.70 OARSI: ICC range per feature -0.07-0.94, κ range per feature 0.00-0.77
Kallman ¹²	4 independent, 2	KL mean score: ICC 0.80, range per joint group 0.68-0.87 Kallman mean score: ICC per feature range 0.74-0.84, per feature per joint group range 0.62-0.93	KL mean score: ICC 0.74, range per joint group 0.74-0.81 Kallman mean score: ICC per feature range 0.29-0.71, per feature per joint group range 0.33-0.82
Kwok ²²	2 (consensus), 1	OARSI (JSN): ICC 0.92 Semi-automated JSW: ICC 0.99, mean difference 0.017 mm (SD 0.04), SDD 0.055 mm	N/A
Maheu ¹⁷	2 (independent), 2	KL: ICC range per reader 0.988-0.991 Kallman: ICC range per reader 0.962-0.999 Global: ICC range per reader 0.922-0.961 Anatomical phases: ICC range per reader 0.999-0.999	KL: ICC 0.951 Kallman: ICC 0.706 Global: ICC 0.859 Anatomical phases: ICC 0.996
Mancarella ²³	2, not specified	KL: ICC score per joint 0.99 Kallman: ICC score per joint 0.99	

Table 3. Continued

First author	No. of readers, centers	Intrareader reliability*	Interreader reliability*
<i>Longitudinal studies</i>			
Bijsterbosch ¹⁶	3 (independent), 3 Mean follow-up 2 years Mean follow-up 6 years	KL: SDC range per reader 2.1-7.1 OARSI: SDC range per reader 1.2-10.2 Anatomical phases: SDC range per reader 1.4-7.8 KL: SDC range per reader 3.7-8.1 OARSI: SDC range per reader 3.0-11.1 Anatomical phases: SDC range per reader 3.5-9.9	KL: SDC 2.9 OARSI: SDC 4.1 Anatomical phases: SDC 2.7 KL: SDC 3.8 OARSI: SDC 4.6 Anatomical phases: SDC 4.0
Haugen ²⁴	2 (independent), 2 Mean follow-up 7 years	KL: ICC 0.93, κ 0.83 (one reader) OARSI: ICC range per feature -0.02-0.96, κ range per feature 0.00-0.90 (one reader)	KL: ICC 0.83, κ 0.53 OARSI: ICC range per feature -0.03-0.90, κ range per feature -0.03-0.71
Kallman ¹²	4 (independent), 2 Mean follow-up 23 years	N/A	KL: scattered agreement Deformity/collaps: agreement Cysts: disagreement Osteophytes/JSN/sclerosis: scattered agreement.
Maheu ¹⁷	2 (independent), 2 Mean follow-up 1 year	KL: ICC range per reader 0.990-0.998 Kallman: ICC range per reader 0.986-0.959 Global: ICC range per reader 0.939-0.956 Anatomical phases: ICC range per reader 0.941-0.988	KL: ICC 0.998 Kallman: ICC 0.995 Global: ICC 0.999 Anatomical phases: ICC 0.998
Verbruggen ²⁶	2 (independent), 1 Mean follow-up 3 year	Anatomical phases: agreement for 2 RCTs 84-93%, κ 0.6-0.8 Anatomical lesions: correlation for 2 RCTs r 0.7-0.9, R ² 44-87%	Anatomical phases: agreement for 2 RCTs 81-85%, κ 0.6-0.7 Anatomical lesions: correlation for 2 RCTs r 0.7-0.8, R ² 55-66%
Verbruggen ²⁵	2 (independent), 1 Mean follow-up 1 year	Anatomical phases: 96% agreement, κ 0.95 GUSS: ICC 0.97	Anatomical phases: 94% agreement, κ 0.92 GUSS: ICC 0.86, SDC 18

*Unless stated otherwise ICCs are for summed total scores on patient level, κ 's on joint level.

GUSS, Ghent University Score System; ICC, intraclass correlation coefficient; κ , kappa; KL, Kellgren-Lawrence; OARSI, Osteoarthritis Research Society International; JSN, joint space narrowing; JSW, joint space width; N/A, not applicable; r , correlation coefficient; R², explained variance; RCT, randomized controlled trial; SD, standard deviation; SDC, smallest detectable change; SDD, smallest detectable difference.

Five studies reported follow-up data of only one scoring method.²⁷⁻³¹ Botha-Scheepers et al. reported change of JSN and osteophytes as scored following the OARSI atlas over a two year interval.²⁷⁻²⁹ Scoring of these features tended to be more sensitive to change when scoring radiographs in chronological order as compared with paired reading.²⁷ Buckland-Wright et al. evaluated stereoscopic measurement of individual OA features during a 1.5 year interval, reporting change of most features.⁶⁴ Olejárová et al. evaluated change of hand OA over a two year interval using the Kallman scoring method, reporting no significant difference in total score.³¹

In the three studies investigating long term follow-up data (>3 years), change in KL (n = 2), OARSI (n = 2), anatomical phases (n = 2) and anatomical lesions (n = 1) score was evaluated.^{12,14,16,24} Studies with a longer follow-up duration detected higher occurrence of progression of OA features as well as higher mean radiographic change scores.¹⁶

Table 4. Studies providing data on sensitivity to change of radiographic scoring methods in hand osteoarthritis (n = 11)

First author	Mean follow-up (years)	Definition of progression	Sequence known/ unknown	Results relevant for evaluation of sensitivity to change
<i>Short-term</i>				
Bijsterbosch ¹⁶	2	Change > SDC	Known	Percentage progression (range for 3 readers): - KL: 19-56% - OARSI: 7-38% - Anatomical phases: 13-52%
Botha-Scheepers ²⁷	2	≥1 score	Known/ unknown	Progression of JSN/osteophytes: - chronological reading: 1/15% (SRM 0.38/0.41) - paired reading: 5/15% (SRM 0.00/0.39)
Botha-Scheepers ²⁸	2	≥1 score	Unknown	JSN: 19% progression, mean change 0.3, SRM 0.34 Osteophytes: 22% progression, mean change 0.4, SRM 0.35
Botha-Scheepers ²⁹	2	≥1 score	Unknown	JSN: 24% progression (≥2/≥3/≥4 score: 10/4/3%) Osteophytes: 22% progression (≥2/≥3/≥4 score: 10/4/3%)
Buckland-Wright ³⁰	1.5	Change > variations in precision	Not specified	JSW: 62% narrowing (P < 0.02) Subchondral sclerosis: 60% increase, 34% decrease Osteophytes: increase in size and no. (P < 0.005) Juxta-articular radiolucencies: increase in size (P < 0.002), not in no.
Maheu ¹⁷	1	Change in summed score	Unknown	SRM for 2 readers: - KL: 0.17/0.24 - Kallman: 0.26/0.29 - Global: 0.17/0.27 - Anatomical phases: 0.18/0.27

Table 4. Continued

First author	Mean follow-up (years)	Definition of progression	Sequence known/ unknown	Results relevant for evaluation of sensitivity to change
Olejárová ³¹	2	Change in summed score	Unknown	Erosive OA: change 5.0, P > 0.05 Non-erosive OA: change 4.3, P > 0.05
Verbruggen ²⁶	3	Change in anatomical phases, Change in anatomical lesions	Known	Anatomical lesions showed different progression between trial arms, anatomical phases did not.
Verbruggen ²⁵	1	Change in anatomical N/S/J phase to E phase, Change in summed score	Unknown	No. (%) joints with progression to E phase: - Total group: 24 (2.8%) of 848 N/S/J joints - Placebo treated: 15 (3.6%) of 429 N/S/J joints - Adalimumab treated: 9 (2.1%) of 419 N/S/J joints Mean difference GUSS (baseline palpable swelling yes/no): - Placebo: -5/3 - Adalimumab: 4/1
<i>Long-term</i>				
Bijsterbosch ¹⁶	6	Change > SDC	Known	Percentage progression (range for 3 readers): - KL: 51-80% - OARSI: 33-74% - Anatomical phases: 27-66%
Haugen ²⁴	7.3	Change in score	Known	Progression (percentage of joints): - KL: 29% - OARSI: osteophytes 19%, JSN 13%, erosions 9%, malalignment 4%, cysts 2%, sclerosis 1%
Verbruggen ¹⁴	4.6	Change in anatomical phases, Change in anatomical lesions	Known	Progression of anatomical lesions more frequent in PIP/DIP than MCP. Progression of anatomical phases in 43%. Progression according anatomical phases and anatomical lesions yielded comparable results.

DIP, distal interphalangeal joint; GUSS, Ghent University Score System; JSN, joint space narrowing; JSW, joint space width; KL, Kellgren-Lawrence; MCP, metacarpophalangeal joint; no., number; OARSI, Osteoarthritis Research Society International; PIP, proximal interphalangeal joint; SDC, smallest detectable change; SRM, standardized response mean.

Feasibility

Four studies reported data regarding feasibility of radiographic scoring methods (Table 5).^{11,16,17,22} The KL, anatomical phases and Kallman scoring methods were assessed in two studies.^{16,17} The OARSI, Kessler and Lane scoring methods, as well as a non-validated global score and semi-automated JSW measurement, were all examined in only one study.^{11,16,17,22}

The mean time to perform scoring ranged from 1.5 to 10-15 minutes per hand radiograph. The KL, anatomical phases and Kessler scoring methods seemed to be least time consuming while scoring according Kallman, Lane and the OARSI atlas needed more time to perform.^{11,16,17} However, the time needed to perform the scoring differed per study.^{11,16,17} Bijsterbosch et al. showed that the performance time increased in patients with higher levels of structural abnormalities; one minute increment in performance time was associated with 3.9 points in KL score (95% confidence interval (CI) 1.0 to 6.8), 8.0 (5.3 to 10.7) points in OARSI score, and 21.1 (12.9 to 29.2) points in the anatomical phases scoring method.¹⁶

Table 5. Studies providing data on feasibility of radiographic scoring methods in hand osteoarthritis (n = 4)

First author	No. of radiographs	Mean (SD) time to perform scoring
Bijsterbosch ¹⁶	3	KL: 4.3 (2.5) min OARSI: 9.3 (6.0) min Anatomical phases: 2.8 (1.5) min
Kessler ¹¹	1	Kessler: 5 min per hand Kallman: 10-15 min per hand Lane: 10-15 min per hand
Kwok ²²	1	Semi-automated JSW measurement: 5.1 (2.8) min
Maheu ¹⁷	1	KL: 1.9 (0.6) min Kallman: 3.5 (0.7) min Global score: 1.5 (0.5) min Anatomical phases: 1.6 (0.5) min

KL, Kellgren-Lawrence; OARSI, Osteoarthritis Research Society International; SD, standard deviation; min, minutes.

Validity

The 36 studies providing data regarding validity of radiographic scoring methods are listed in Table 6. Analyses on individual joint level were performed in 18 of these studies, and analyses on joint group or patient level were performed in 13 and 14 studies, respectively. Thirteen studies focused on structural findings at physical examination in comparison to radiographic OA findings.^{20,22,33-42} Four studies presented correlation coefficients and kappa values, reporting that nodes at physical examination were weakly to moderately associated with radiographic hand OA.^{34,35,37,38} The lowest agreement was reported in a study on clinical Heberden nodes and radiographic DIP osteophytes scored following the Burnett scoring method, performed on joint level ($k = 0.36$).³⁵ The highest correlation was reported in a study examining a clinical score consisting of nodes and deformity and the radiographic KL score, analyzed on joint group level (males $r = 0.47$, females $r = 0.66$).³⁸ Two studies reported the association between two radiographic scoring methods and clinical nodes, both analyzed on a joint level.^{20,41} Addimanda et al., examining KL and Kallman scores, reported the erosion and osteophyte features of the Kallman method to be

associated most strongly with nodes (OR 7.4 and 3.2 respectively).²⁰ Rees et al. examined the association between KL and OARSI scores and clinical nodes, reporting ORs only for the KL method (range per joint 2.3-21.2). Regarding the OARSI atlas, JSN was mentioned to be more strongly associated with clinical nodes than osteophytes.⁴¹

Seventeen studies assessed clinical symptoms and hand function in comparison to radiographic scoring methods (KL: n = 14, OARSI: n = 3, Kallman: n = 1, JWS/JSN: n = 1).^{22,24,33,36,37,39,43-52,62} All studies reported significant associations between radiographic OA features and pain and disability, of which four showed a dose-dependent association between KL and OARSI scores and pain.^{24,43,44,48} Of the nine studies assessing grip or pinch strength, only two did not find an association with radiographic OA (1x KL, 1x JSW/JSN, analyzed on patient level).^{22,50}

Only one study assessed longitudinal data, showing incident or progressive KL or OARSI scores to be associated with incident pain on joint level and with change in Australian/Canadian Hand Osteoarthritis Index (AUSCAN) pain/function and grip strength.²⁴

One study examined the association between the KL and OARSI scoring methods and histological findings on joint group level, showing a good correlation ($r \geq 0.7$) as well as a high sensitivity and specificity.⁵³

Four studies assessed individual features of hand OA by both radiography and MRI.^{21,32,54,55}

The agreement between the two methods was lowest for the presence of cysts and highest for central erosions.²¹ Three of the studies showed that MRI detected more osteophytes, cysts and erosions as compared to radiography.^{32,54,55}

One study assessed individual features of CMC1 and STT OA by both radiography and CT, reporting the latter to detect more JSN, osteophytes, subchondral sclerosis, cysts, erosions and subluxation.⁶¹

even studies used both US and radiography to assess hand OA signs.^{23,40,48,55-58} Six of the studies examined individual radiographic features and reported US to detect more osteophytes and erosions than radiography. A study on KL and Kallman scores reported a negative correlation between radiographic JSN and US-detected cartilage thickness on joint level.²³

Three studies examined hand OA using digital photography and radiography.^{38,42,47} Two studies, performed on joint group level, reported a good correlation between OARSI scores and Heberden nodes on digital photography ($r = 0.74$), and a weak to moderate correlation between summed KL scores and summed digital photograph score (comprising enlargement and deformity) on digital photography (males $r = 0.35$, females $r = 0.53$).^{38,47}

Finally, two studies examined quantitative measures of JSW, both on individual joint level.^{59,60} Van 't Klooster et al. showed that automatic JSW quantification was associated with JSN scored according to the OARSI atlas.⁶⁰ Huetink et al. reported that automatic JSW quantification has a high accuracy in measuring the true JSW (assessed by micrometer).⁵⁹

Table 6. Studies providing data on validity of scoring methods (n = 37)

First author	Validation method	Results relevant for evaluation of validity
<i>Clinical: structural findings at physical examination</i>		
Addimanda ²⁰	Heberden/Bouchard nodes (yes/no)	OR (95%CI) for nodes on joint level, adjusted for disease duration, BMI: - KL: 2.20 (2.09, 2.31) - Kallman: 1.17 (1.62, 1.72) - Kallman JSN: 2.57 (2.40, 2.75) - Kallman osteophytes: 3.19 (2.97, 3.42) - Kallman central erosions: 7.4 (6.0, 10.1)
Bagge ³³	Nodes/periarticular enlargement, instability, squaring (yes/no ≥ 1 feature per joint)	Correlated with KL score in all joint groups (correlation coefficient not provided), test for linear trend: $P < 0.01$. Clinical features also present in KL 0 joint groups.
Caspi ³⁴	Nodes, malalignment DIP/PIP (summed)	Correlation with OARSi: - summed total: r 0.4 (P 0.001) - DIP/PIP: range per joint r 0.18-0.52 (P 0.004-0.0001)
Cicuttini ³⁵	Heberden nodes (yes/no)	κ with DIP osteophytes (Burnett): 0.36 (95%CI 0.33, 0.39)
Hart ³⁶	Nodes (yes/no)	Sensitivity for KL ≥ 2 : range per joint group 19-49% Specificity for KL ≥ 2 : range per joint group 87-98%
Hart ³⁷	Nodes IP (graded 0-4), squaring CMC1 (grade 0-1)	Prevalence node ≥ 2 : KL0: 3%, KL1: 19%, KL2: 48%, KL3: 74%, KL4: 82% Prevalence squaring: KL0: 5%, KL1: 11%, KL2: 25%, KL3: 41%, KL4: 70% (correlation coefficient not specified)
Jonsson ³⁸	Nodes, deformity (graded 0-3, summed)	Correlation summed score with summed total KL: males r 0.47, females r 0.66 Prevalence KL ≥ 2 (DIP 67%, PIP 32%, CMC1 20%) higher as compared to clinical grade ≥ 2 (DIP 54%, PIP 19%, CMC1 10%)
Kwok ²²	Nodes (yes/no)	β (95%CI) for nodes on joint level, adjusted for age, sex, BMI, family effect, mean phalanx width: - JSW: -0.37 (-0.40, -0.34) - JSN: 0.48 (0.42, 0.55)
Marshall ³⁹	Nodes, deformity, enlargement (yes/no)	OR (95%CI) of presence of ≥ 1 feature for: - KL ≥ 2 in CMC1: 2.2 (1.5, 3.3) - KL ≥ 2 in any thumb joint: 3.1 (2.1, 4.5)
Mathiesen ⁴⁰	Nodes (yes/no)	Osteophytes (OARSi) in 30% of joints, nodes in 37% of joints
Rees ⁴¹	Nodes (yes/no)	KL ≥ 2 associated with any node on patient level: OR range per joint 2.26-21.23 (adjusted for age, sex, BMI, hand dominance, trauma, occupation, sports). JSN/osteophytes (OARSi) also associated with nodes ($P < 0.001$); ORs of JSN greater than ORs of osteophytes in all joints except for IP1/CMC1.
Stern ⁴²	Nodes (yes/no)	Sensitivity for KL ≥ 2 : range per joint group 42-100% Specificity for KL ≥ 2 : range per joint group 17-94%
<i>Clinical: symptoms, function</i>		
Bagge ³³	Pain/stiffness (interview, yes/no)	Correlated with KL score in all joint groups (correlation coefficient not provided), test for linear trend: $P < 0.01$.

Table 6. Continued

First author	Validation method	Results relevant for evaluation of validity
Ceceli ⁶²	Pain (VAS), disability (DASH questionnaire), dexterity (Purdue pegboard test), grip/pinch strength	Correlation with summed Kallman score right/left hand: - Pain: r 0.17 / 0.18 (P > 0.05) - Disability: r 0.29 / 0.30 (P < 0.05) - Dexterity: r -0.26 / -0.30 (P < 0.05) - Grip strength: r -0.37 / -0.40 (P < 0.05) - Pinch strength: r range per test -0.31 to -0.25 / -0.35 to -0.27 (P < 0.05)
Dahaghin ⁴³	Pain (interview, yes/no)/ disability (HAQ)	OR (95%CI) for KL $\geq 2/\geq 3/4$ on patient level, adjusted for age, sex: - pain: 1.9 (1.5, 2.4) / 1.8 (1.3, 2.5) / 3.6 (2.2, 5.8) - disability: 1.5 (1.1, 2.1) / 1.6 (1.1, 2.5) / 1.6 (0.9, 2.9) Pain associated with KL ≥ 2 in PIP/CMC1/STT, disability with KL ≥ 2 in MCP. Adjusted OR (95%CI) for KL ≥ 2 in all joint groups: pain 2.7 (1.4, 5.2), disability 2.7 (1.3, 6.0).
Ding ⁴⁴	Pain (questionnaire, yes/no per joint, summed)	Correlation with summed total KL: r 0.26 (P 0.0005) Correlation with no. KL ≥ 2 joints: r 0.28 (P 0.0005) PR (95%CI) for pain on joint level, adjusted for age, occupation: - KL 2: 1.70 (1.44, 2.01) - KL ≥ 3 : 5.17 (4.34, 6.16) Adjusted PR (95%CI) for mild / moderate pain on joint level: - KL 2: 1.93 (1.54, 2.41) / 2.21 (1.58, 3.10) - KL ≥ 3 : 4.92 (3.77, 6.43) / 11.73 (8.95, 15.38)
Dominick ⁴⁵	Grip/pinch strength	β (P-value) for grip / pinch strength, adjusted for age, sex, pain, chondro-calcinosis, hand hypermobility: - Summed total KL: -0.67 (<0.001) / -0.16 (<0.001) - KL ≥ 2 PIP: -6.67 (0.003) / -1.17 (0.070) - KL ≥ 2 MCP: -3.32 (0.114) / -1.78 (0.003) - KL ≥ 2 CMC: -9.06 (<0.001) / -1.03 (0.049) - KL ≥ 2 per finger: range -1.81 to -11.08 (p<0.05)
El-Sheriff ⁴⁶	AUSCAN, morning stiffness (minutes), grip strength, Ritchie index	AUSCAN pain/function higher in KL4 than KL2 (P < 0.05) Correlation with KL score: - AUSCAN pain: r 0.459 (p 0.003), function: r 0.394 (P 0.012) - Grip strength right hand: r -0.322 (P 0.043) Other measures not significantly correlated with KL.
Hart ³⁶	Tenderness, pain on movement (physical examination, yes/no)	Comparison tenderness / pain on movement with KL ≥ 2 : - sensitivity: range per joint group 7-26% / 1-22% - specificity: range per joint group 92-99% / 96-99%
Hart ³⁷	Pain, stiffness (interview, yes/no)	Prevalence symptoms in patients with KL <2: 15%, KL2: 49%, KL3-4: 81%; test for linear trend: P < 0.01

Table 6. Continued

First author	Validation method	Results relevant for evaluation of validity
Haugen ²⁴	Tenderness on palpation (yes/no), grip strength, AUSCAN	<p>Cross-sectional OR (95%CI) for tenderness on joint level, adjusted for age, sex: - KL score 1/2/3/4: 1.4 (1.2, 1.7) / 3.0 (2.4, 3.7) / 6.8 (4.5, 10) / 5.3 (3.3, 8.6) - OARSI osteophytes score 1/2/3: 2.8 (2.3, 3.4) / 4.3 (3.0, 6.3) / 4.5 (2.9, 7.0) - OARSI JSN score 1/2/3: 0.9 (0.7, 1.2) / 1.9 (1.4, 2.5) / 2.5 (1.7, 3.7) - OARSI erosions: 3.3 (2.3, 4.9), malalignment: 2.8 (2.0, 3.9), cysts: 2.2 (1.4,3.3), sclerosis: 2.6 (1.1, 6.0) AUSCAN pain associated with summed KL and OARSI osteophytes/ JSN. AUSCAN function associated with summed KL and OARSI osteophytes, JSN, erosions, cysts. Grip strength associated with summed KL and all OARSI features except for sclerosis.</p> <p>Summed KL per joint group only associated with grip strength (CMC1 strongest). Adjusted OR (95%CI) of progressive/incident scores for incident tenderness: - KL score 1/2/3/4: 1.2 (0.7, 2.0) / 1.5 (0.9, 2.4) / 5.7 (3.0, 11) / 11 (4.0, 33) - OARSI osteophytes: 3.0 (2.0, 4.4), JSN: 2.8 (1.7, 4.7), erosions: 8.4 (4.7, 15), malalignment: 3.8 (1.9, 7.4), cysts: 2.2 (0.9, 5.0), sclerosis: 2.4 (0.8, 8.0) Increasing summed KL and OARSI JSN/malalignment associated with increased AUSCAN function. More malalignment associated with less grip strength. Change summed KL per joint group not associated with AUSCAN/ grip strength.</p>
Jones ⁴⁷	AUSCAN, grip strength	<p>Association with summed OARSI per joint group, adjusted for age/ sex/other joints/Heberden nodes: - AUSCAN pain: PIP β 0.17, CMC1 β 0.14 (P < 0.05) - AUSCAN function: PIP β 0.15, CMC1 β 0.19 (P < 0.05) - grip strength: PIP β -0.12, CMC1 β -0.09 (P < 0.05)</p>
Kortekaas ⁴⁸	AUSCAN, pain (VAS), Doyle index of hands	<p>OR (95%CI) for pain on palpation on joint level, adjusted for age, sex, BMI: - osteophytes score 1/2/3: 2.2 (1.7, 2.9) / 3.9 (2.6, 5.9) / 4.8 (2.7, 8.4) - JSN score 1/2/3: 2.0 (1.4, 2.8) / 5.3 (3.1, 9.1) / 6.4 (2.7, 14.8) Summed osteophytes/JSN not associated with AUSCAN pain, VAS, Doyle.</p>
Kwok ²²	AUSCAN, pain on palpation (yes/no), grip strength, mobility	<p>β (95%CI) for JSW / JSN on joint level, adjusted for age, sex, BMI, family effect, mean phalanx width: - self-reported pain: -0.21 (-0.27, -0.16) / 0.39 (0.30, 0.48) - pain on palpation: -0.25 (-0.29, -0.21) / 0.37 (0.29, 0.44) No. joints with self-reported pain/pain on palpation, AUSCAN pain/function and mobility associated with summed JSW/JSN. Grip strength not associated.</p>
Lee ⁴⁹	Grip/pinch strength, disability (DASH questionnaire)	<p>Associations with summed KL, adjusted for age/sex (P < 0.05): - grip strength: thumb β -1.05, 3rd finger β -2.17 - pinch strength: thumb β -0.28, 2nd finger β -0.26 - disability: thumb β 1.53, 2nd finger β 0.63, 3rd finger β 3.97</p>

Table 6. Continued

First author	Validation method	Results relevant for evaluation of validity
Marshall ³⁹	AUSCAN, pain during activity/pain in past month (questionnaire, yes/ no), grip/ pinch strength, grind test, Finkelstein's test	OR (95%CI) for KL ≥ 2 in CMC1 / any thumb joint: - Pain during activity: 2.1 (1.5, 2.9) / 2.2 (1.6, 3.2) - Pain in past month: 1.5 (1.0, 2.1) / 1.4 (1.0, 2.0) - Grind test: 1.8 (1.1, 2.9) / 1.7 (1.0, 2.9), Finkelstein's test not associated.
Ozkan ⁵⁰	Grip/pinch strength, Dreiser's functional index, disability (HAQ)	Disability KL score <2/2/3-4: 2.40 / 2.10 / 6.45 (KL3-4 vs KL<2/2 P < 0.05) Dreiser's index KL score <2/2/3-4: 2.73 / 2.10 / 9.25 (KL3-4 vs KL<2/2 P <0.05) Grip/pinch strength not different between KL scores.
Sonne-Holm ⁵¹	Pain CMC1 (interview, yes/ no)	OR (95%CI) for pain, adjusted for age, sex, BMI: - KL: 1.48 (1.33, 1.65) - Sclerosis / cyst: 1.48 (1.23, 1.77) / 1.23 (1.03, 1.47) JSW and osteophytes not associated.
Zhang ⁵²	Functional limitations (questionnaire), grip strength	Patients with KL ≥ 2 and joint pain/aching/stiffness had more functional limitations and lower grip strength; age adjusted difference (95%CI) men 3.1 kg (1.8, 4.4), women 1.9 kg (1.4, 2.4)
<i>Histological</i>		
Sunk ^{23,69}	Modified Mankin score (range 0-14; >5 = OA)	Correlation with KL score (DIP/PIP): r 0.87/0.79 (P < 0.0001) Correlation with OARSI JSN: r 0.77/0.76, osteophytes: r 0.89/0.69 (P < 0.0001) Sensitivity KL ≥ 2 for Mankin >5 (DIP/PIP): 84.6/54.2%, specificity: 100/100%
Drape ³²	Pedicle cysts DIP (yes/no)	19 pedicle cysts: 16 associated with osteophytes/JSN on CR, 3 no osteophytes/JSN on CR
Grainger ⁵⁴	Erosions (central/marginal, yes/no)	37 MRI erosions: 24% also on CR (44% of central, 5% of marginal erosions) All CR erosions also on MRI
Haugen ²¹	Oslo hand OA score (graded per feature)	Agreement with osteophytes κ 0.41, JSN κ 0.50, central erosions κ 0.75, central/marginal erosions κ 0.43, cysts κ 0.11, malalignment κ 0.50
<i>MRI</i>		
Wittoek ⁵⁵	Erosions, osteophytes (yes/ no)	Prevalence erosions: MRI PIP 29%, DIP 68%, CR PIP 11%, DIP 38%. PIP osteophytes (erosive/non-erosive) hand OA MRI 25/50%, CR 42/40%. DIP osteophytes: MRI and CR >80%.
<i>CT</i>		
Saltzherr ⁶¹	JSN, osteophytes, subchondral sclerosis, cyst, erosion, subluxation (OA defined on no. of features)	Prevalence of individual features and OA higher according to CT than CR
<i>US</i>		
Iagnocco ⁵⁶	Erosions (yes/no)	US erosions in 16 (72.7%) of 22 CR erosive hand OA patients. No US erosions in CR classical hand OA patients (n = 88).
Keen ⁵⁷	JSN, osteophytes (yes/no)	Osteophytes: κ 0.54 (77.8% agreement) JSN: κ 0.436 (74.6% agreement)
Kortekaas ⁴⁸	Osteophytes (yes/no)	US osteophytes 69%, OARSI osteophytes 46%
Mancarella ²³	Cartilage thickness (mm)	Negatively correlated with KL and Kallman score (P < 0.0001)

Table 6. Continued

First author	Validation method	Results relevant for evaluation of validity
Mathiesen ⁴⁰	Osteophytes (yes/no)	OARSI osteophytes in 30% of joints, US osteophytes in 53% of joints. CR and US: 57.3% exact agreement, 88.3% close agreement.
Vlychou ⁵⁸	Central erosions, osteophytes (yes/no)	CR detected less erosions/osteophytes (17/47%) than US (35/55%), $P < 0.05$. Difference most apparent in DIP and PIP.
Wittoek ⁵⁵	Erosions, osteophytes (yes/no)	CR detected less erosions (PIP 11%, DIP 38%) than US (21, 52%) in erosive and non-erosive hand OA. CR detected less PIP osteophytes (41%) than US (54%). CR and US both detected >80% DIP osteophytes.
<i>Digital photography</i>		
Jones ⁴⁷	Heberden nodes (yes/no)	Correlation with OARSI score ≥ 1 in DIP joints: $r 0.74$ ($P < 0.001$)
Jonsson ³⁸	Tissue enlargement/deformity (graded 0-3 per joint, summed)	Prevalence OA higher according to KL ≥ 2 (DIP 67%, PIP 32%, CMC1 20%) as compared to digital photograph ≥ 2 (DIP 33%, PIP 20%, CMC1 3%). Correlation summed score with summed total KL: males $r 0.35$, females $r 0.53$
Stern ⁴²	Hard tissue enlargement (yes/no)	Sensitivity for KL ≥ 2 : range per joint 17-74% Specificity for KL ≥ 2 : range per joint 67-92%
<i>Other measures of JSW</i>		
Huetink ⁵⁹	True JSW by micrometer	Compared to automatic JSN quantification: Mean difference (SD): phantom joints: 0.052 (0.014) mm, cadaver joints: 0.210 (0.115) mm SDD: phantom joints 0.028 mm, cadaver joints: 0.226 mm
Van 't Klooster ⁶⁰	Automatic JSW quantification (mm)	Association with OARSI JSN: $R^2 0.54$, $P < 0.01$

AUSCAN, Australian/Canadian Hand Osteoarthritis Index; β , beta coefficient; BMI, body mass index; CI, confidence interval; CMC1, first carpometacarpal joint; CR, conventional radiography; CT, computed tomography; DASH, Disabilities of the Arm Shoulder and Hand; DIP, distal interphalangeal joint; HAQ, Health Assessment Questionnaire; IP1, first interphalangeal joint; JSN, joint space narrowing; JSW, joint space width; κ , kappa; KL, Kellgren-Lawrence; kg, kilogram; MCP, metacarpophalangeal joint; mm, millimeter; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; no., number; OA, osteoarthritis; OARSI, Osteoarthritis Research Society International; OR, odds ratio; PIP, proximal interphalangeal joint; PR, prevalence ratio; r , correlation coefficient; R^2 , explained variance; STT, scaphotrapezotrapezoidal joint; US, ultrasound; VAS, visual analogue scale.

DISCUSSION

This review aimed at evaluating the radiographic scoring methods used in hand OA research and to assess their metric properties. We noticed that a wide variety of scoring methods has been used in studies evaluating radiographic hand OA. Furthermore, the joints that were examined and the analysis of the obtained scores differed extensively across studies. Evaluation of metric properties of the evaluated scoring methods regarding reliability, sensitivity to change, feasibility and validity did not reveal major differences.

Both intra- and interreader reliability of all evaluated radiographic scoring methods were good for summed scores and global scores, for both cross-sectional and longitudinal radiographic scoring. When grading individual radiographic features, the highest reliability was reported for the scoring of erosions and osteophytes and the lowest for the scoring of cysts.

When evaluating sensitivity to change, only one study evaluated this in different groups of patients (trial arms) using different scoring methods. Although such comparative studies may provide the best insights in sensitivity to change, the included observational follow-up studies showed the ability to detect change in structural damage over time with conventional radiography. Change over time was observed even in short term follow-up studies (<3 years). Reported SRMs were similar for all evaluated scoring methods.

The feasibility of scoring methods has been described in a limited number of studies. The performance time of the scoring differed not only across the evaluated scoring method but also across studies, and was shown to increase with the amount of structural damage. A large number of studies investigated the validity of radiographic OA findings in comparison with clinical findings at physical examination (such as nodes and deformities) and symptoms and function; there was large variation between these studies. This could be due to the various analyses of radiographic and clinical findings, e.g., joint level versus patient level, and individual features versus summed scores. Furthermore, studies were difficult to compare because of the use of different effect measures, such as odds ratios, correlation coefficients, sensitivity and specificity. In general we can say that there was moderate agreement between radiographic features and structural findings at physical examination. The association of radiographic findings with hand function and symptoms was reported to be stronger than the association with findings at physical examination. All evaluated radiographic scores were associated with grip strength and pain, the relation with pain was observed on joint level as well as on patient level, and was shown to be dependent on the radiographic severity. No differences between the evaluated radiographic scoring methods were observed. Only few studies assessed longitudinal associations between radiography and pain or function, requiring further validation.

In comparison with other imaging methods, radiography appeared to detect fewer structural damage than MRI, CT and US, and more structural damage than digital photography. However, the findings on MRI, CT and digital photography require further confirmation because of limited evidence. Agreement between radiography and other imaging methods was assessed most often on joint level and differed per feature.

Although no major differences regarding the metric properties of the evaluated radiographic scoring methods were observed in this review, the examined joints and analysis of the obtained scores were shown to differ extensively across studies. All kinds

of presentation of radiographic outcome measures were used, such as scores per joint, summed scores, presence/absence of radiographic OA features, or the highest scored joint. Summed scores were used most frequently for evaluation of the reliability of radiographic scoring methods and change of structural damage over time, analyzed on patient level. When evaluating the validity of scoring methods, analyses on individual joint level or on joint group level were performed most often.

The various examined joints within hand OA research has been described before in a review by Marshall et al. In addition, they evaluated the use of definitions of hand OA, reporting some agreement in the definition of individual joint OA but a wide variation in defining overall hand OA.⁶⁵ Kerkhof et al. showed that the use of varying definitions of radiographic OA within the same study leads to different results.⁶⁶ Therefore, as stated before by Haugen et al., standardization of the evaluation and definition of radiographic hand OA with respect to scoring methods, examined joints and required number of affected joints could reduce the variation across studies.⁶⁷

Based on this review, it is not possible to decide on what radiographic scoring method should be recommended in hand OA research. Although no major differences regarding metric properties of the scoring methods were observed, the amount of supporting evidence differed for the evaluated methods, which may provide an argument for recommendation of specific scoring methods. Most evidence across all evaluated domains is available for the KL and OARSI scoring methods. Although global scoring methods may be more reliable than the scoring of individual radiographic features, individual features may be more suitable for evaluation of specific study objectives. Therefore, the OARSI scoring method may be recommended for evaluation of individual radiographic features in addition to use of the KL scoring method for global radiographic assessment. The OARSI Task Force recommendations for the design and conduct of clinical trials in hand OA already stated that the use of either aggregate radiographic scores or grading of individual features depends on the aim of study.⁹ However, consensus should be reached on a more specific definition; when should a global or individual feature score be used and what specific scoring method should be recommended. Furthermore, consensus on the evaluated joints, presentation of the radiographic outcome measures and the definition of hand OA will help to enhance the comparability of studies in hand OA.

A limitation of this study is that the methodological quality of the included studies was not assessed, due to the heterogeneity across studies regarding their purpose. The heterogeneity regarding examined joints and analyses of obtained radiographic scores did not enable performance of a meta-analysis. Furthermore, publication bias was not addressed.

Although we aimed to provide a comprehensive overview of available literature, the formulated inclusion and exclusion criteria resulted in a specific selection of studies.

Consequently, some radiographic scoring methods were not included in this review, being the Eaton-Littler classification system and the recently developed interphalangeal OA radiographic simplified (iOARS) score. These methods have not been evaluated for reliability together with another method.^{68,69}

Since sensitivity to change was evaluated in follow-up studies assessing hand OA by at least two radiographic scoring methods in case of long-term follow-up studies (>3 year), a number of studies or abstracts evaluating change in KL and OARSI scores could not be included.^{3,70-72}

In the evaluation of the feasibility of the available radiographic scoring methods in hand OA, we did not focus on the importance of radiographic techniques. Dela Rosa et al. evaluated the reliability of scoring OA of the CMC1s according to the Eaton method when using different X-ray views, showing that a combination of the posterior-anterior, lateral and Bett's view showed a higher reliability than using only one or two views.⁷³ Standardization of radiographic techniques might further enhance comparability of studies in hand OA.

In conclusion, this systematic review provides an overview of the radiographic scoring methods used in the assessment of structural damage in hand OA. We showed that several scoring methods are available, evaluation of their metric properties regarding reliability, sensitivity to change, feasibility and validity did not reveal major differences. The examined joints and analysis of the obtained radiographic scores differed extensively across all studies. To enhance comparability across studies in hand OA, consensus has to be reached on a preferred scoring method, as well as on the examined joints and the used outcome measure.

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