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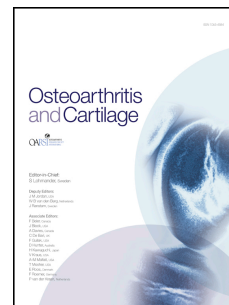
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25 Objectives

26 To examine whether acetabular dysplasia (AD), cam and/or pincer morphology are associated
27 with radiographic hip osteoarthritis (rHOA) and hip pain in UK Biobank (UKB) and, if so,
28 what distribution of osteophytes is observed.

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30 Design

31 Participants from UKB with a left hip dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (DXA) scan had alpha
32 angle (AA), lateral centre-edge angle (LCEA) and joint space narrowing (JSN) derived
33 automatically. Cam and pincer morphology, and AD were defined using AA and LCEA.
34 Osteophytes were measured manually and rHOA grades were calculated from JSN and
35 osteophyte measures. Logistic regression was used to examine the relationships between these
36 hip morphologies and rHOA, osteophytes, JSN, and hip pain.

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38 Results

39 6,807 individuals were selected (mean age: 62.7; 3382/3425 males/females). Cam morphology
40 was more prevalent in males than females (15.4% and 1.8% respectively). In males, cam
41 morphology was associated with rHOA [OR 3.20 (95% CI 2.41-4.25)], JSN [1.53 (1.24-1.88)],
42 and acetabular [1.87 (1.48-2.36)], superior [1.94 (1.45-2.57)] and inferior [4.75 (3.44-6.57)]
43 femoral osteophytes, and hip pain [1.48 (1.05-2.09)]. Broadly similar associations were seen
44 in females, but with weaker statistical evidence. Neither pincer morphology nor AD showed
45 any associations with rHOA or hip pain.

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47 Conclusions

48 Cam morphology was predominantly seen in males in whom it was associated with rHOA and
49 hip pain. In males and females, cam morphology was associated with inferior femoral head

50 osteophytes more strongly than those at the superior femoral head and acetabulum. Further
51 studies are justified to characterise the biomechanical disturbances associated with cam
52 morphology, underlying the observed osteophyte distribution.

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54 Key words: Cam, Pincer, Acetabular Dysplasia, DXA, Osteoarthritis, Epidemiology

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57 Introduction:

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59 Hip osteoarthritis (OA) is a common condition that causes considerable morbidity often leading
60 to costly total hip replacements (THR) (1, 2). Differences in hip morphology have long been
61 postulated as risk factors, including acetabular dysplasia (AD), and cam and pincer
62 morphologies (3). AD is associated with under-coverage of the acetabulum over the femoral
63 head and is considered a consequence of milder forms of developmental dysplasia of the hip
64 (DDH) (4, 5). Severe DDH is strongly associated with hip OA whereas AD shows inconsistent
65 associations (5-7). Cam morphology, which represents bulging of the lateral femoral head
66 leading to an aspherical appearance, and pincer morphology, comprising increased coverage
67 of the acetabulum over the femoral head, both have been suggested to cause OA via femoro-
68 acetabular impingement (FAI). The biomechanical concept of aberrant forces due to
69 impingement of the superolateral femoral head on the lateral acetabulum during hip movement
70 in particular flexion, abduction and internal rotation (8, 9).

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72 An individual's hip morphology develops through gestation, childhood and adolescence well
73 before the onset of OA (3, 10). Genetic loci have been associated with different hip
74 morphologies including DDH indicating a genetic predisposition (11, 12). Observational
75 studies suggest cam morphology forms in adolescence when the metaphysis fuses, with
76 increased physical activity implicated as a risk factor (13, 14). FAI syndrome is recognised as
77 a cause of hip pain in younger individuals, diagnosis of which is supported by relevant
78 examination findings and either cam and/or pincer morphologies in the absence of OA (8, 15).
79 Several studies suggest that surgery to correct the hip morphologies implicated in FAI
80 improves symptoms such as pain (16-18). Conceivably, surgery to correct these hip
81 morphologies and prevent FAI might also prove useful in reducing the risk of developing OA.
82 However, whether FAI is a risk factor for hip OA in the general population remains unclear.

83 Whereas cam morphology is associated with an increased risk of radiographic hip OA (rHOA)
84 and THR (5), pincer morphology does not appear to be a risk factor for hip OA (7, 19). FAI
85 has been proposed to cause hip OA in patients with cam and/or pincer morphologies secondary
86 to impingement (20) but as yet the precise mechanism remains unclear. A systematic review
87 showed labral deformities are associated with cam morphology but the authors concluded
88 causality could not be inferred from the studies (21). No population studies have explored the
89 distribution of osteophytes in individuals with these shape morphologies, which might give
90 some indication as to any underlying biomechanical disturbance.

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92 In the present study, we sought to establish the importance of hip morphology as a risk factor
93 for OA by examining whether AD, cam and/or pincer morphology are related to rHOA and/or
94 hip pain. In particular, we aimed to determine what distributions of osteophytes, if any, are
95 associated with these hip morphologies. We used high resolution dual-energy x-ray
96 absorptiometry (DXA) scans of the hip (previously validated for the use of detecting rHOA
97 (22)), from a sub-sample of UK Biobank (UKB), and applied a novel automated method for
98 ascertaining hip morphology to address these questions.

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100 Materials and Methods:

101 *Population*

102 UKB is a mixed sex cohort, based in the UK, which prospectively recruited 500,000 adults
103 aged 40-69 years old between 2006-2010. The UK Biobank Ethics Advisory Committee
104 oversees the maintenance, development and use of UK Biobank data and its approval covers
105 this study. The participants underwent extensive genetic and physical phenotyping
106 (<http://biobank.ctsu.ox.ac.uk/crystal/>), and consented to their data being used in this study (23).
107 The extended imaging study has conducted hip DXA scans (iDXA GE-Lunar, Madison, WI)
108 on nearly 50,000 individuals to date using a standardised protocol that positioned the patient's
109 hip in 15-25° of internal rotation (24). The sample was weighted to include equal numbers of
110 each sex, the first 20% of individuals selected were taken from those with a self-reported
111 diagnosis of OA at any site, the remaining 80% were selected randomly from those with a hip
112 DXA (25). All demographic information was taken from measurements or questionnaires
113 conducted on the same day as the DXA scans.

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115 *DXA mark up, radiographic measure of osteoarthritis and hip pain*

116 A detailed description of the DXA mark up and derivation of parameters related to rHOA is
117 available (25). In brief, a machine learning algorithm placed 85 outline points around the left
118 femoral head and acetabulum (26, 27). The points were manually checked and corrected where
119 necessary. All osteophytes were marked up using a custom tool (University of Manchester)
120 which allows the user to shade/identify pixels where an osteophyte is visible (Figure 1), at the
121 lateral acetabulum, superolateral femoral head, and inferomedial femoral head. Femoral head
122 osteophytes are referred to as superior and inferior femoral head osteophytes for simplicity.
123 Outline points were moved to the internal boundary of an osteophyte if present (Figure 1).
124 Osteophyte area was used to derive osteophyte grade, based on thresholds identified from

125 receiver operating characteristic curve (ROC) analyses comparing osteophyte area with
126 osteophyte grade assessed semi-quantitatively in a subset of images. Superior minimum joint
127 space width (mJSW) in millimetres (mm) was automatically measured between lines drawn
128 through points 78-84 on the acetabulum and points 22-31 on the femoral head (Figure 1). From
129 mJSW semi-quantitative joint space narrowing (JSN) was calculated by applying ROC-derived
130 thresholds to height adjusted mJSW measures, as these were more accurate (greater area under
131 the curve) than using mJSW alone (25). Repeatability for the presence of osteophytes intra-
132 reader kappa of 0.80-0.91 was obtained with repeat readings of 500 images more than 2 months
133 after initial grading and JSN on 100 images giving a kappa of 0.93. rHOA was defined as the
134 presence of both grade ≥ 1 JSN and a grade ≥ 1 osteophyte at any location (28, 29). In addition,
135 we employed a more stringent threshold, termed rHOA grade ≥ 2 , requiring the presence of a
136 grade ≥ 2 osteophyte and grade ≥ 2 JSN. Subchondral sclerosis and cysts were not examined as
137 part of this study due to their relative infrequency (30). A binary hip pain variable was derived
138 from the following question: “*Have you had hip pains for more than 3 months?*” The question
139 was not side-specific and the cause of hip pain is not identified.

140

141 *Alpha angle*

142 To automatically derive alpha angle (AA), a custom Python script was developed that fits a
143 circle of best fit using the outline points 15-28 around the femoral head (31). The script
144 calculates the angle between a line passing through the centre of the femoral head and neck,
145 and a line passing through the centre of the femoral head and the point at which the femoral
146 head-neck junction leaves the circle of best fit (Figure 1). An in-depth description of these
147 methods including validation experiments has previously been published (32). Cam
148 morphology was defined as $AA \geq 60^\circ$ (33, 34). For repeatability, 100 images were reassessed
149 more than 2 months after initial reading with the same methods. The AA from each assessment

150 was compared giving a concordance correlation coefficient 0.84, and cam morphology
151 comparison gave a kappa 0.81 (97% agreement).

152

153 *Lateral centre-edge angle*

154 To automatically derive the lateral centre-edge angle (LCEA), a custom Python script was
155 developed that calculates the angle between a line passing through the lateral edge of the
156 acetabulum (defined by outline point 78) and the centre of the femoral head (defined by the
157 circle of best fit as described above), and a line which passes perpendicular to the image x-axis
158 through the centre of the femoral head (Figure 1) (19). Pincer morphology was defined as a
159 LCEA of $\geq 45^\circ$ and AD as a LCEA $< 25^\circ$ (7, 19). 100 images were reassessed for repeatability
160 more than 2 months after initial reading. The LCEA from each assessment was compared
161 giving a concordance correlation coefficient 0.98, pincer morphology comparison gave a kappa
162 0.94 (99% agreement), and acetabular dysplasia gave a kappa 1 (100% agreement).

163

164 *Patient and Public Involvement*

165 A patient and public involvement group made up of OA patients (University of Bristol),
166 reviewed the plans for this analysis at an early stage (35). They supported the overall research
167 aim and they emphasised the importance to focus on hip pain. The results of this work will be
168 shared with the same group as well as the wider public and patient communities via social
169 media and our university press teams.

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171 *Statistical analysis*

172 The demographic data are given as mean and range for continuous variables and binary
173 variables are given as counts and frequency. Due to the clear differences in cam prevalence
174 between the sexes, sex stratified analyses were conducted alongside combined sex models. We

175 examined associations between hip morphologies and the presence of rHOA and its constituent
176 features (osteophytes and JSN), using logistic regression. The results are presented as odds
177 ratios (OR) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), comparing those having each morphology with
178 the remainder. A sensitivity analysis was done comparing pincer morphology and AD with all
179 rHOA based outcomes using logistic regression with a reference group including those with a
180 LCEA $\geq 25^\circ$ & $< 45^\circ$ as both ends of the LCEA spectrum have been associated with rHOA
181 (Supplementary Results). Logistic regression was also used to examine relationships between
182 morphology and hip pain. Directed acyclic graphs informed the *a priori* selection of covariates
183 for the adjusted model, namely age, height, weight and ethnicity, with sex also added to the
184 adjusted combined sex models. Sensitivity analyses were performed with rHOA grade ≥ 2 as
185 the outcome. All statistical analyses used Stata version 15 (StataCorp, College Station, TX,
186 USA).

187 Results

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189 *Population characteristics*

190 7,000 UKB participants with a left hip DXA were initially selected, 193 were excluded (due to
191 poor image quality or removal of consent) leaving 6,807 individuals (mean age: 62.7 years) in
192 the final analysis. The sample comprised 3425 [50.3%] females and 3382 [49.7%] males. 1489
193 [21.9%] participants, 581 [17.2%] males and 908 [26.5%] females, had a self-reported
194 diagnosis of OA (no joint locations were specified in the question) and 594 [8.7%] participants,
195 219 [6.5%] males and 375 [11.0%] females, reported hip pain for more than 3 months.

196

197 *DXA-derived hip shape characteristics*

198 AA was greater in males [mean: 51.6° (range: 35.8-106.2)] than females [44.2° (33.2-115.0)]
199 and cam morphology, defined as AA $\geq 60^\circ$, was more frequently found in males [519 (15.4%)]
200 than females [63 (1.8%)] (Table 1). LCEA was similar in males [35.5° (7.9-61.8)] and females
201 [35.2° (8.4-59.7)] with pincer morphology, defined as LCEA $\geq 45^\circ$, showing a similar
202 prevalence in males [300 (8.9%)] and females [278 (8.1%)]. AD, defined as LCEA $< 25^\circ$, was
203 slightly more common in females [238 (7.0%)] compared with males [188 (5.6%)].

204

205 *rHOA and its constituent features*

206 Prevalent rHOA, defined as the presence of a grade ≥ 1 osteophyte combined with grade ≥ 1
207 JSN, was more frequent in males [245 (7.2%)] than females [108 (3.2%)] (Table 1). JSN was
208 more common in males [817 (24.2%)] than females [543 (15.9%)]. Osteophytes at one or more
209 locations were more frequent in males [709 (21%)] than females [448 (13.1%)], as were
210 osteophytes at single locations [acetabular: male 14.3% vs female 10.1%; superior femoral:
211 male 8.6% vs female 4.2%; inferior femoral: male 5.0% vs female 1.5%].

212

213 *Cam vs rHOA and its constituent features*

214 Cam morphology was associated with an increased risk of rHOA in males [OR: 3.24 (95% CI
215 2.44-4.30; Table 2)], females [2.73 (1.07-6.94; Table 3)], and males and females combined
216 [4.08 (3.15-5.27; Supplementary Table 1)]. Similar associations were seen after adjustment for
217 demographic covariates, namely age, height, weight and ethnicity, with sex added to the
218 combined sex model. In addition, cam morphology was associated with JSN in unadjusted and
219 adjusted analyses in males [1.53 (1.25-1.88) & 1.53 (1.24-1.88) respectively (Table 2)],
220 females [1.83 (1.03-3.25) & 1.75 (0.97-3.14) respectively (Table 3)], and males and females
221 combined [1.88 (1.56-2.27) & 1.56 (1.28-1.89) respectively (Supplementary Table 1)].

222

223 In males, cam morphology was strongly associated with osteophytes at all locations in both
224 unadjusted [acetabular osteophyte: 1.89 (1.50-2.39); superior osteophyte: 1.94 (1.46-2.58);
225 inferior osteophyte 4.77 (3.46-6.57)] and adjusted analyses [acetabular osteophyte: 1.87 (1.48-
226 2.36); superior osteophyte: 1.94 (1.45-2.57); inferior osteophyte 4.75 (3.44-6.57)] (Figure 2 &
227 Table 2). In females, cam morphology was only associated with inferior femoral osteophytes,
228 with equivalent results in unadjusted and adjusted analyses [10.97 (4.93-24.39) & 10.07 (4.49-
229 22.62) respectively] (Figure 2 & Table 3). In sex-combined analyses, cam morphology was
230 associated with osteophytes at all locations (Figure 2 & Supplementary Table 1).

231

232 In sensitivity analyses based on rHOA grade ≥ 2 , associations equivalent to those above were
233 seen in males (Supplementary Table 2) and females (Supplementary Table 3), with the
234 exception that these showed little evidence of an association between cam morphology and
235 grade ≥ 2 inferior femoral osteophytes in females.

236

237 *Pincer and AD vs rHOA and its constituent features*

238 There was little evidence of association between pincer morphology and rHOA, in males,
239 females, or males and females combined (Tables 2&3, Supplementary Table 1). In contrast,
240 pincer morphology showed strong associations with JSN in males [4.03 (3.16-5.130)], females
241 [4.03 (3.10-5.24)], and males and females combined [4.00 (3.36-4.77)], with equivalent
242 findings after adjustment. Pincer morphology was unrelated to the presence of osteophytes.
243 AD was unrelated to rHOA or osteophytes in males, females, or males and females combined
244 (Tables 2&3, Supplementary Table 1). In contrast, AD was negatively associated with JSN in
245 males [0.28 (0.17-0.47)], females [0.31 (0.18-0.54)], and males and females combined [0.29
246 (0.20-0.42)], with equivalent findings after adjustment (Tables 2&3, Supplementary Table 1).
247 A sensitivity analysis was conducted for pincer morphology and AD, comparing their
248 associations with rHOA based outcomes with those of a reference group which included those
249 without AD and pincer morphology, yielding similar results (Supplementary Table 4).

250

251 *Morphological measures vs hip pain*

252 Cam morphology was associated with hip pain in males, in both unadjusted and adjusted
253 analyses [1.51 (1.08-2.12) and 1.48 (1.05-2.09) respectively] (Table 4). In further analyses, this
254 association was partially attenuated by additional adjustment for the presence of osteophytes
255 [adjusted OR for the presence of acetabular 1.43 (1.01-2.01), superior 1.42 (1.01-2.00), inferior
256 1.30 (0.91-1.85) osteophytes and all osteophytes combined 1.27 (0.89-1.81)]. In contrast, cam
257 morphology was unrelated to hip pain in females, or males and females combined apart from
258 in the adjusted model (Supplementary Table 5). There was no evidence of association between
259 pincer or AD and hip pain, in males, females, or males and females combined (Table 4 and
260 Supplementary Table 4&5).

261

262 Discussion

263 In a large cross-sectional study of 6,807 individuals, we found that cam morphology was
264 associated with an increased risk of prevalent hip OA, as reflected by rHOA and self-reported
265 hip pain. In contrast, neither pincer morphology nor AD were related to either rHOA or hip
266 pain, although they were associated with a greater and lower risk of JSN respectively. To
267 further understand the relationship between cam morphology and hip OA, we explored the
268 relationship between cam morphology and osteophyte distribution. Cam morphology was
269 associated most strongly with inferior femoral head osteophytes, rather than those at the
270 superior-lateral femoral head and acetabulum. In addition, the association between cam
271 morphology and hip pain was partially attenuated by adjusting for the presence of inferior
272 femoral osteophytes. This suggests that a mechanism involving the inferior femoral head
273 contributes to the relationship between cam morphology and hip pain.

274

275 This is the first study to use DXA scans to define FAI-related morphologies with AA and
276 LCEA. Comparison between DXA-derived AA [males: mean 51.6° (range 35.8-106.2);
277 females: 44.2° (33.2-115.0)] and LCEA [males: 35.5°, (7.9-61.8); females: 35.2° (8.4-59.7)]
278 from our study with comparative studies which used x-rays to derive AA [males: 52.6° (30-
279 108); females: 45°, 26-92)] and LCEA [males: 34.4° (8-62); females: 35.3° (6-67)] show
280 similar population level statistics (7, 36). Our findings are also consistent with results from
281 previous population studies showing that cam morphology is associated with rHOA (5, 6).
282 However, in contrast to the presented results, previous large population studies found no
283 relationship between cam and hip pain (7). In our study, cam morphology was predominantly
284 a male characteristic, and although cam was associated with hip pain in males, a similar
285 relationship was not seen in females, possibly due to a lack of power. These findings are
286 consistent with previous work suggesting that cam is much less likely to occur in females and

287 therefore cannot explain the majority of female hip OA or hip pain (34). It may be that different
288 thresholds for cam morphology based on AA are required in males and females, to account for
289 sex differences in hip shape but further research is needed (10, 36).

290

291 Further, our findings are consistent with previous studies which found that pincer morphology
292 is not associated with rHOA or hip pain (5, 19), and provide further evidence against an
293 important role of pincer-type FAI in the development of hip OA. Though pincer morphology
294 was unrelated to rHOA or osteophytes, it was associated with an increased risk of JSN. This
295 could be a true relationship, but we are cautious of this conclusion as analysis of the site of
296 maximal JSN showed this tended to be more lateral. This might represent an artefact related to
297 2-dimensional imaging creating the appearance of a narrowed joint space in the presence of
298 acetabular over coverage which could represent a limitation when examining this outcome
299 against an acetabulum-based hip morphology.

300

301 The lack of association between AD and hip OA in our study is in keeping with a previous
302 study by Gosvig et al. (7), but contrary to other previous studies (5, 6), in particular a systematic
303 review which reported that longitudinal studies found acetabular under coverage associated
304 with OA progression (37). This maybe because acetabular coverage can mimic osteophytes
305 and vice versa, despite high resolution images being inspected individually it can still be
306 difficult to discriminate the two features thus potentially preventing cross-sectional studies
307 from detecting associations between AD and rHOA. Direct comparisons between studies are
308 difficult because of the different LCEA cut-offs used to define AD, along with differences in
309 the imaging modalities used and outcomes employed. For example, Saberi Hosnijeh et al. used
310 a more stringent threshold of LCEA ($<20^\circ$) (compared to $<25^\circ$ in the present study) and

311 reported associations between AD and total hip replacement (THR) as opposed to rHOA or hip
312 pain.

313

314 Whilst any mechanistic links cannot be reliably determined in the context of this cross-
315 sectional analysis, it is possible that the relationship between cam morphology and rHOA is
316 causal, such that pre-existing cam morphology causes aberrant biomechanical forces which in
317 turn lead to osteophyte formation. Since the strongest associations were observed between cam
318 morphology and inferior femoral osteophytes, as opposed to superior femoral and acetabular
319 osteophytes, this suggest aberrant biomechanical forces are present throughout the joint. Our
320 study did not show a predisposition for osteophytes at the site of impingement, i.e. acetabular
321 or superior femoral head osteophytes. This aligns with a previous study that found cam-type
322 hip shape modes obtained from statistical shape modelling derived from DXA scans were
323 associated with osteophytes both superiorly and inferiorly on the acetabulum and femoral head
324 measured on x-rays taken 5 years later (38). Other authors have suggested inferior femoral
325 head osteophytes to be a marker of hip instability but further work is needed to understand how
326 cam morphology might contribute to this (39).

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328 The association between cam morphology and hip pain which we observed may partly be
329 mediated by osteophyte formation, particularly inferior osteophytes, adjustment for which led
330 to partial attenuation of this relationship. Although not a formal mediation analysis this
331 indicates that osteophyte formation may mediate the relationship between cam morphology
332 and hip pain. This is consistent with findings from our recent study based on the same DXA
333 images, where we found osteophytes at different locations to be independently associated with
334 hip pain (25). This view is also in agreement with several other emerging lines of evidence that
335 osteophytes are an important source of pain in hip OA (40-42).

336

337 This represents the largest population study to date of relationships between hip morphology
338 and hip OA, which was made feasible by the development of automated means of deriving AA
339 and LCEA on hip DXA scans. However, although well suited for derivation of hip morphology
340 (38) and rHOA (22), use of DXA scans has some inherent limitations. For example, when
341 deriving LCEA, since only one hip is visualised per scan, it was not possible to adjust for pelvic
342 tilt as performed when deriving equivalent measures from radiographs (19). Another limitation
343 arises from examining only left hips when the hip pain measure used in our study was not side
344 specific. The latter reduces precision, although this would likely bias our results towards the
345 null rather than inducing false associations. Another limitation is the cross-sectional nature of
346 our study. For example, it is possible that spurious associations may be introduced between hip
347 morphology and rHOA, if measures such as AA and LCEA incorporate osteophytes because it
348 is difficult to identify the true contour of the bone and as already mentioned we cannot
349 comment on causality of any observations seen. Unfortunately, our study does not include
350 measures of subchondral sclerosis or cysts which are well recognised constituents of rHOA
351 again decreasing the precision of our measurement of rHOA. Additionally, DXA scans are
352 done supine rather than weight bearing which could theoretically increase mJSW. However, a
353 comparison between JSW on weight bearing and non-weight bearing hip x-rays found only a
354 minimal change in JSW (0.1mm mean difference) in those who already had JSN (43) and
355 OARSI clinical trial guidance suggests supine hip x-rays are acceptable for assessing rHOA
356 (44). Finally, our study is based on 2-dimensional imaging which limits our ability to detect
357 differences in hip morphology in planes better visualised on 3-dimensional imaging (45). Of
358 note is that a recent study comparing x-rays with CT scans showed similar sensitivity and
359 specificity between the two modalities when defining cam and pincer morphology (46).

360

361 In conclusion, using novel methods developed and applied to high resolution DXA images
362 from a large cross-sectional study, we found that cam morphology is associated with hip OA,
363 as reflected by rHOA and self-reported hip pain. These associations were strongest in men, in
364 whom cam morphology was much more common than in women. We found associations
365 between cam morphology and osteophytes to be located throughout the joint with the strongest
366 relationship with those at the inferior femoral head. Further work is needed to understand the
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529 Figure Legends:

530 Figure 1. Top left image: Sample DXA scan from UKB showing rHOA. Top right image:
531 Outline points are shown around the femoral head and acetabulum on the same DXA scan.
532 Points 22, 31, 78 & 84 are labelled and blue, they mark the point boundaries between which
533 mJSW is calculated. Bottom left image: Outline points are shown along with osteophyte mark-
534 ups where green denotes acetabular osteophytes and red superior femoral osteophytes. Bottom
535 right image: Circle of best fit is shown in orange with purple lines depicting how LCEA is
536 calculated and yellow lines depicting how AA is calculated.

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538 Figure 2. Logistic regression results are shown for the associations between cam morphology
539 and osteophyte presence at three locations: acetabular, superior femoral, and inferior femoral
540 head. Odds ratios are plotted with 95% confidence intervals either side. Results are presented
541 as different models, diamonds represent the male only model (n=3382), circles represent the
542 female only model (n=3425) and squares represent the combined sex model (n=6807).
543 Unadjusted results are shown by hollow shapes and results adjusted for age, height, weight
544 and ethnicity are shown by filled shapes. The adjusted combined sex model also has sex as an
545 additional covariate. Y-axis is natural log based.

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547 Table 1 Descriptive statistics for the UK Biobank sample used in this study.

	Males	Females	Combined
Demographics	Mean [Range]	Mean [Range]	Mean [Range]
Age (years)	63.4 [45-80]	62.1 [46-79]	62.7 [45-80]
Weight (kg)	83.8 [50-160]	68.7 [36-155]	76.2 [36-160]
Height (cm)	177.0 [153-203]	163.3 [137-195]	170.1 [137 – 203]
Hip Pain	219 [6.5%]	375 [11.0%]	594 [8.7%]
Ethnicity	Prevalence [%]	Prevalence [%]	Prevalence [%]
White	3278 [97.0]	3321 [97.0]	6599 [97.0]
Asian	48 [1.4]	26 [0.8]	74 [1.1]
Black	23 [0.7]	20 [0.6]	43 [0.6]
Mixed heritage	13 [0.4]	21 [0.6]	34 [0.5]
Chinese	5 [0.2]	9 [0.3]	14 [0.2]
Unknown	15 [0.4]	28 [0.8]	43 [0.6]
FAI and rHOA measures	Prevalence [%]	Prevalence [%]	Prevalence [%]
Cam (AA $\geq 60^\circ$)	519 [15.4]	63 [1.8]	582 [8.6]
Pincer (LCEA $\geq 45^\circ$)	300 [8.9]	278 [8.1]	578 [8.5]
AD (LCEA $< 25^\circ$)	188 [5.6]	238 [7.0]	426 [6.3]
rHOA	245 [7.2]	108 [3.2]	353 [5.2]
Acetabular OP	485 [14.3]	345 [10.1]	830 [12.2]
Superior Femoral OP	291 [8.6]	143 [4.2]	434 [6.4]
Inferior Femoral OP	168 [5.0]	52 [1.5]	220 [3.2]
JSN	817 [24.2]	543 [15.9]	1360 [20]
rHOA grade ≥ 2	105 [3.1]	23 [0.7]	128 [1.9]
Total Sample	3382	3425	6807

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Table 2 Results from logistic regressions examining the relationships between different hip morphologies, and rHOA, as well as grade ≥ 1 osteophytes and JSN in males. Unadjusted and adjusted results are shown in the form of odds ratios (OR), 95% confidence intervals (CI) and p-values (*P*). Adjusted models include age, height, weight and ethnicity. rHOA, radiographic hip osteoarthritis; OP, osteophyte; JSN, joint space narrowing.

Males										
Unadjusted analysis										
	rHOA		Acetabular OP		Superior Femoral OP		Inferior Femoral OP		JSN	
	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>
Cam	3.24 [2.44-4.30]	3.47×10^{-16}	1.89 [1.50-2.39]	1.04×10^{-07}	1.94 [1.46-2.58]	4.61×10^{-06}	4.77 [3.46-6.57]	1.47×10^{-21}	1.53 [1.25-1.88]	4.88×10^{-05}
Pincer	1.30 [0.85-1.97]	0.22	0.88 [0.62-1.25]	0.49	0.62 [0.37-1.02]	0.06	0.86 [0.48-1.53]	0.60	4.03 [3.16-5.13]	1.86×10^{-29}
AD	0.87 [0.48-1.58]	0.64	1.34 [0.91-1.97]	0.13	1.06 [0.63-1.77]	0.83	1.86 [1.09-3.19]	0.02	0.28 [0.17-0.47]	1.30×10^{-06}
Adjusted analysis										
	rHOA		Acetabular OP		Superior Femoral OP		Inferior Femoral OP		JSN	
	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>
Cam	3.20 [2.41-4.25]	9.24×10^{-16}	1.87 [1.48-2.36]	2.02×10^{-07}	1.94 [1.45-2.57]	5.74×10^{-06}	4.75 [3.44-6.57]	3.13×10^{-21}	1.53 [1.24-1.88]	6.02×10^{-05}
Pincer	1.30 [0.85-1.98]	0.22	0.86 [0.61-1.23]	0.41	0.63 [0.38-1.05]	0.08	0.81 [0.45-1.45]	0.47	4.15 [3.25-5.30]	7.52×10^{-30}
AD	0.89 [0.49-1.62]	0.70	1.41 [0.96-2.08]	0.08	1.07 [0.64-1.79]	0.79	1.95 [1.13-3.35]	0.02	0.28 [0.16-0.47]	1.30×10^{-06}

Table 3 Results from logistic regression examining the relationships between different hip morphologies, and rHOA, as well as grade ≥ 1 osteophytes and JSN in females. Unadjusted and adjusted results are shown in the form of odds ratios (OR), 95% confidence intervals (CI) and p-values (*P*). Adjusted models include age, height, weight and ethnicity. rHOA, radiographic hip osteoarthritis; OP, osteophyte; JSN, joint space narrowing.

Females										
Unadjusted analysis										
	rHOA		Acetabular OP		Superior Femoral OP		Inferior Femoral OP		JSN	
	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>
Cam	2.73 [1.07-6.94]	0.04	1.12 [0.51-2.47]	0.78	2.01 [0.80-5.10]	0.14	10.97 [4.93-24.39]	4.24 x 10 ⁻⁰⁹	1.83 [1.03-3.25]	0.04
Pincer	1.30 [0.69-2.45]	0.43	0.91 [0.60-1.39]	0.68	1.24 [0.70-2.18]	0.45	2.09 [0.97-4.48]	0.06	4.03 [3.10-5.24]	1.31 x 10 ⁻²⁵
AD	0.64 [0.26-1.59]	0.34	1.15 [0.76-1.75]	0.50	0.68 [0.31-1.47]	0.33	1.12 [0.40-3.13]	0.83	0.31 [0.18-0.54]	3.43 x 10 ⁻⁰⁵
Adjusted analysis										
	rHOA		Acetabular OP		Superior Femoral OP		Inferior Femoral OP		JSN	
	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>
Cam	2.47 [0.96-6.36]	0.06	0.99 [0.45-2.21]	0.99	1.83 [0.72-4.67]	0.20	10.07 [4.49-22.61]	2.13 x 10 ⁻⁰⁸	1.75 [0.97-3.14]	0.06
Pincer	1.23 [0.65-2.33]	0.53	0.83 [0.54-1.26]	0.38	1.15 [0.65-2.03]	0.64	1.96 [0.91-4.23]	0.09	4.05 [3.10-5.3]	1.52 x 10 ⁻²⁴
AD	0.72 [0.29-1.79]	0.48	1.37 [0.90-2.09]	0.15	0.75 [0.35-1.64]	0.48	1.28 [0.46-3.62]	0.64	0.34 [0.19-0.58]	1.10 x 10 ⁻⁰⁴

Table 4 Results from logistic regression examining the relationship between hip shape morphologies and hip pain. The results are sex stratified and presented as odd ratios (OR), 95% confidence intervals (CI) and p-values (*P*). The adjusted models included age, height, weight and ethnicity.

	Males				Females			
	Unadjusted		Adjusted		Unadjusted		Adjusted	
	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>	OR [95% CI]	<i>P</i>
Cam	1.51 [1.08-2.12]	0.02	1.48 [1.05-2.09]	0.02	1.19 [0.56-2.51]	0.65	1.11 [0.52-2.37]	0.78
Pincer	0.97 [0.60-1.58]	0.92	0.89 [0.54-1.45]	0.63	0.98 [0.66-1.46]	0.93	0.95 [0.63-1.41]	0.78
AD	1.17 [0.67-2.06]	0.58	1.27 [0.72-2.24]	0.41	1.24 [0.83-1.83]	0.29	1.32 [0.88-1.96]	0.18

