Reply to Letter to the Editor

Peripheral Triangular Fibrocartilage Complex Tears Cause Ulnocarpal Instability: A Biomechanical Pilot Study

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We greatly appreciate the letter from Drs. Unglaub, Leclere, Hahn, and Wolfe regarding our article, Peripheral triangular fibrocartilage complex tears cause ulnocarpal instability: a biomechanical pilot study [1]. Regarding the surgically created lesion of the peripheral triangular fibrocartilage, we transected the insertion of the articular disc from the ulnar styloid with a Number 11 scalpel blade. This

was done using arthroscopic observation from the 6R portal. Transection of the disc was confirmed during the same arthroscopy by inserting a probe at the base of the styloid. Arthroscopic images showing creation of the tear and confirmation of the tear are shown below (Fig. 1). A video showing the latter is available with the online version of CORR®.

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Fig. 1A–D Arthroscopic images show (A–B) creation and (C–D) confirmation of tear of the peripheral triangular fibrocartilage.

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