

# Porous TTA course

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# Surgical options

Conventional techniques:  
aimed to eliminate the drawer sign

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1. Intracapsular
2. Extracapsular

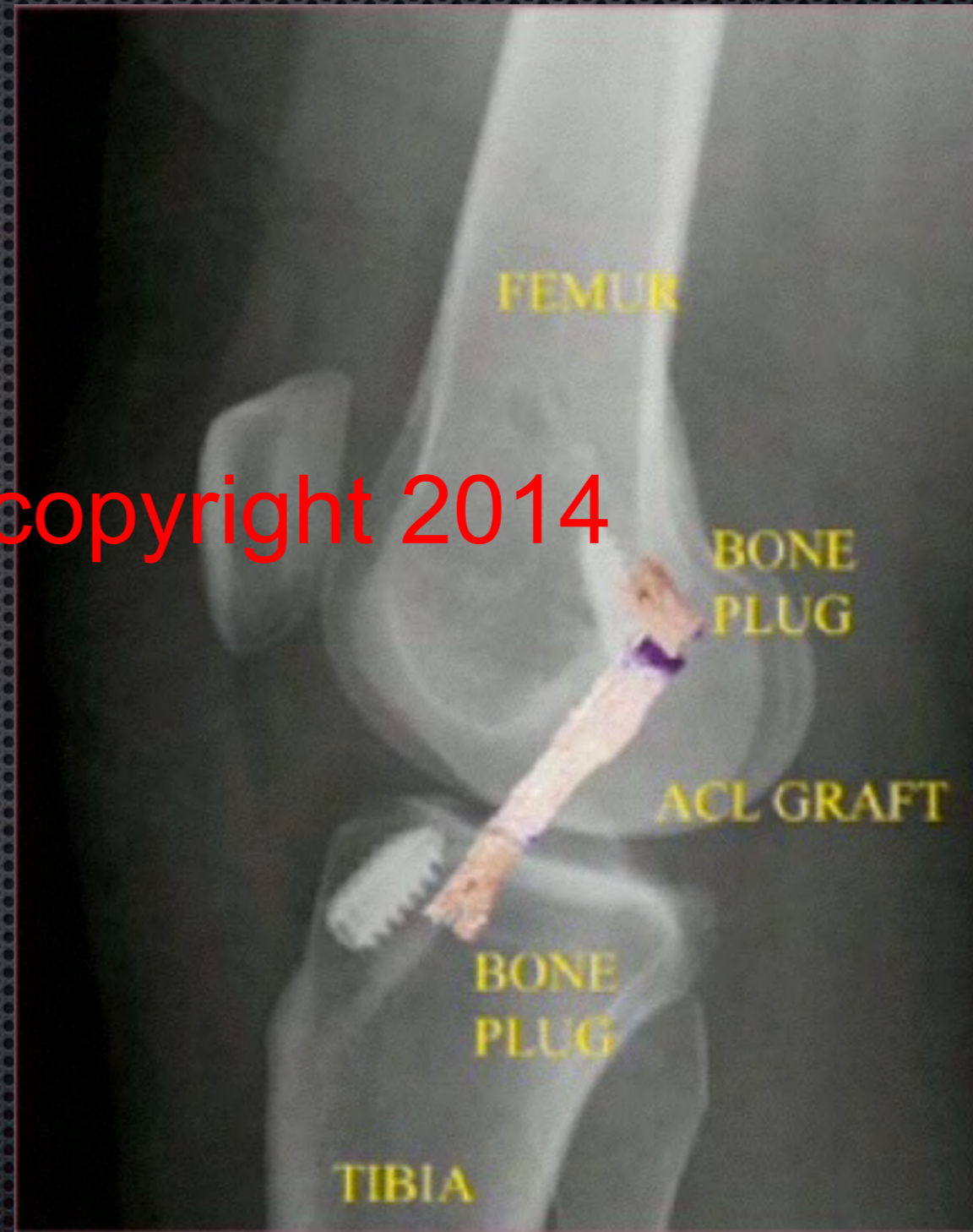
# Intracapsular

In people

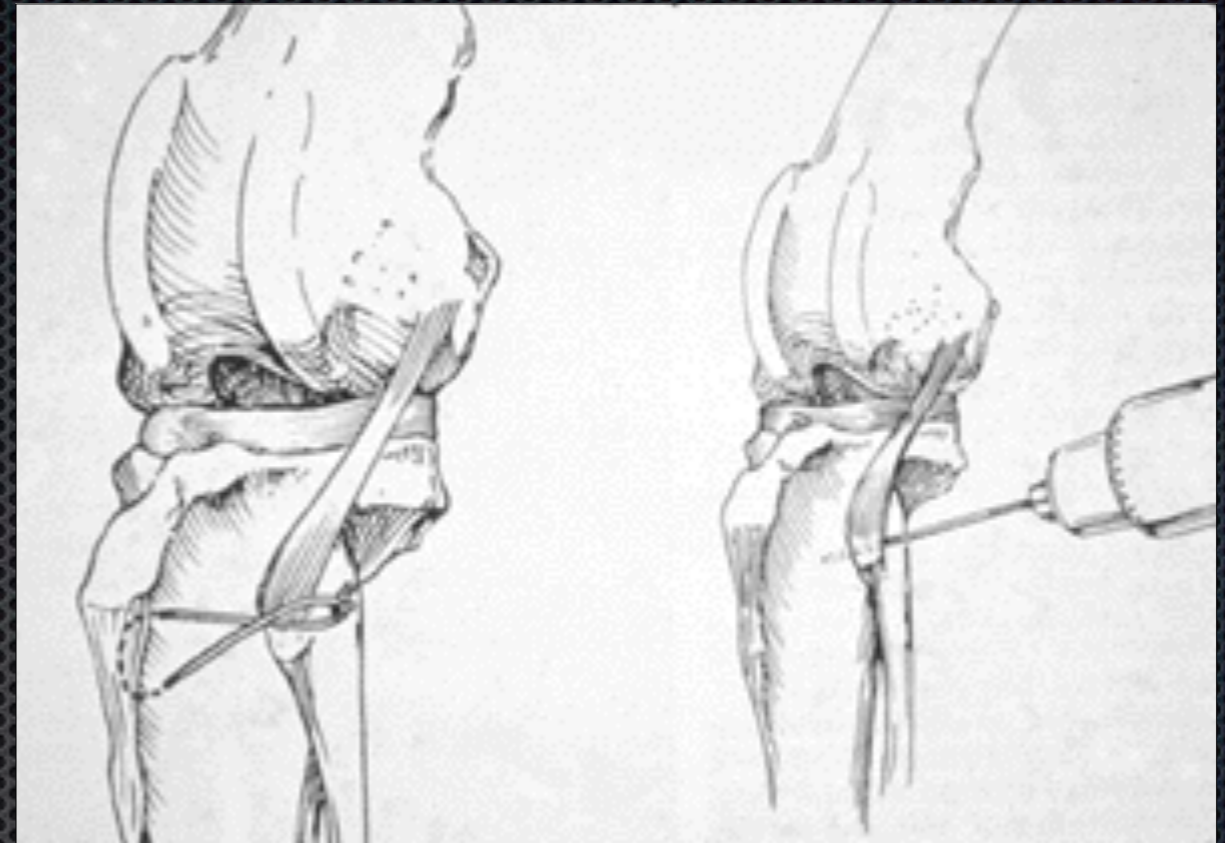
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In veterinary patients

- ✦ fascia lata (Paatsama)
- ✦ over the top



# Extracapsular



Biological stabilization

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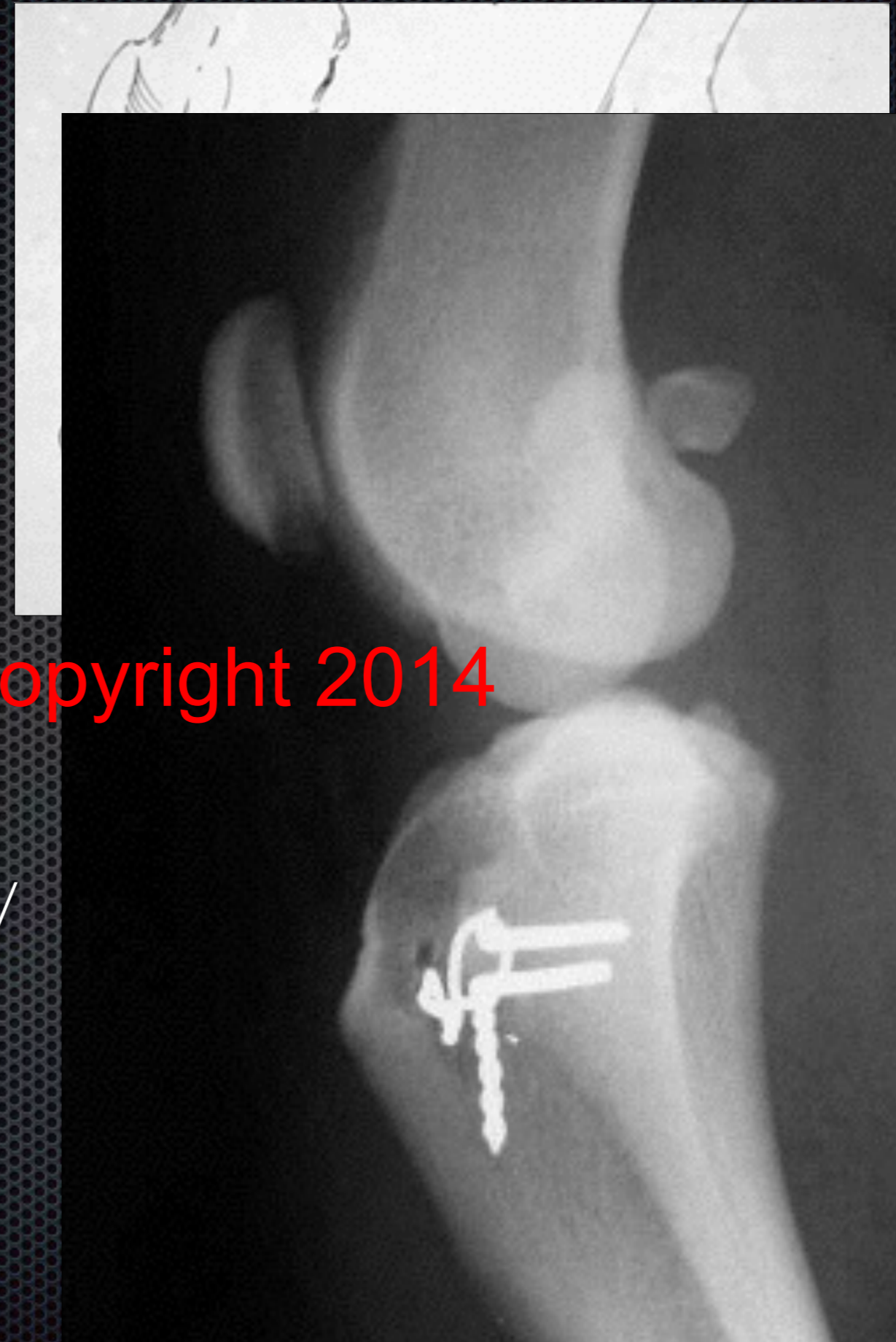
- ✦ FHT
- ✦ Femoral biceps advancement/  
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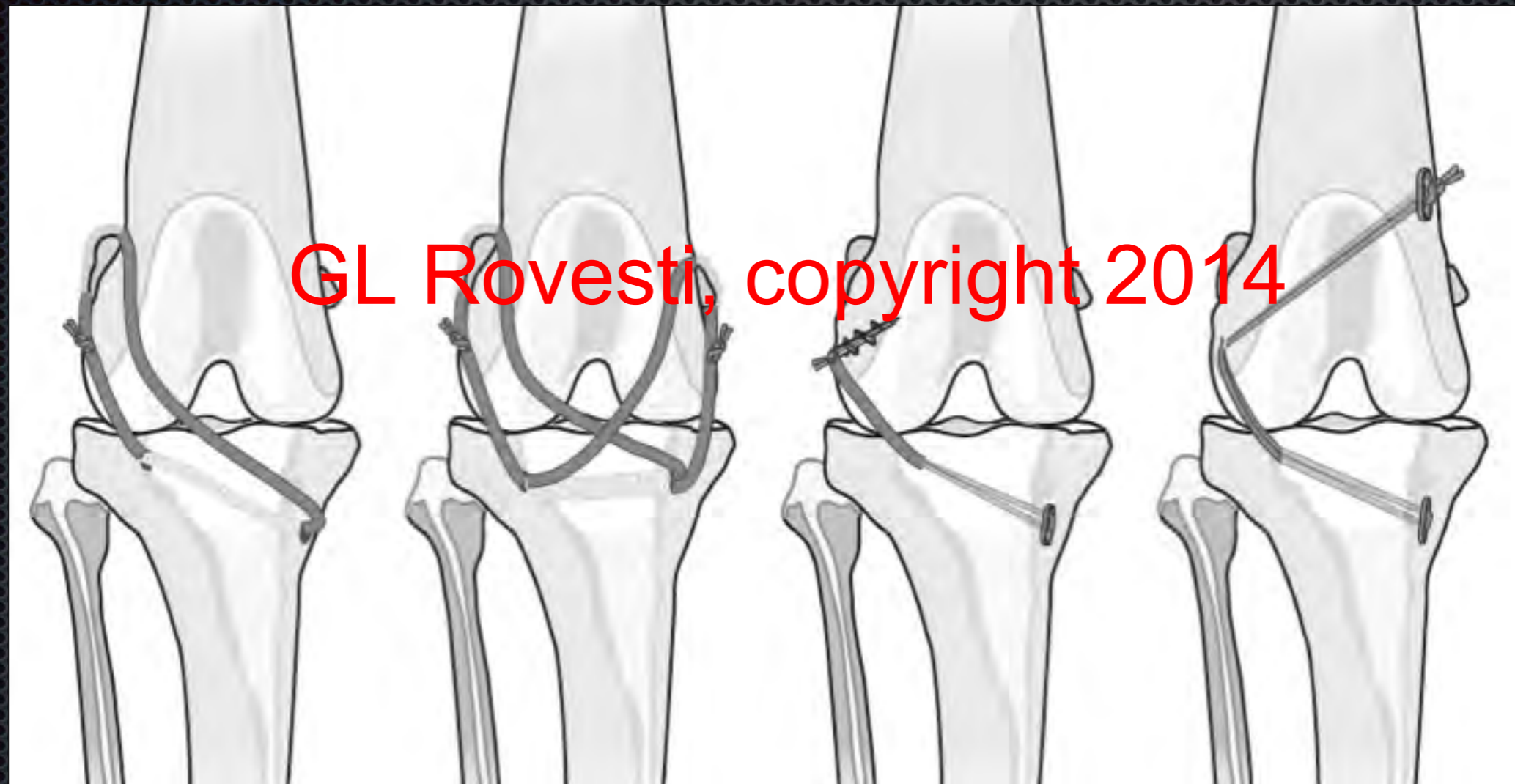
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# Extracapsular Synthetic stabilization



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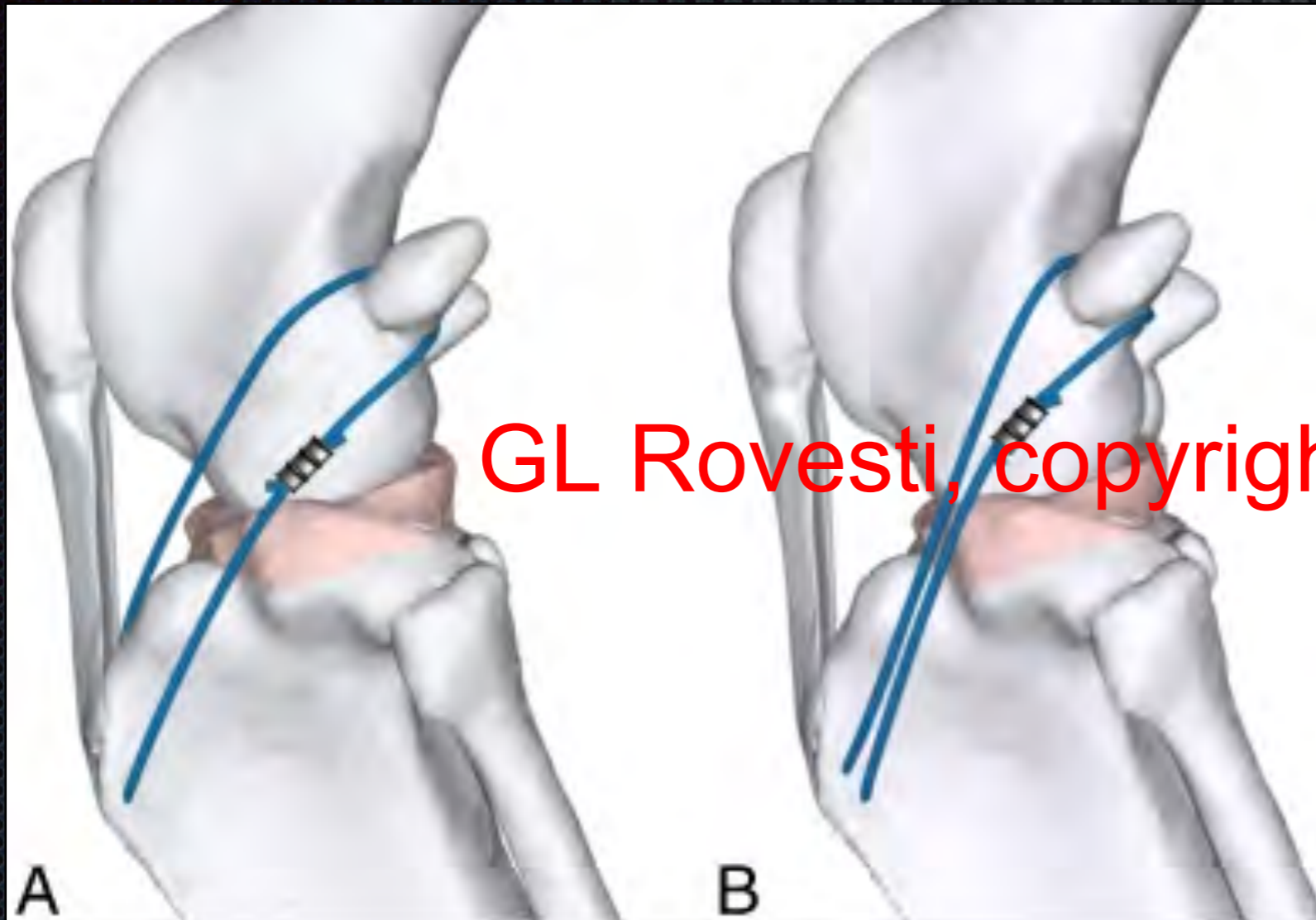
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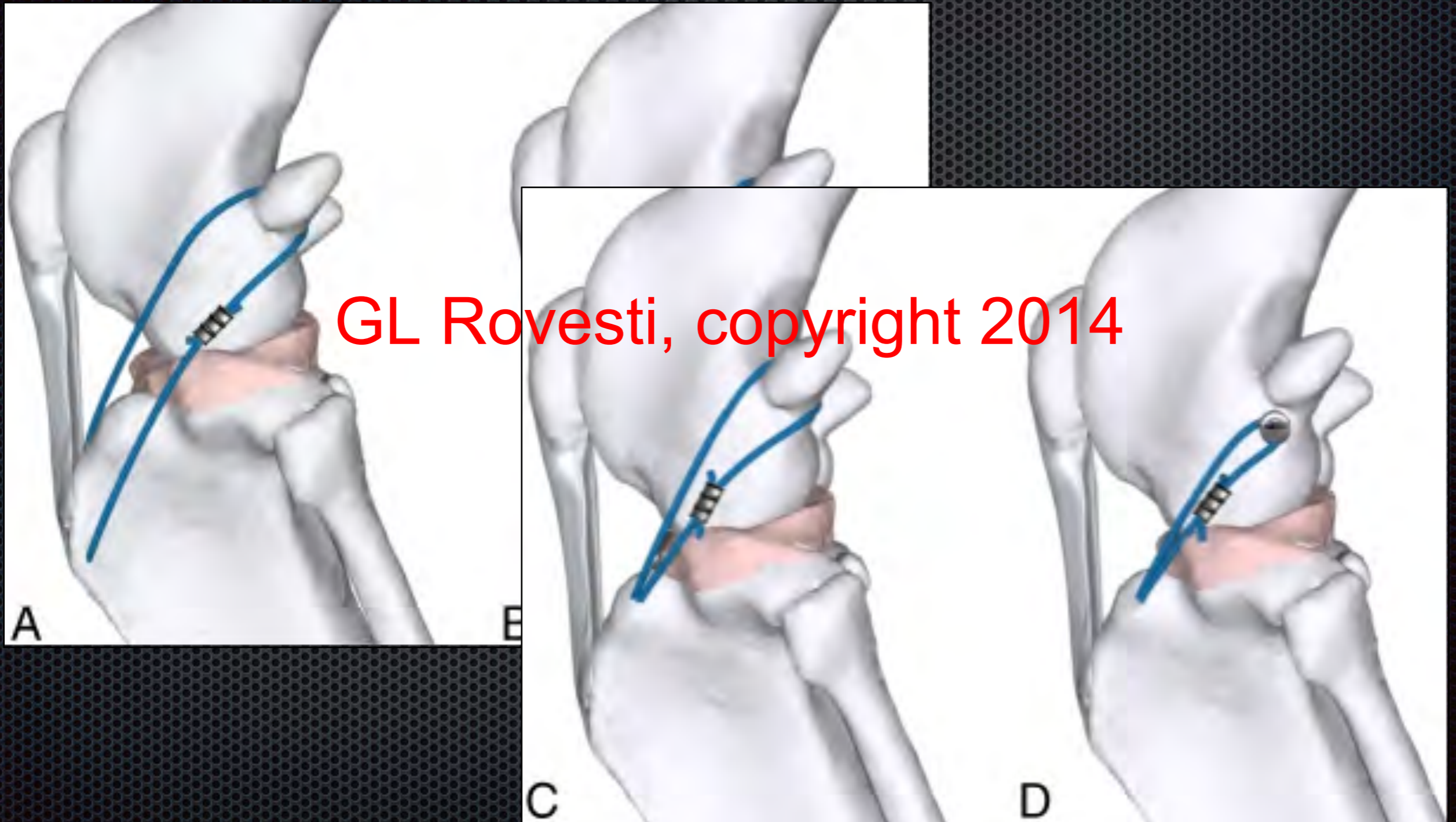
# Isometry?



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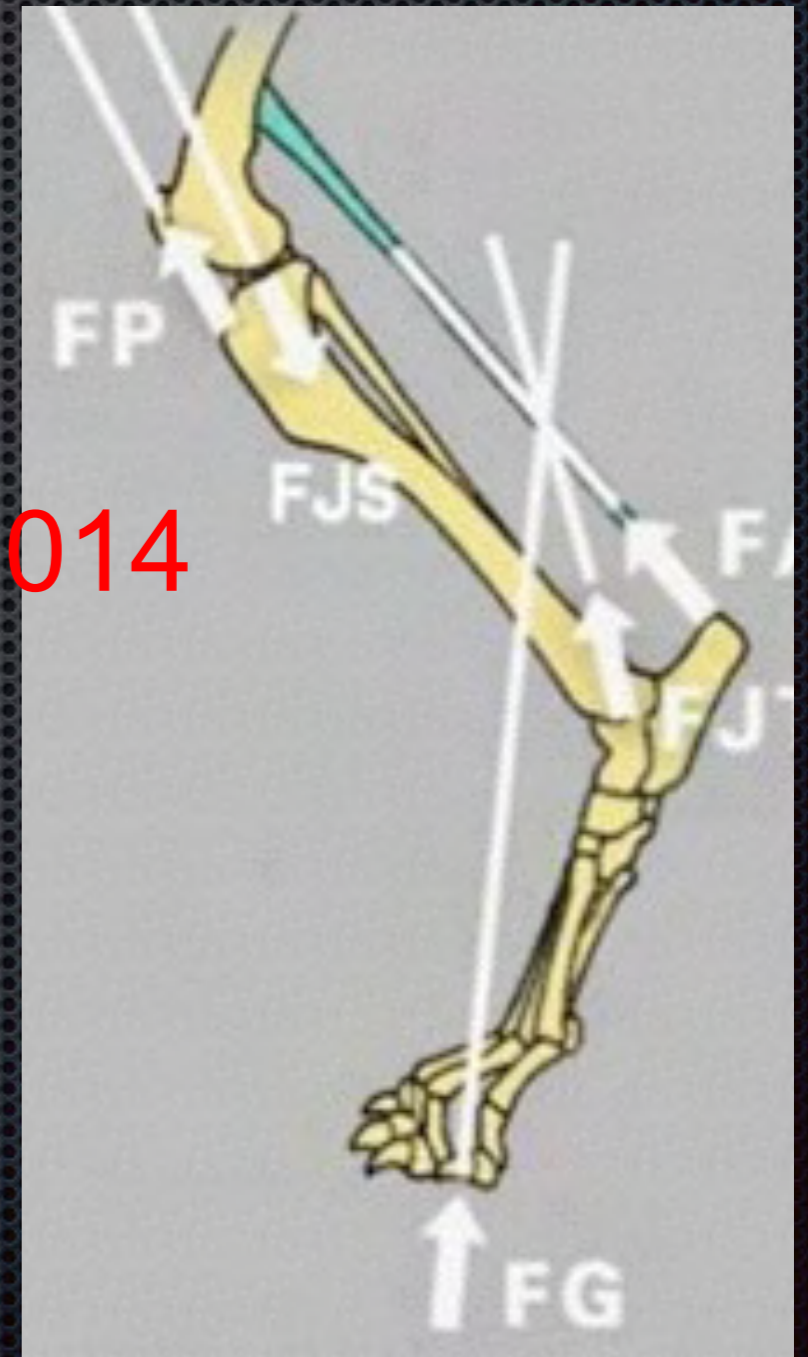
# Isometry?



# Tibial thrust

- Shows the functional instability of the stifle in the stance phase
- Combines the joint forces with the periarticular forces
- Leveling techniques aim neutralizing it

Tibial compression mechanism: a diagnostic aid in stifle injuries. Henderson R, Milton J. JAAHA 14, 474-479, 1978.  
Cranial tibial thrust: a primary force in the canine stifle. Slocum B, Devine T. JAVMA 183, 456-459. 1983



# Radiographic tibial thrust

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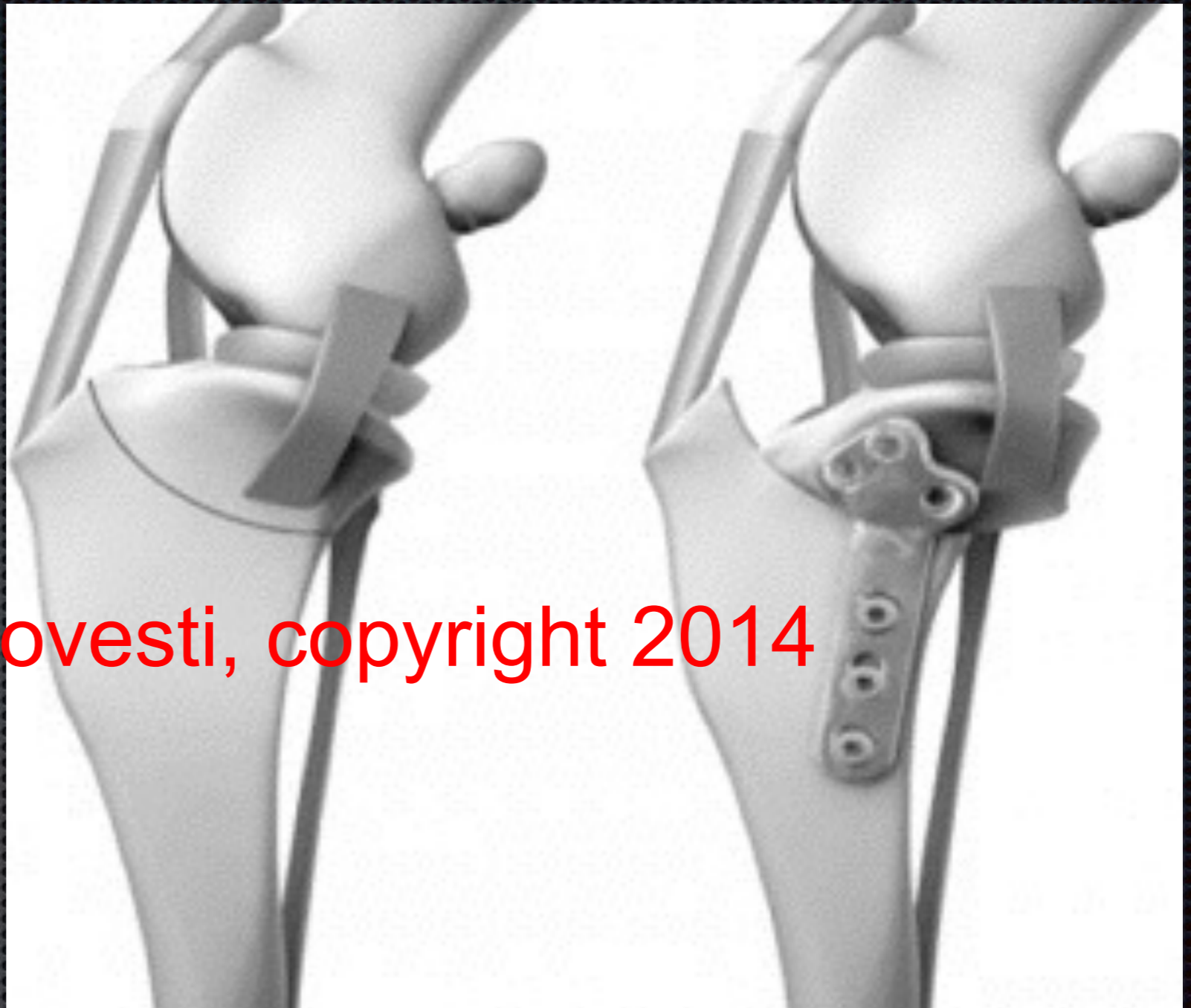


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“Concept of dynamic stabilization”  
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*Where the cranial and caudal tibial  
thrust meet.....*

# TPLO

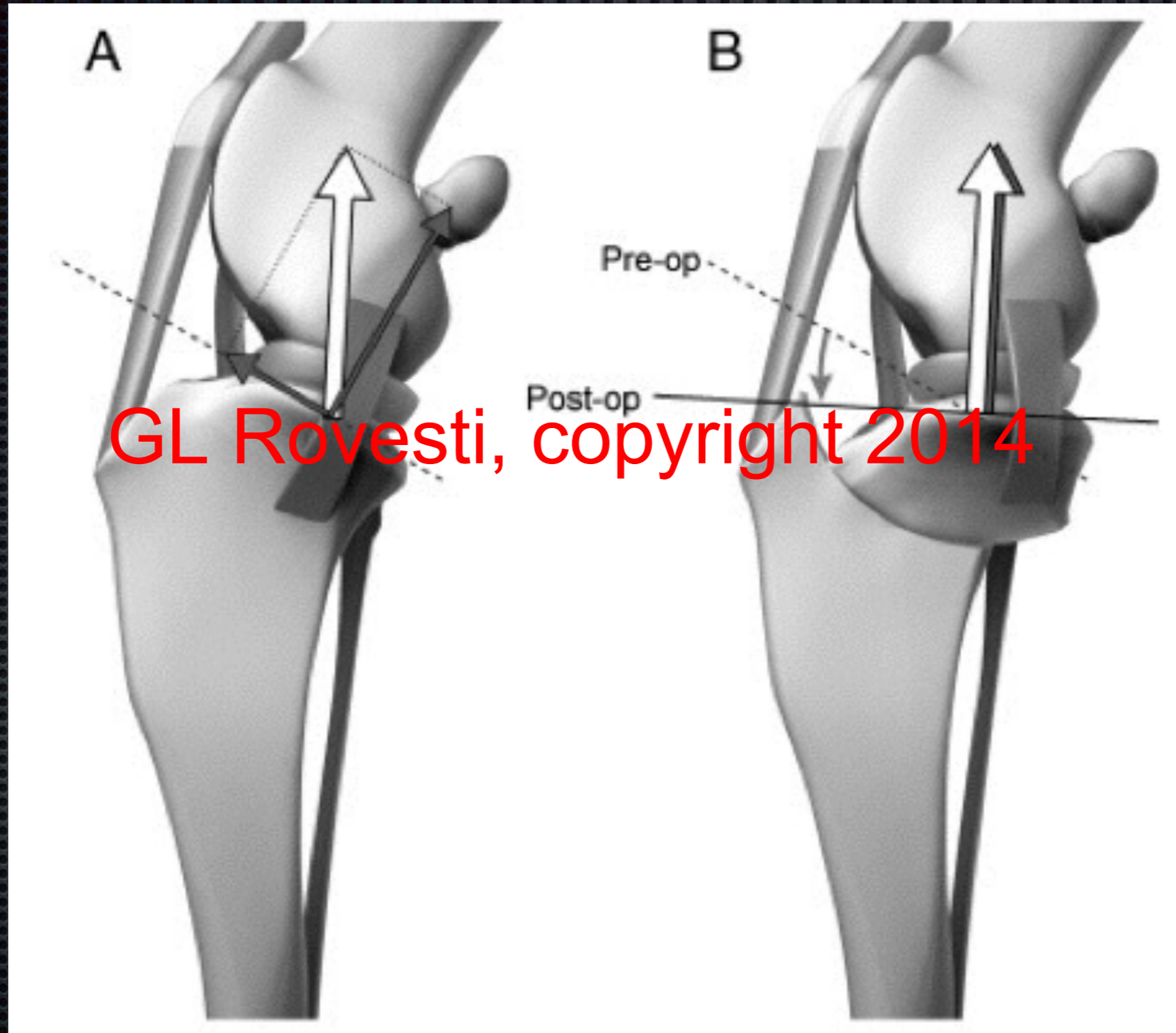


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Tibial plateau leveling osteotomy for repair of cranial cruciate ligament rupture in the canine.

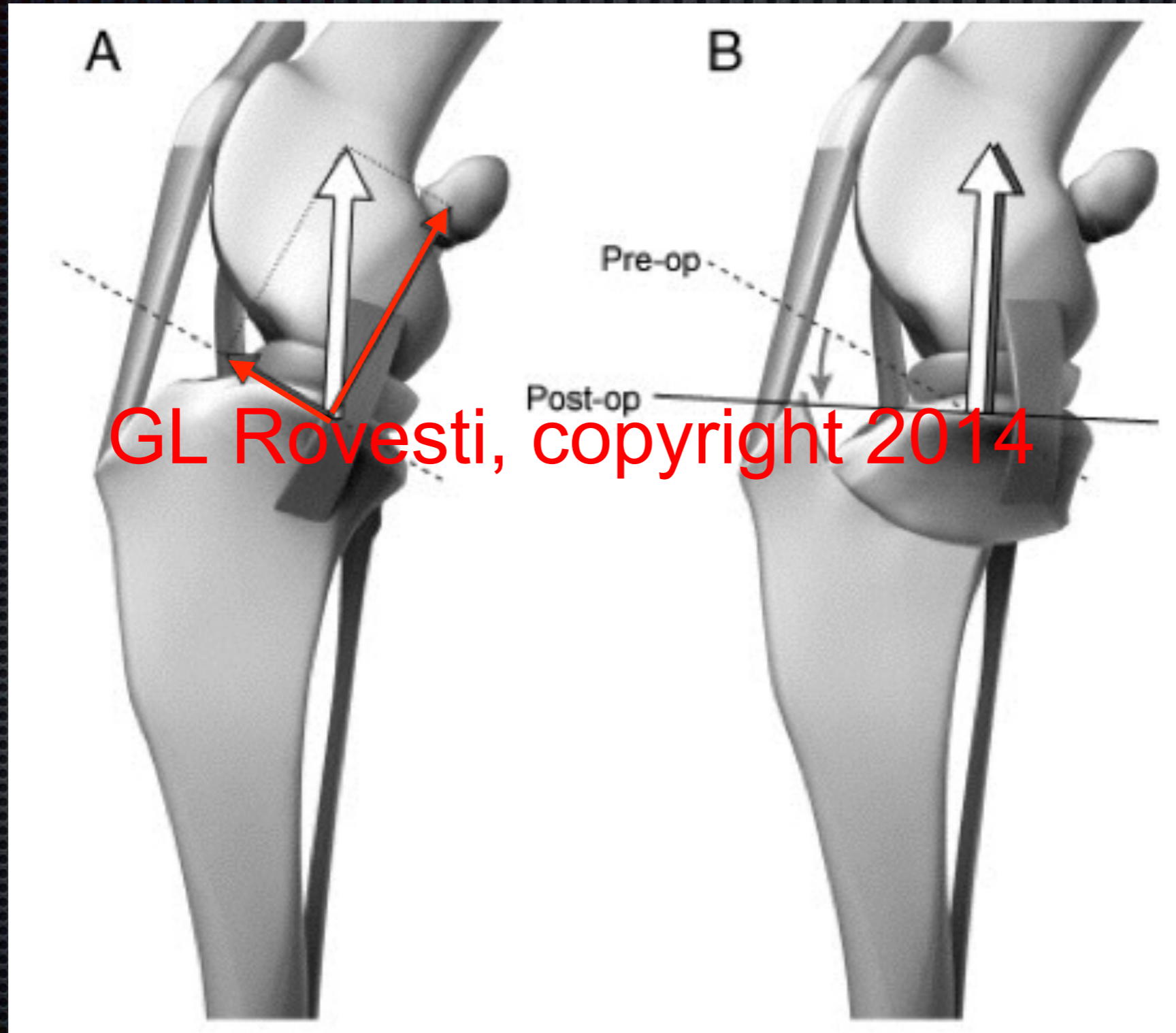
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# TPLO: biomechanics

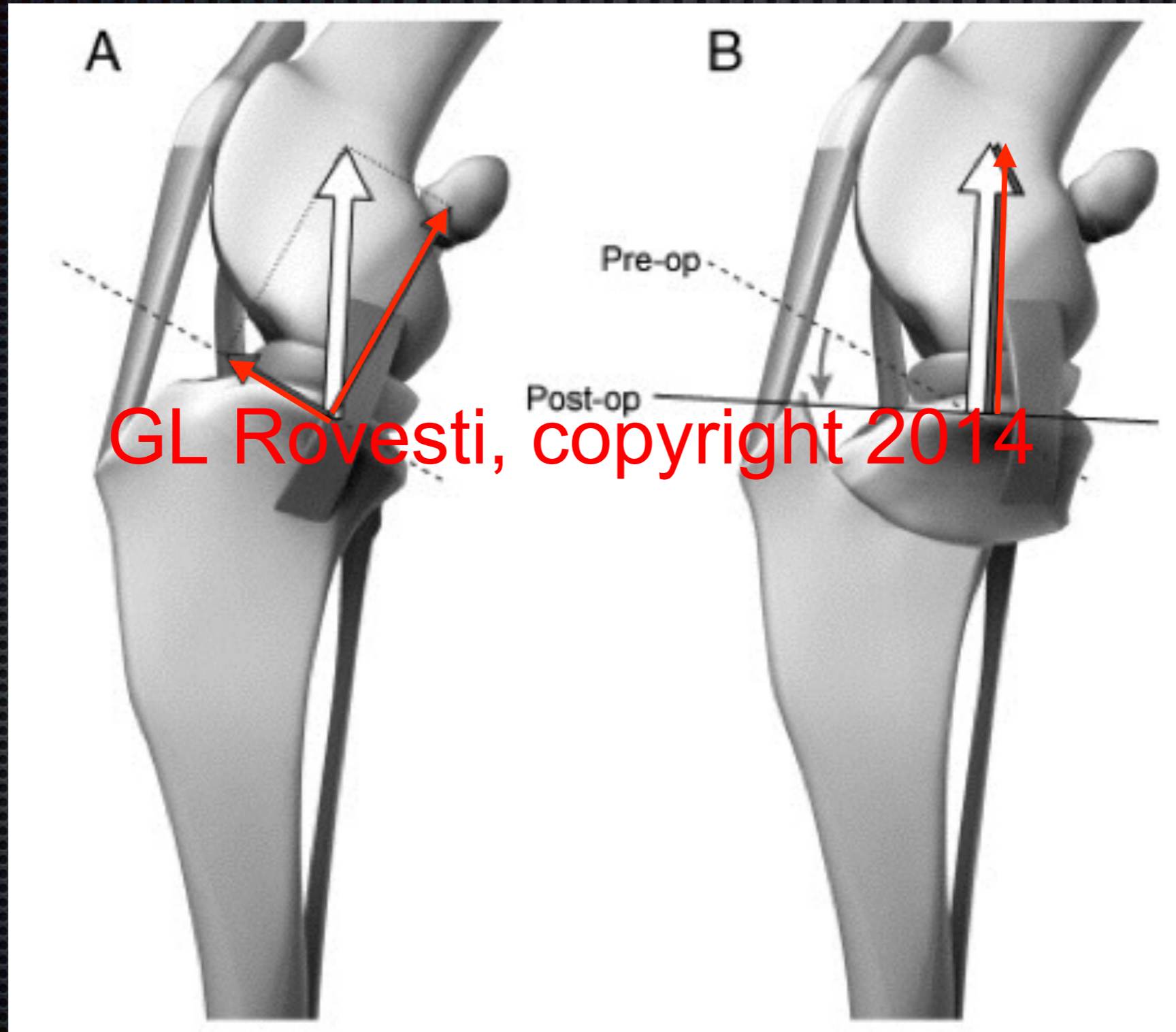




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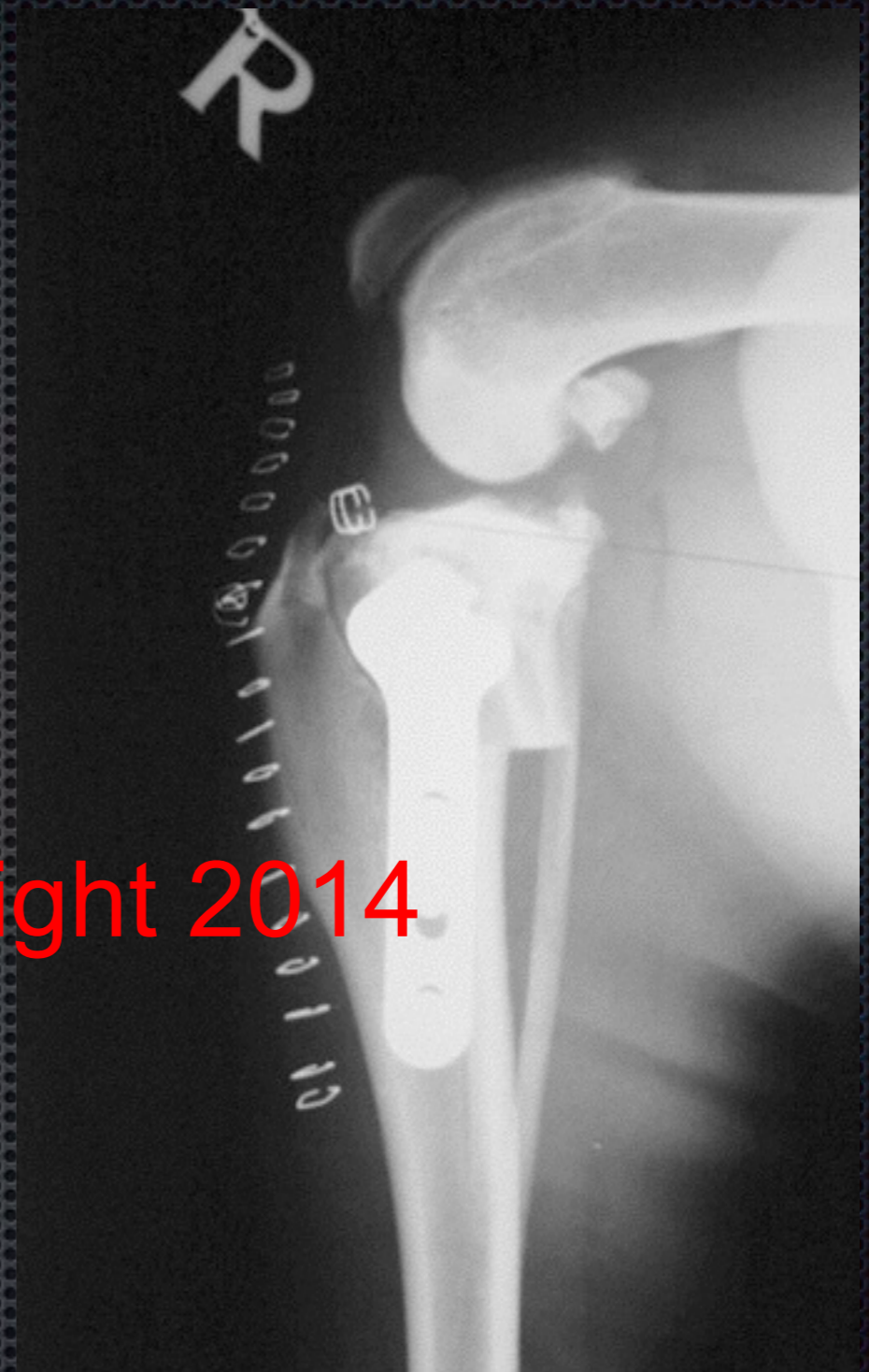


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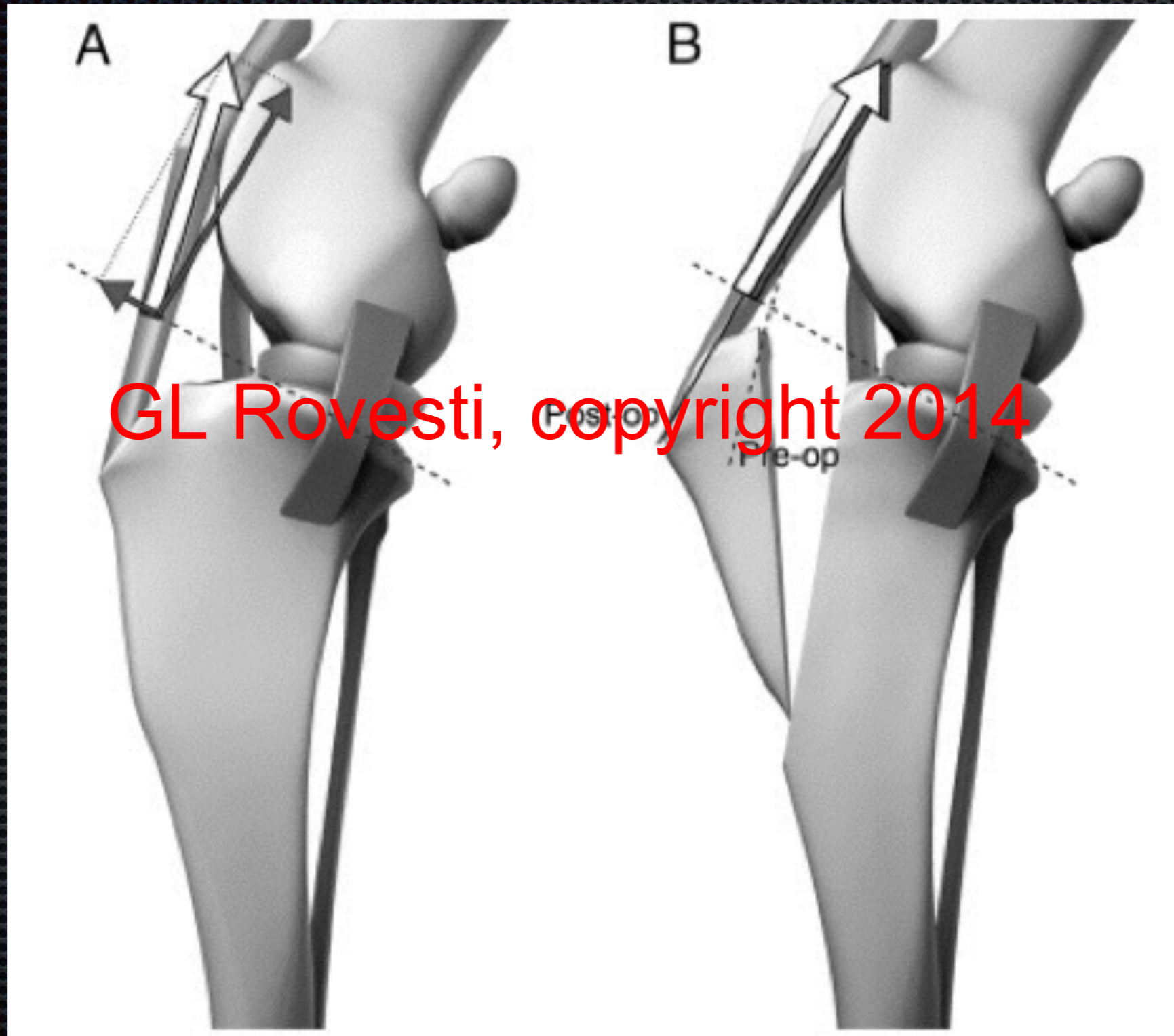
# TPLO

- Changes the cranial TT into caudal
- Needs an intact LCP
- Avoid hypercorrection: TPA  
5°-10°

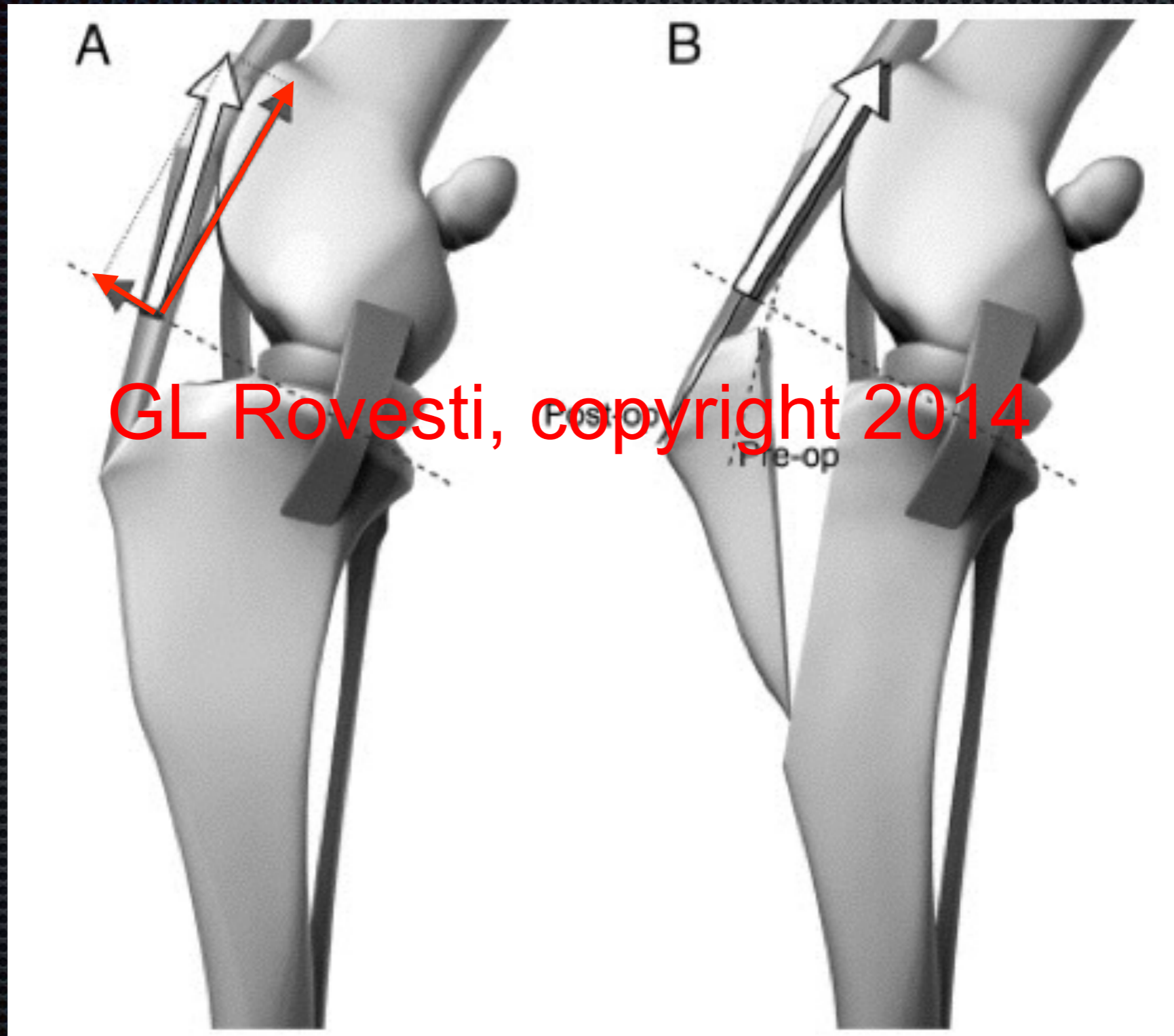


Warzee CC et al. Effect of tibial plateau leveling on cranial and caudal tibial thrust in canine cruciate-deficient stifles: an in vivo experimental study. Vet Surg 2001, 30:278-286

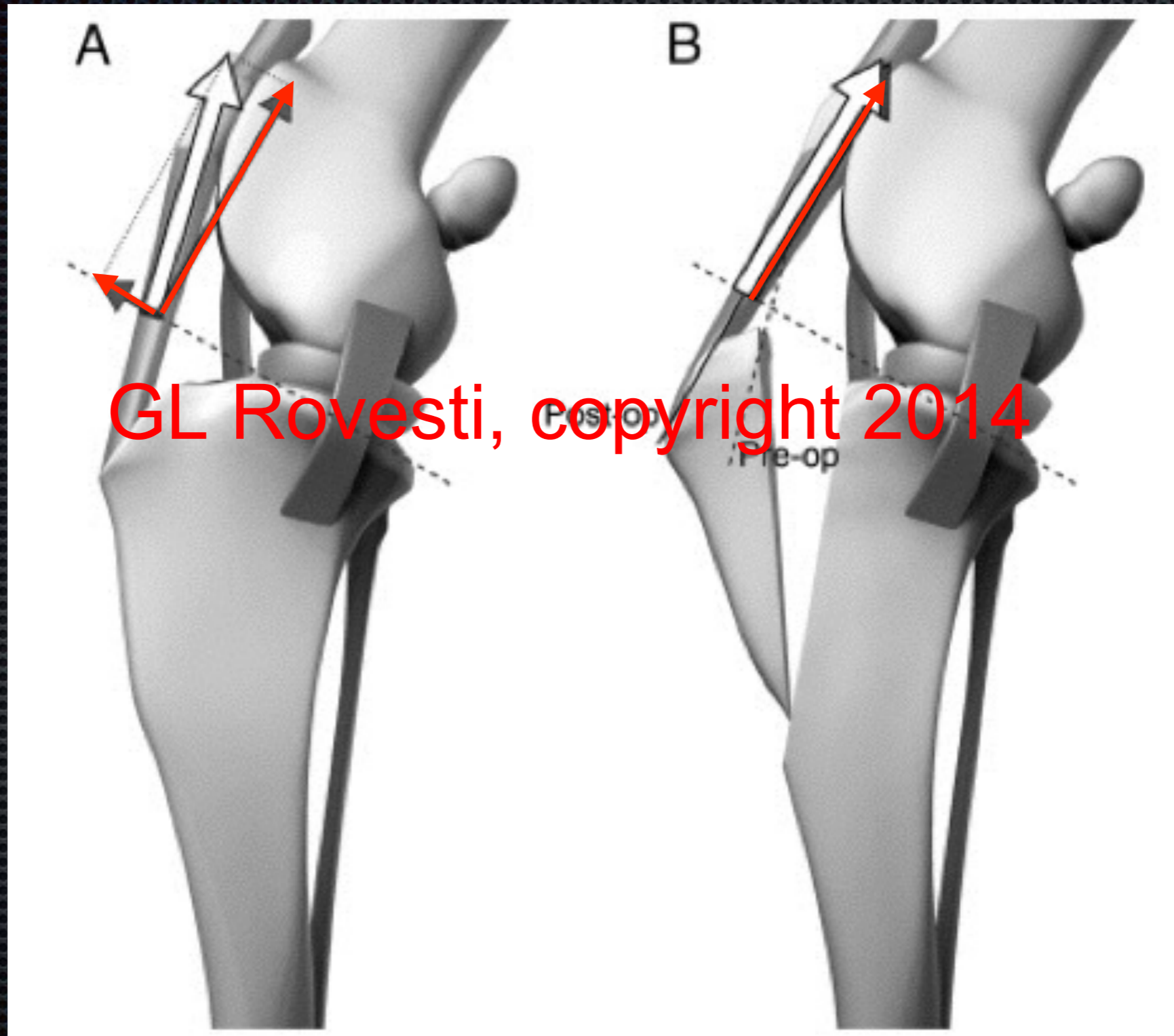
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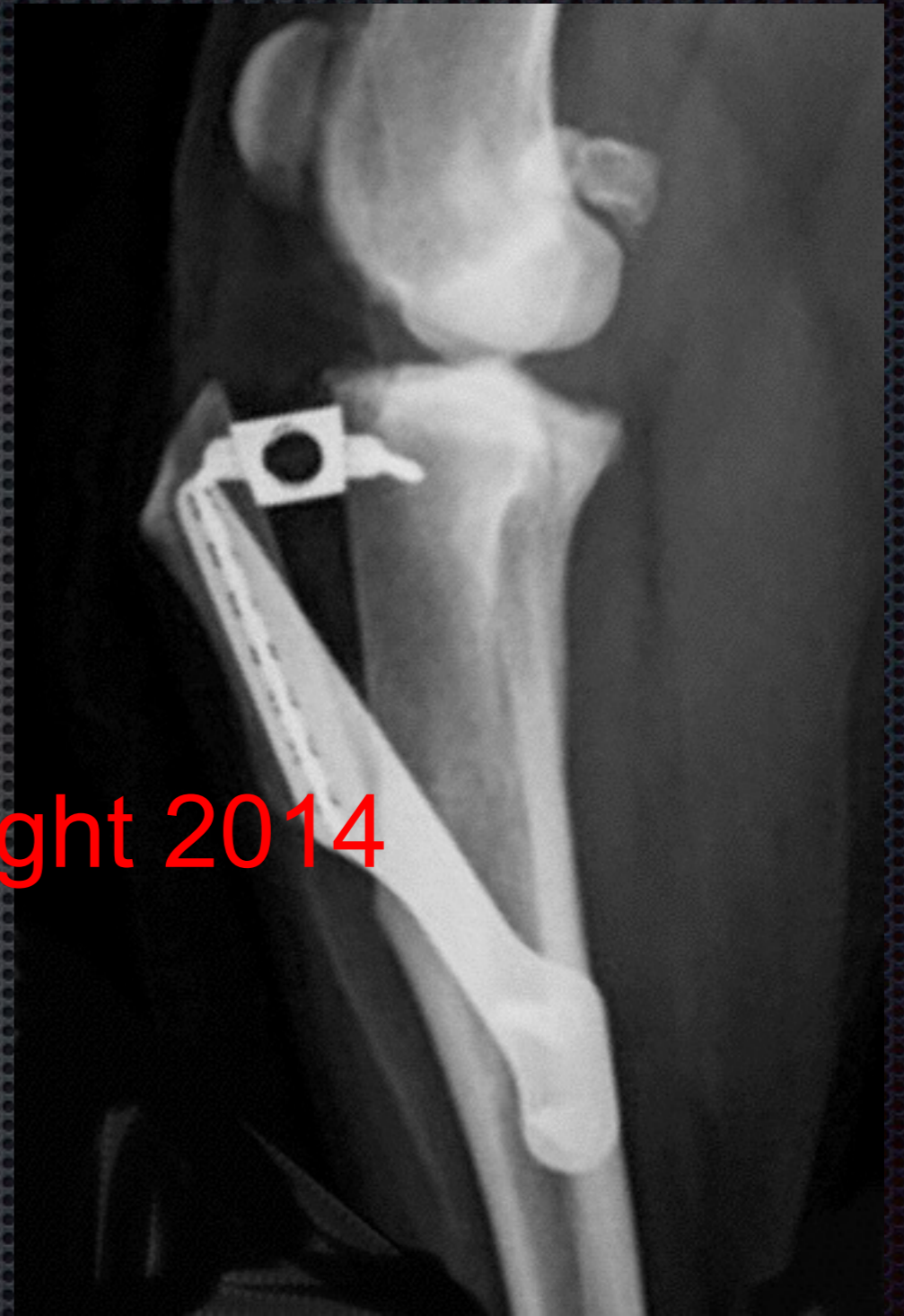
# TTA: biomechanics



# Theoretical pros

- Increases the lever arm by the tibial crest
- Reduces patellar tendinitis
- Better stifle congruency in maximum flexion compared to TPLO
- Reduces meniscal overloading

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Boudrieau RJ. TPLO or TTA? Invited Review.  
Vet Surg 38:1-22, 2009

# Complications

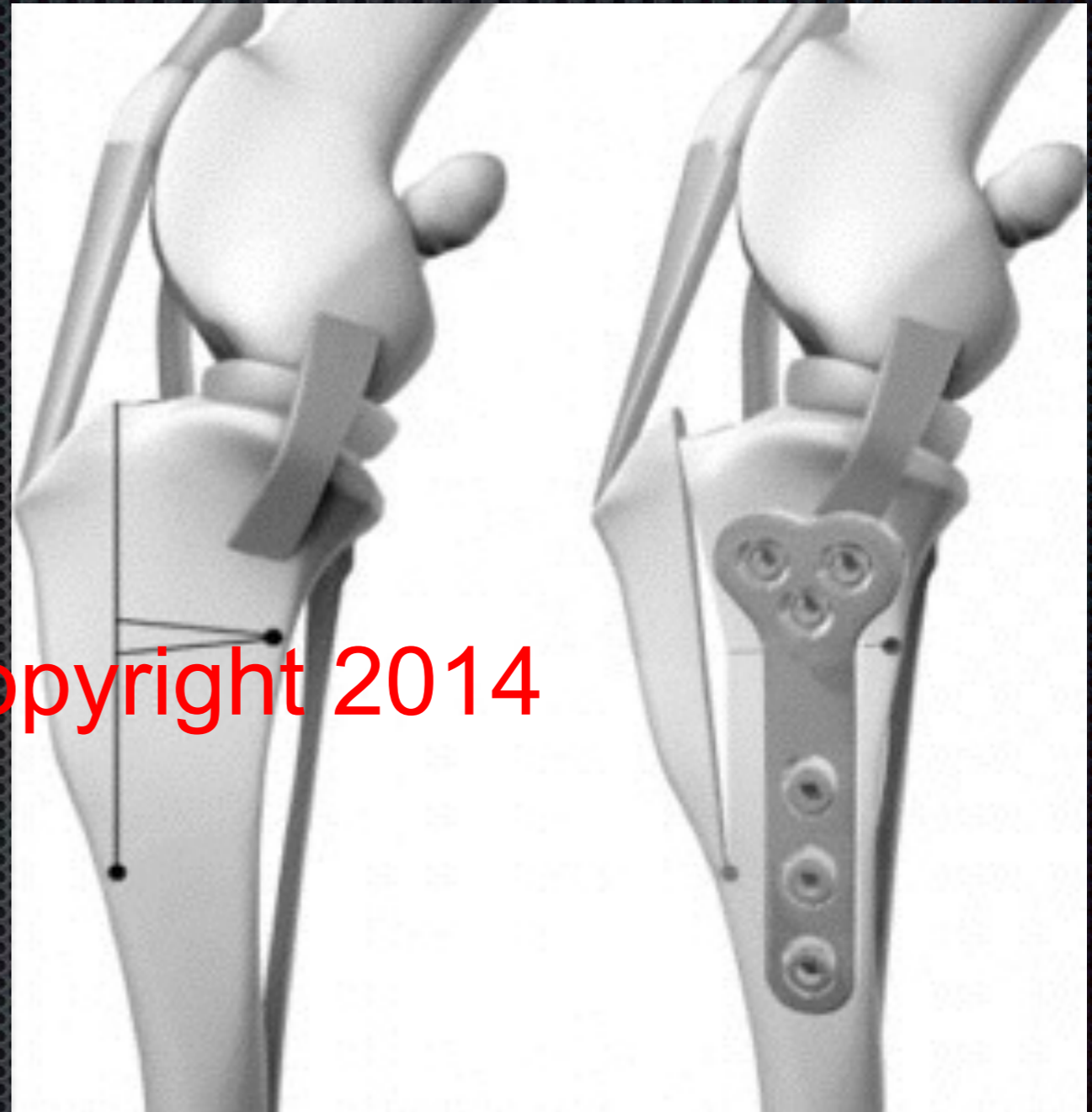
- Implants rupture
  - Tibial crest deviation
  - Meniscal damage
  - Delayed bone healing
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- Tibial tuberosity advancement in 65 canine stifles. Hoffman DE et al, VCOT, 19:219-227, 2006
  - TTA for stabilization of CrCL: surgical technique, early results and complications in 101 dogs. Lafaver S et al, Vet Surg, 36:573-586, 2007



# TTO

- Combination of tibial wedge osteotomy and TTA

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Bruce WJ et al. Evaluation of the triple tibial osteotomy.....  
VCOT 20:159-168, 2007

# ACL and concomitant joint diseases

- menisci **GL Rovesti, copyright 2014**
- cartilage
- collateral structures

# Evaluation of 100 consecutive stifle arthroscopies

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# M&M

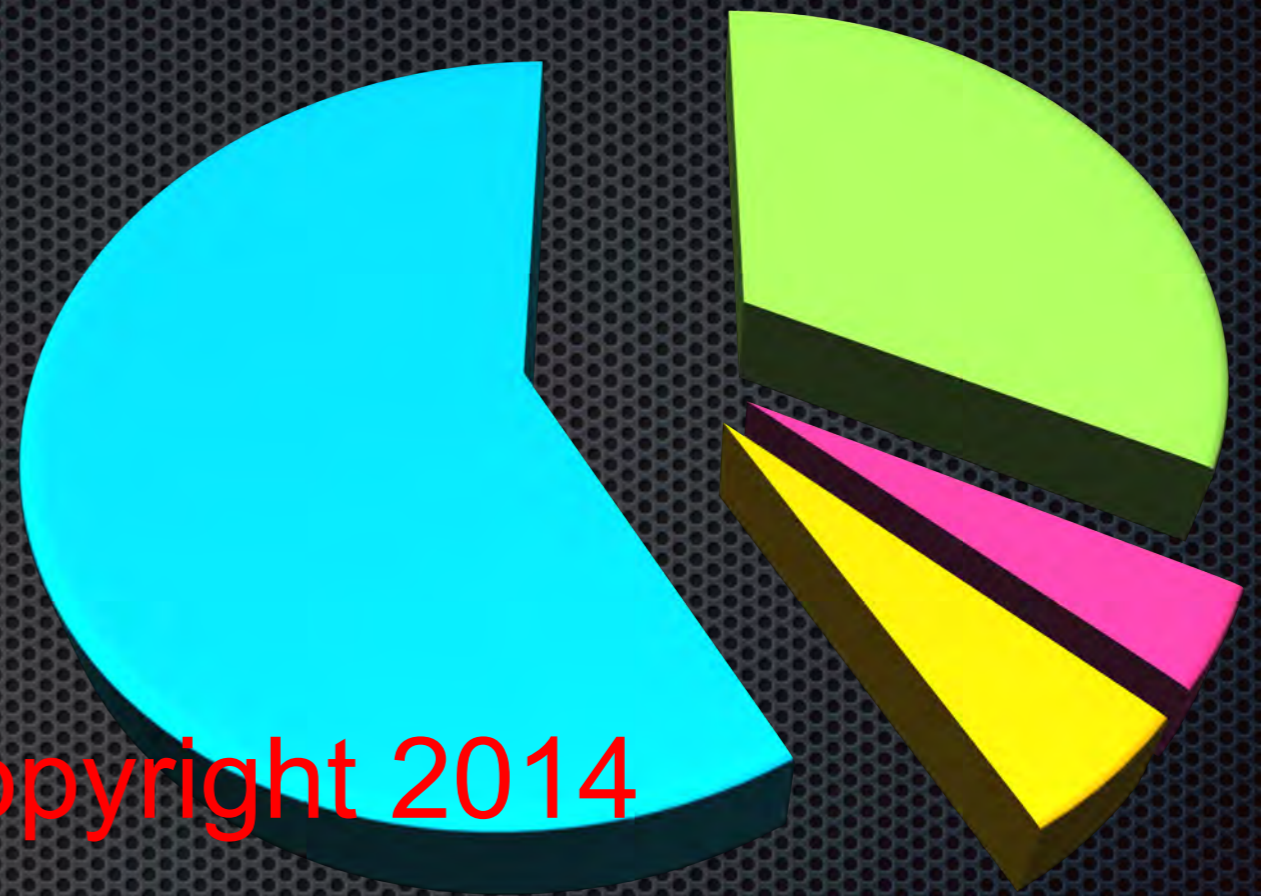
- 100 consecutive stifle arthroscopies (12 bilateral - not same procedure)
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- inclusion criteria: every stifle that underwent arthroscopy up to 100 cases (Jan 9th 2009 - April 17th 2012)
- no previous diagnosis of CCL rupture in each case
- joint distraction applied only when needed, not standard

# Results

MENISCAL LESIONS:  
29% medial meniscus  
3% lateral meniscus  
5% bilateral

(including every degree of  
severity or structure change)

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- MEDIAL MENISCUS
- LATERAL MENISCUS
- BILATERAL LESION
- SOUND MENISCI

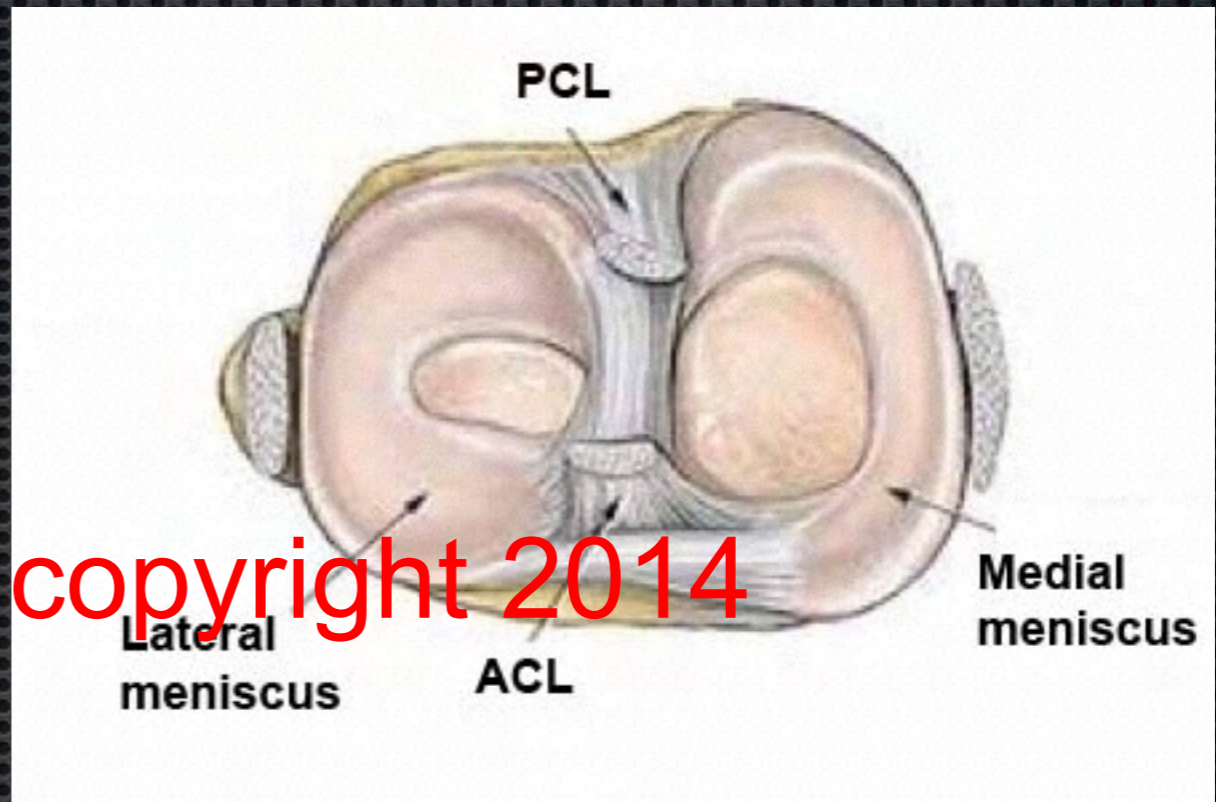
# Results

## CARTILAGE LESIONS

- ✦ Isolated cartilage lesions 1
- ✦ Cartilage lesion + meniscal lesion 5

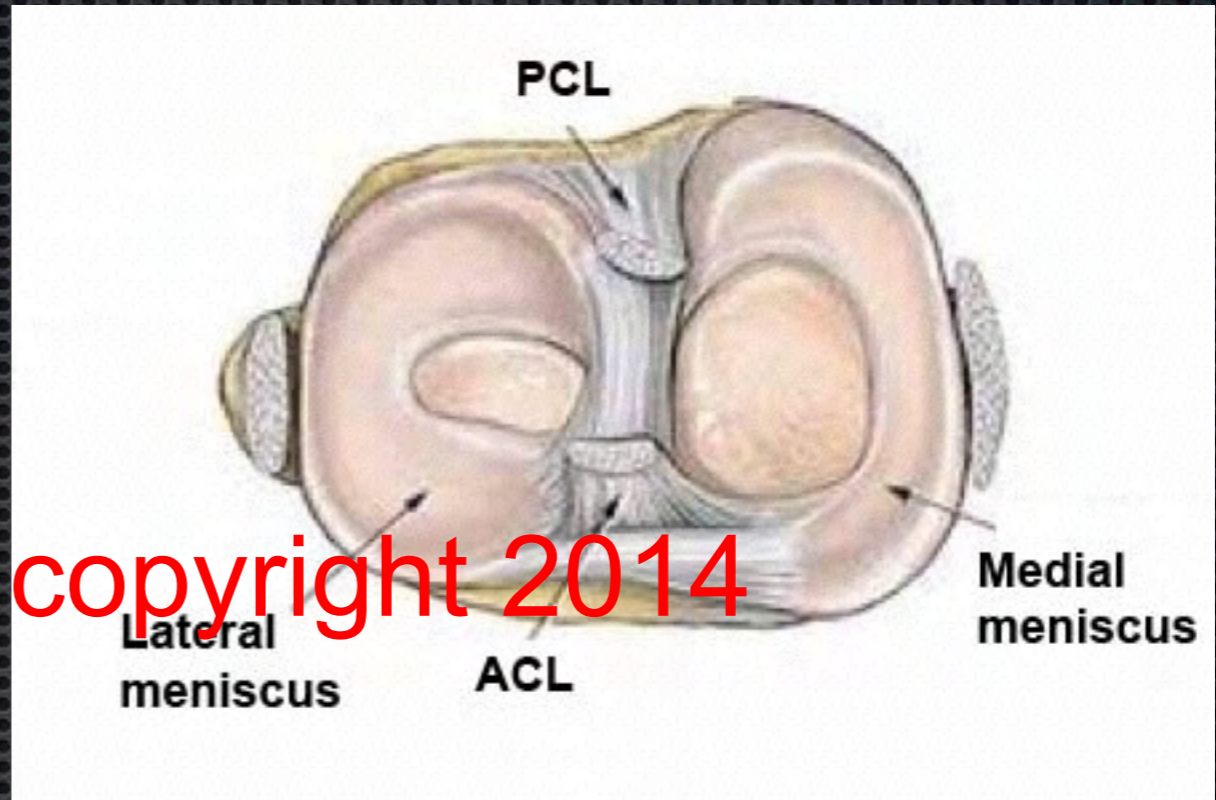


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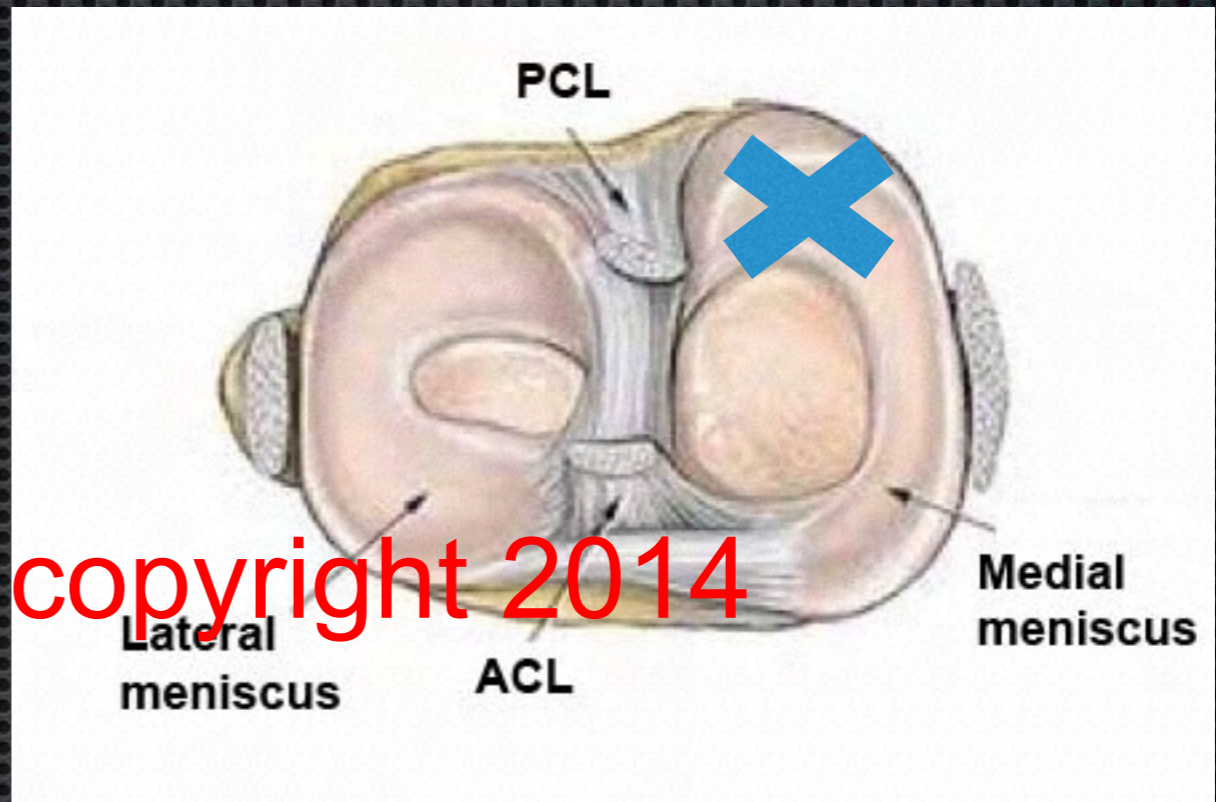
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# Medial meniscus lesions

- Radial: 19
  - Bucket handle: 6
  - Complex: 7
  - Discoid meniscus: 2
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- 85% of medial meniscus lesions involve the caudal horn
  - Two isolated meniscal lesions in patients already operated on for CCL rupture



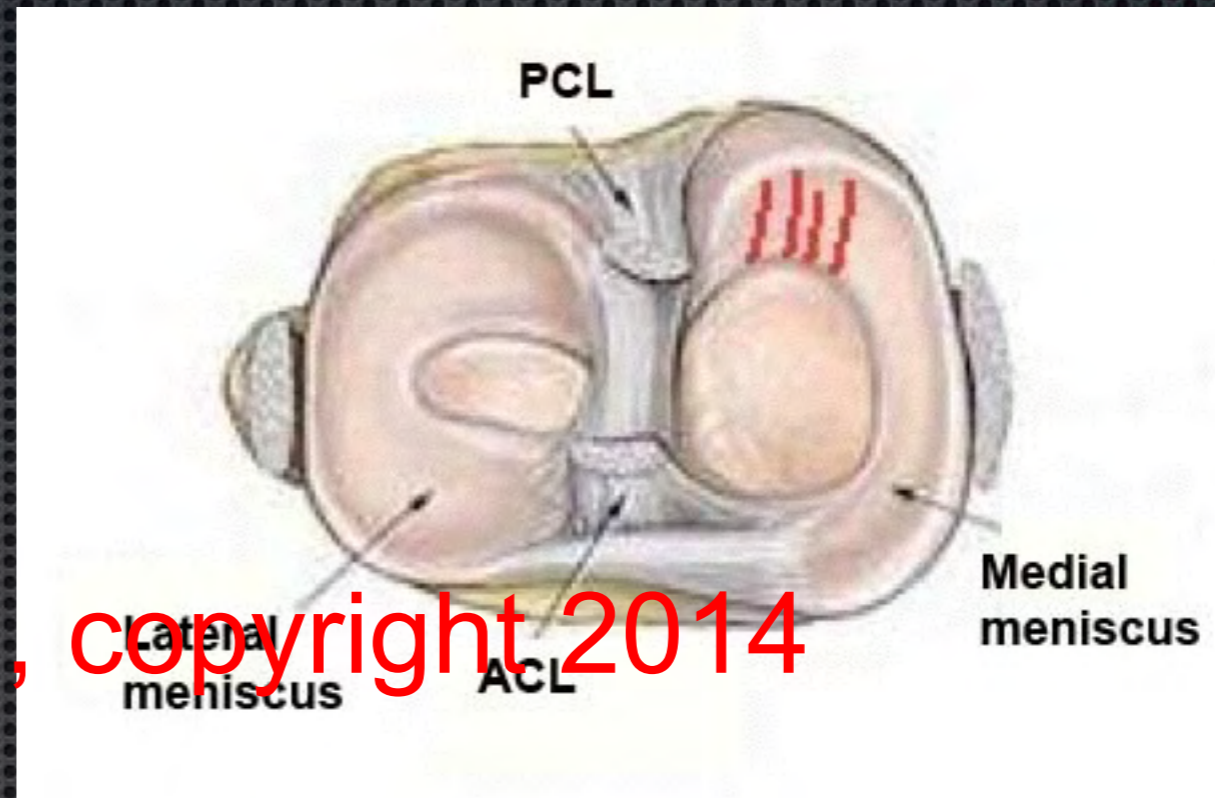
# Lateral meniscus lesions

- Radial: 6
  - Bucket handle: 2
  - Discoid meniscus: 1
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- Most of lateral meniscus lesions involve the small curvature

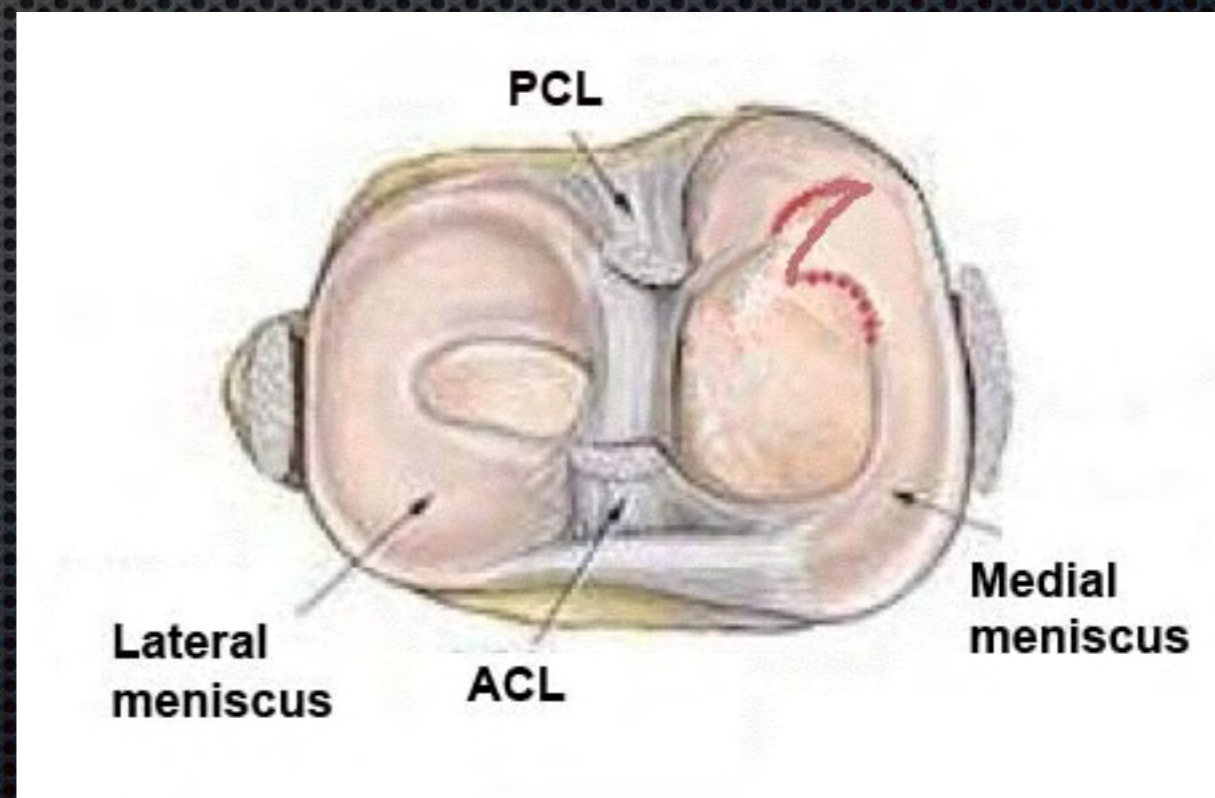
# Classification of meniscal lesions

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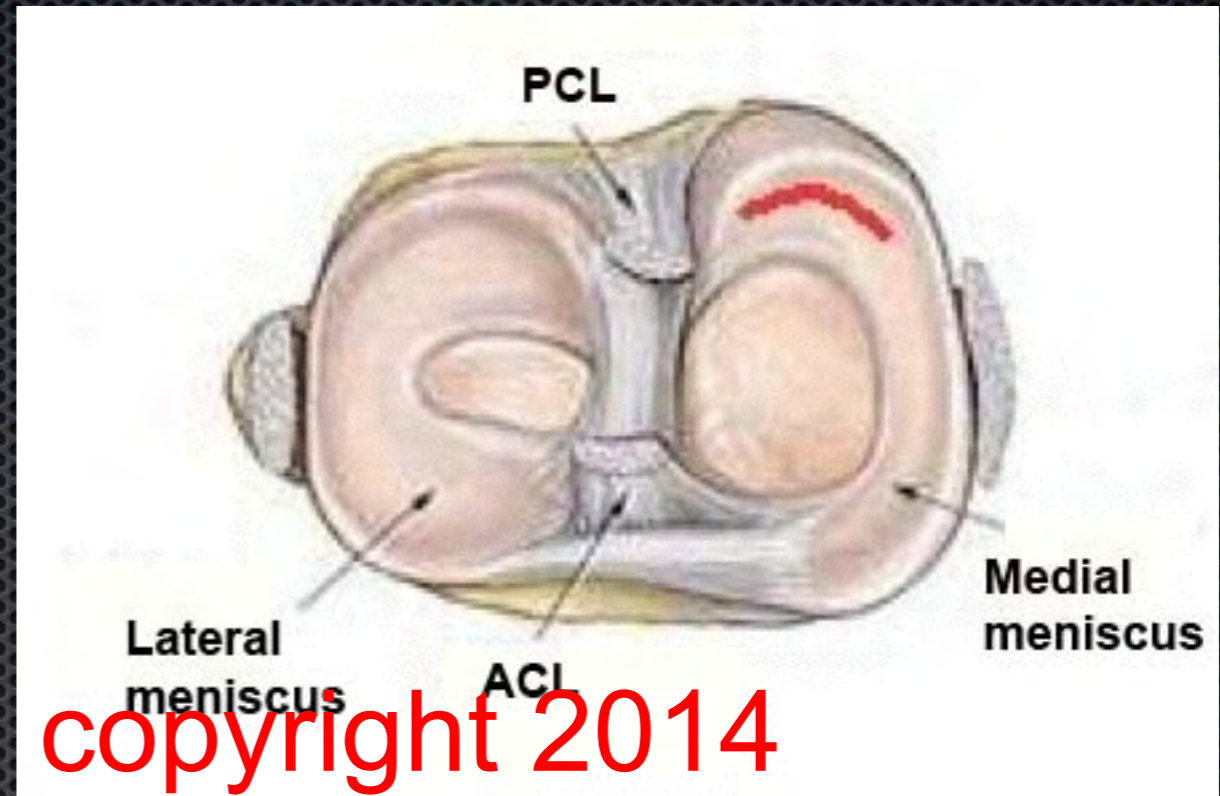
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- FLAP

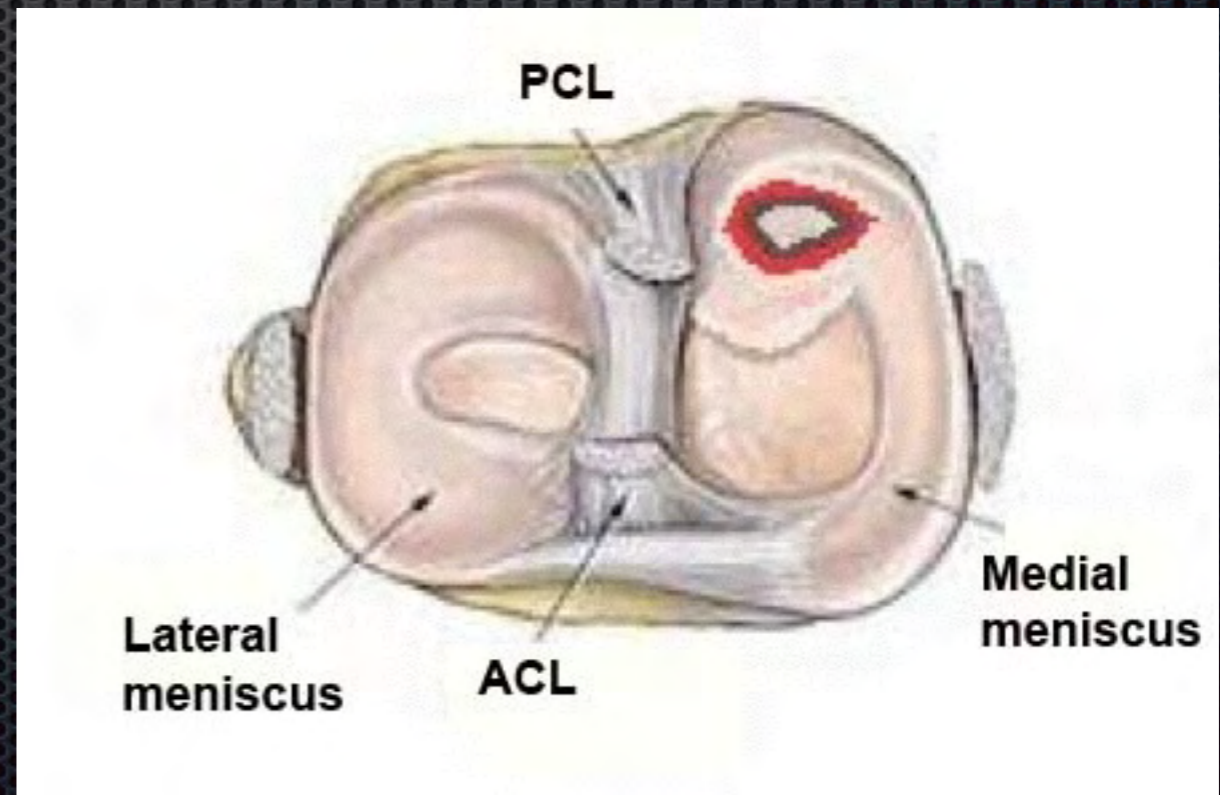


- VERTICAL-LONGITUDINAL



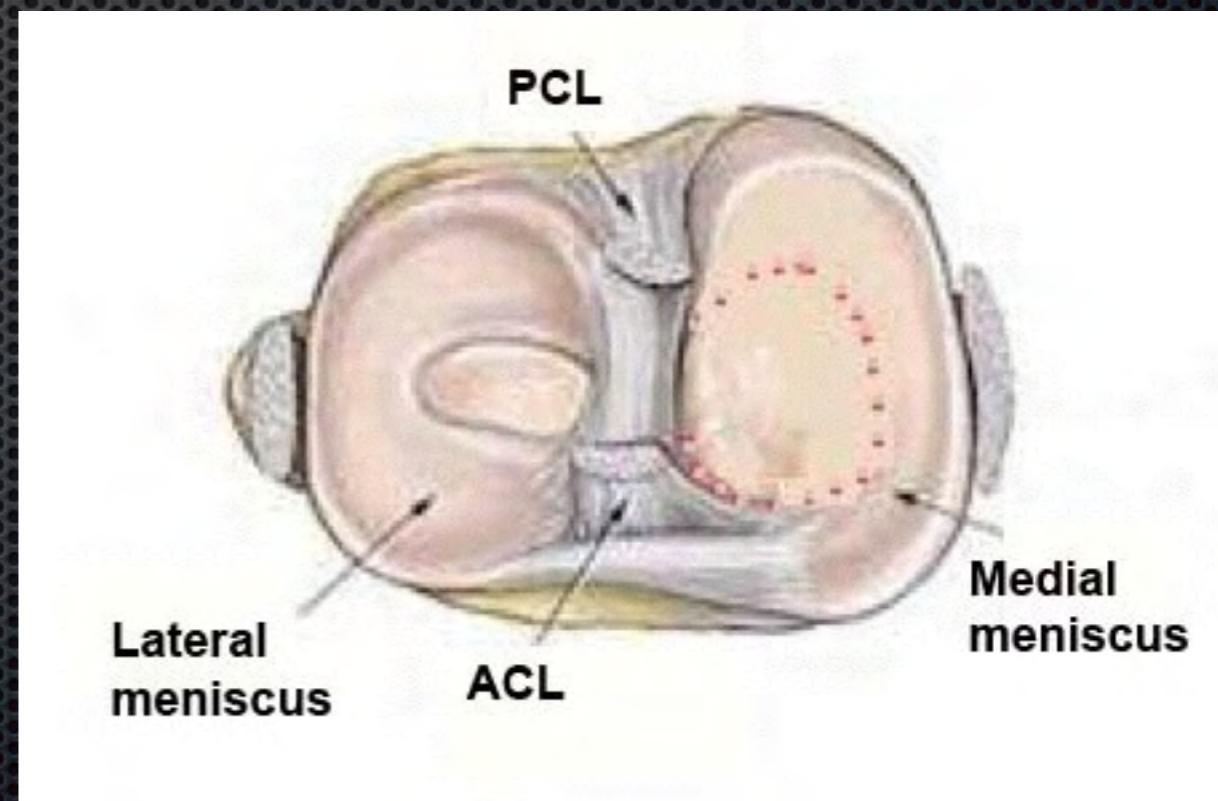
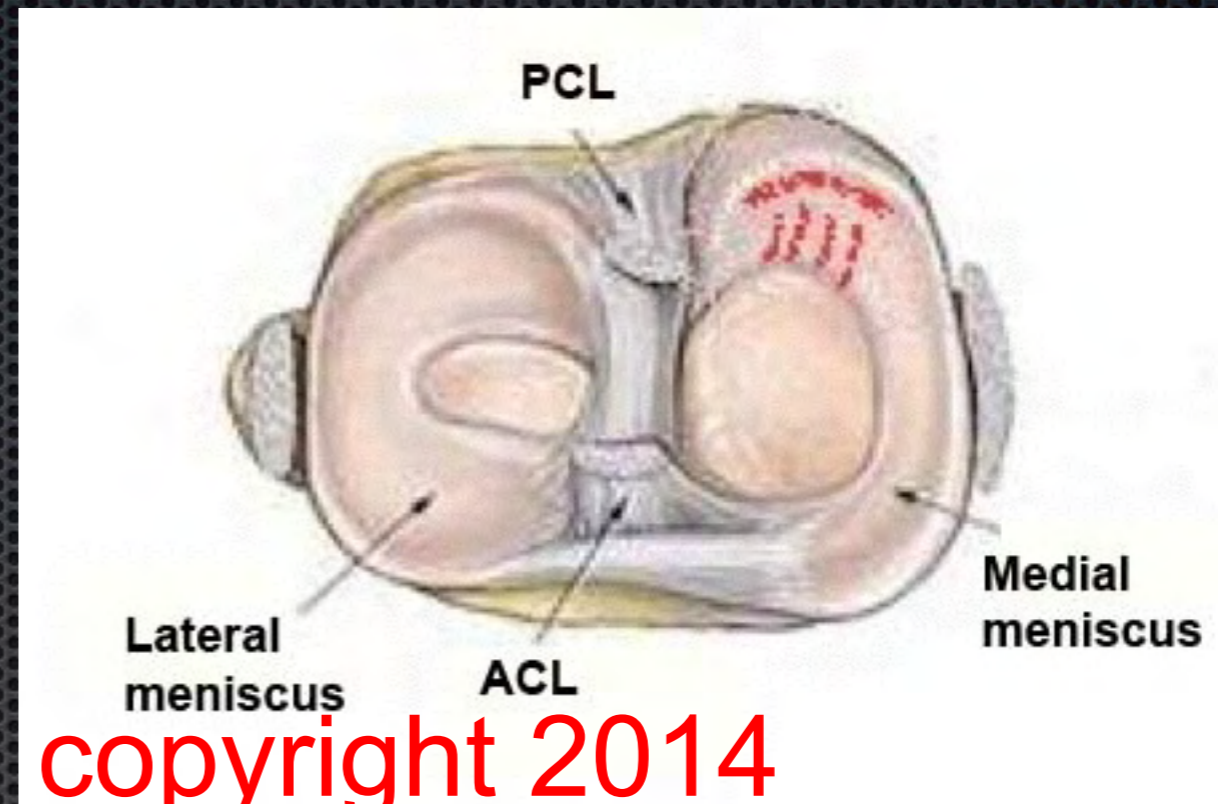
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- BUCKET-HANDLE LESIONS



- COMPLEX
  - ✦ HORIZONTAL
  - ✦ COMPRESSION

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- DISCOID MENISCUS
- congenital anomaly

# Cartilage lesions



# Treatment of cartilage lesions?

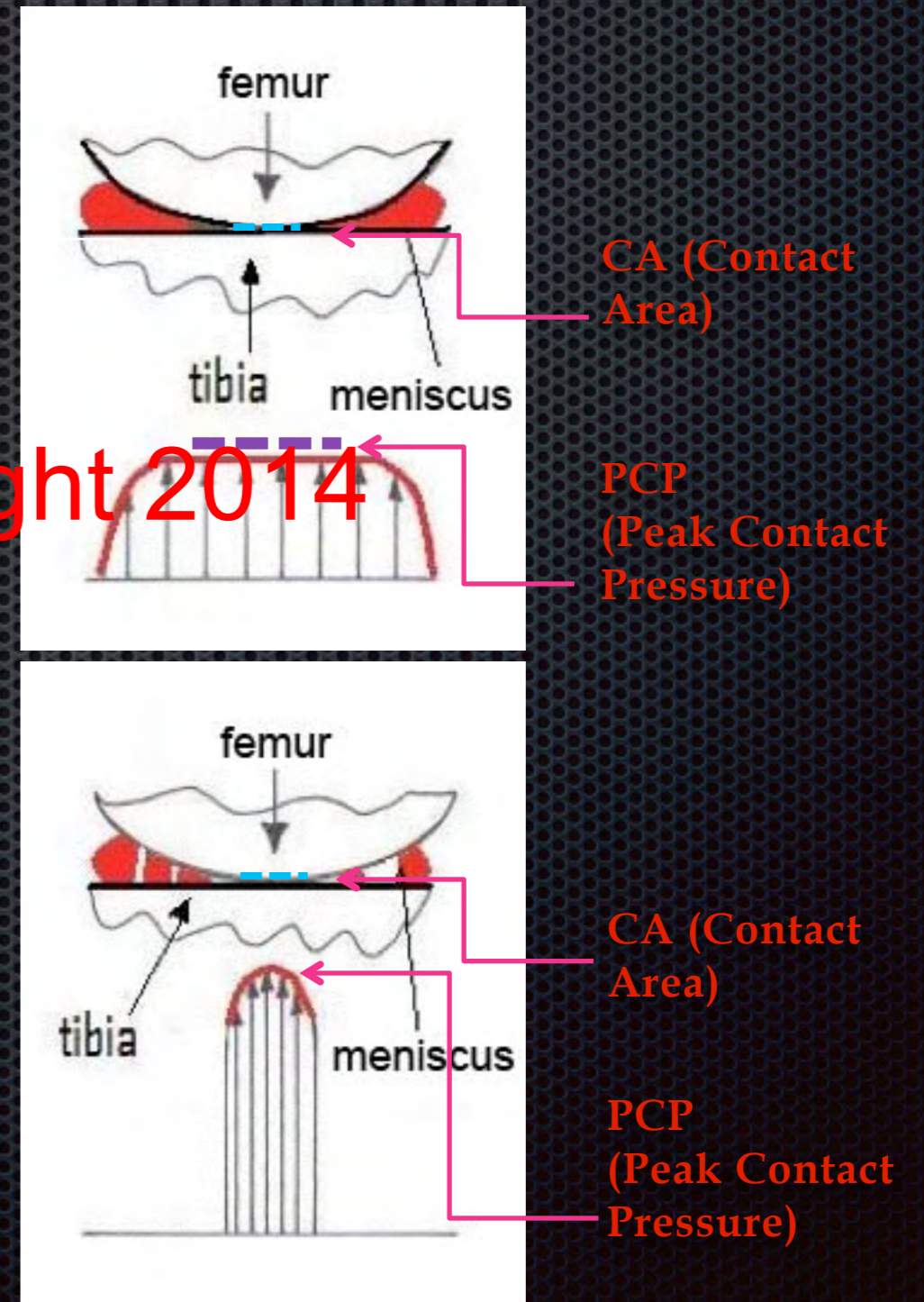
- ✦ Platelet growth factors
    - ✦ autologous blood
    - ✦ sodium citrate
    - ✦ centrifugation 460 G for 8 minutes
    - ✦ 1/2 supernatant
    - ✦ CaCl 10% 5% in volume of plasma
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- ✦ lesion curettage
- ✦ staminal cells of fat origin  
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- ✦ autologous osteochondral grafts
- ✦ meniscal transplantation

# Meniscal lesion: treatment?

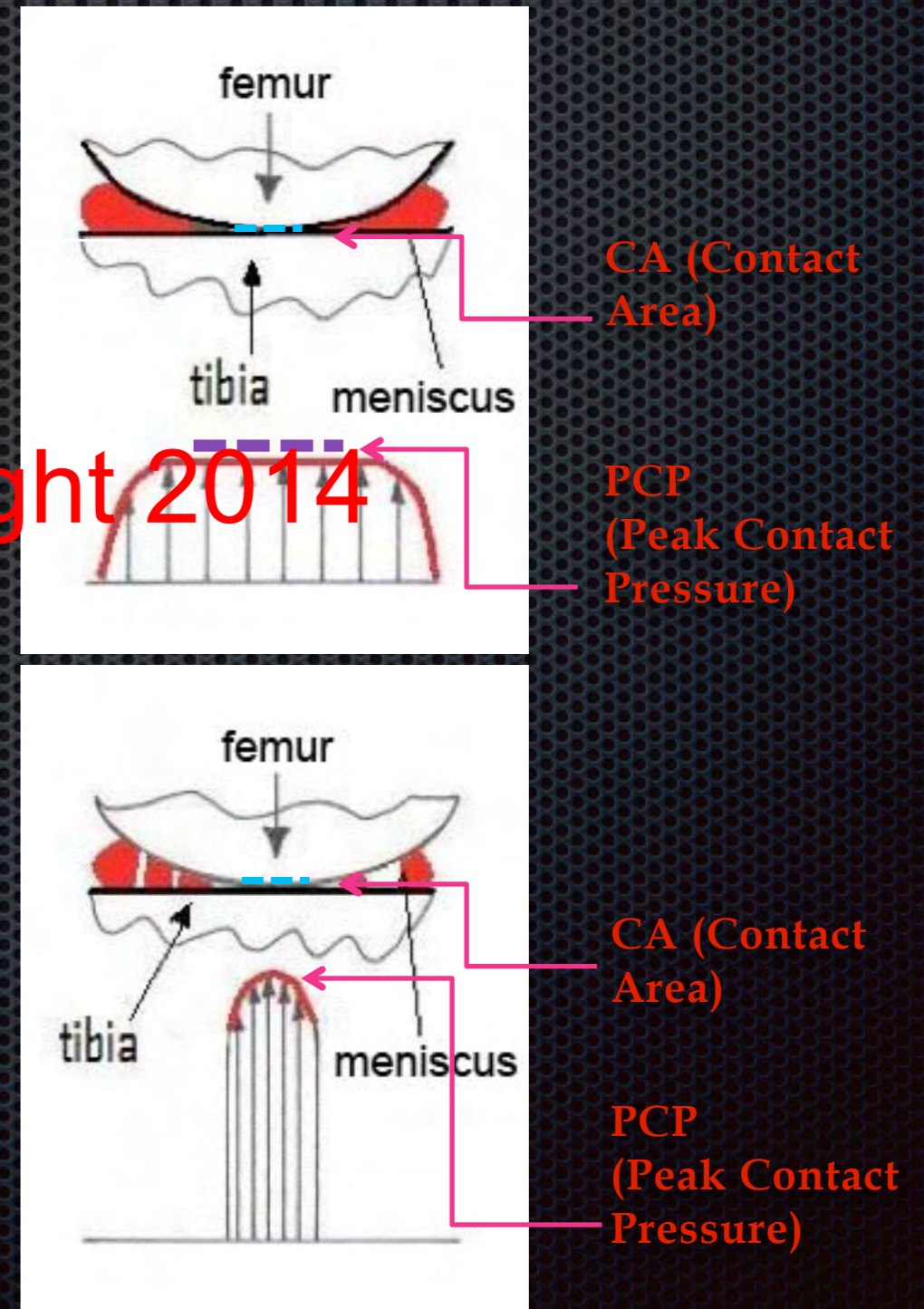
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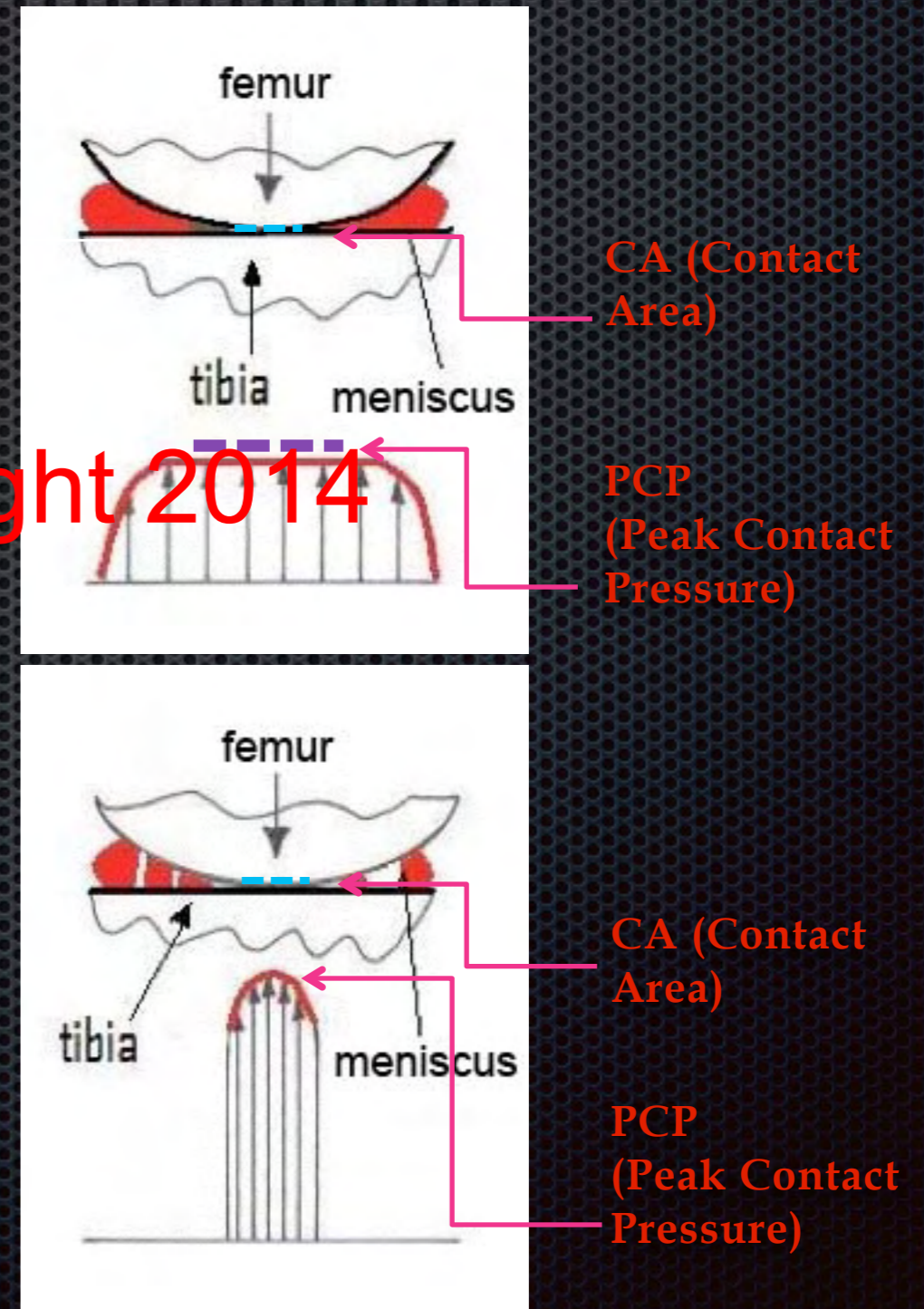
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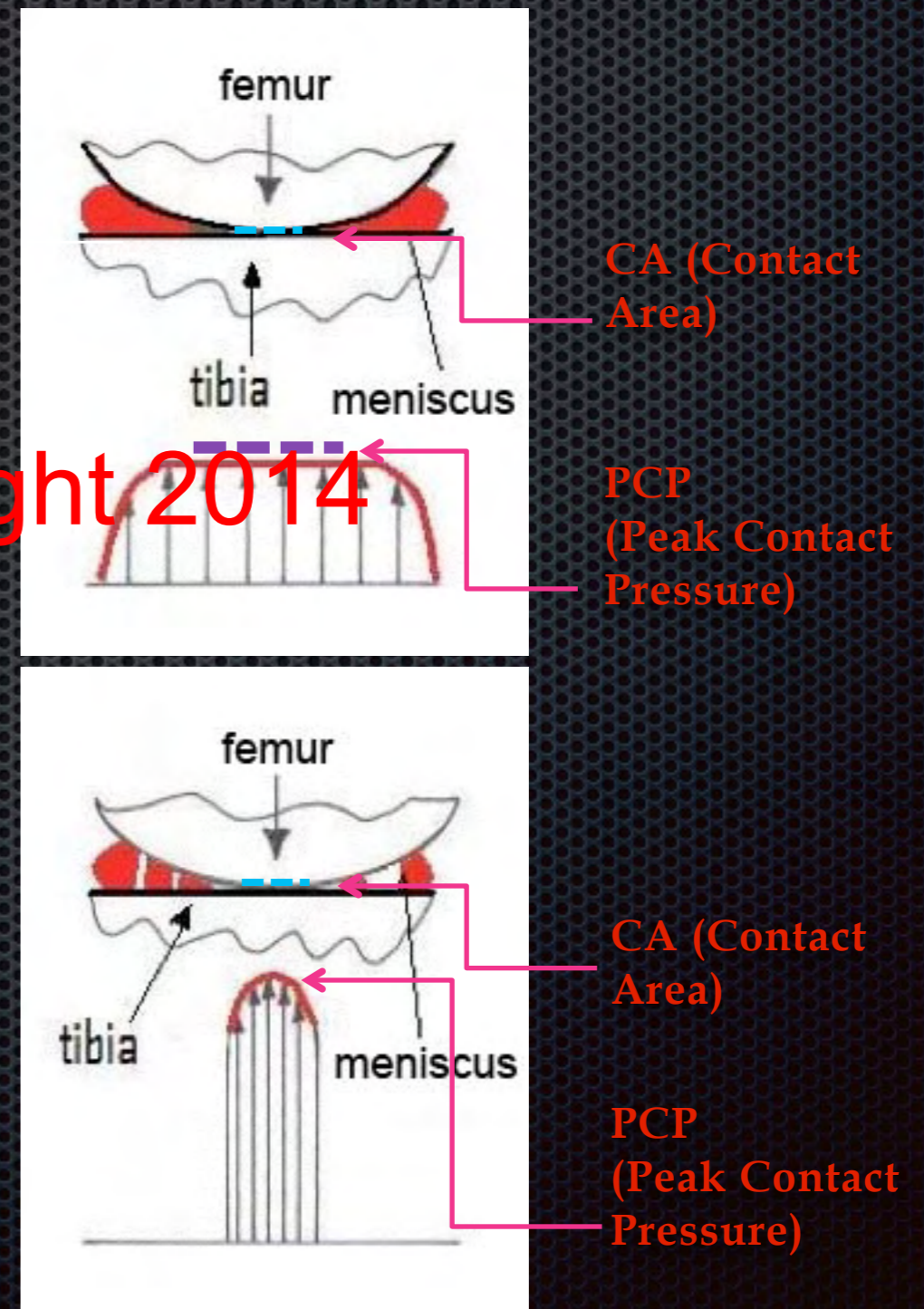
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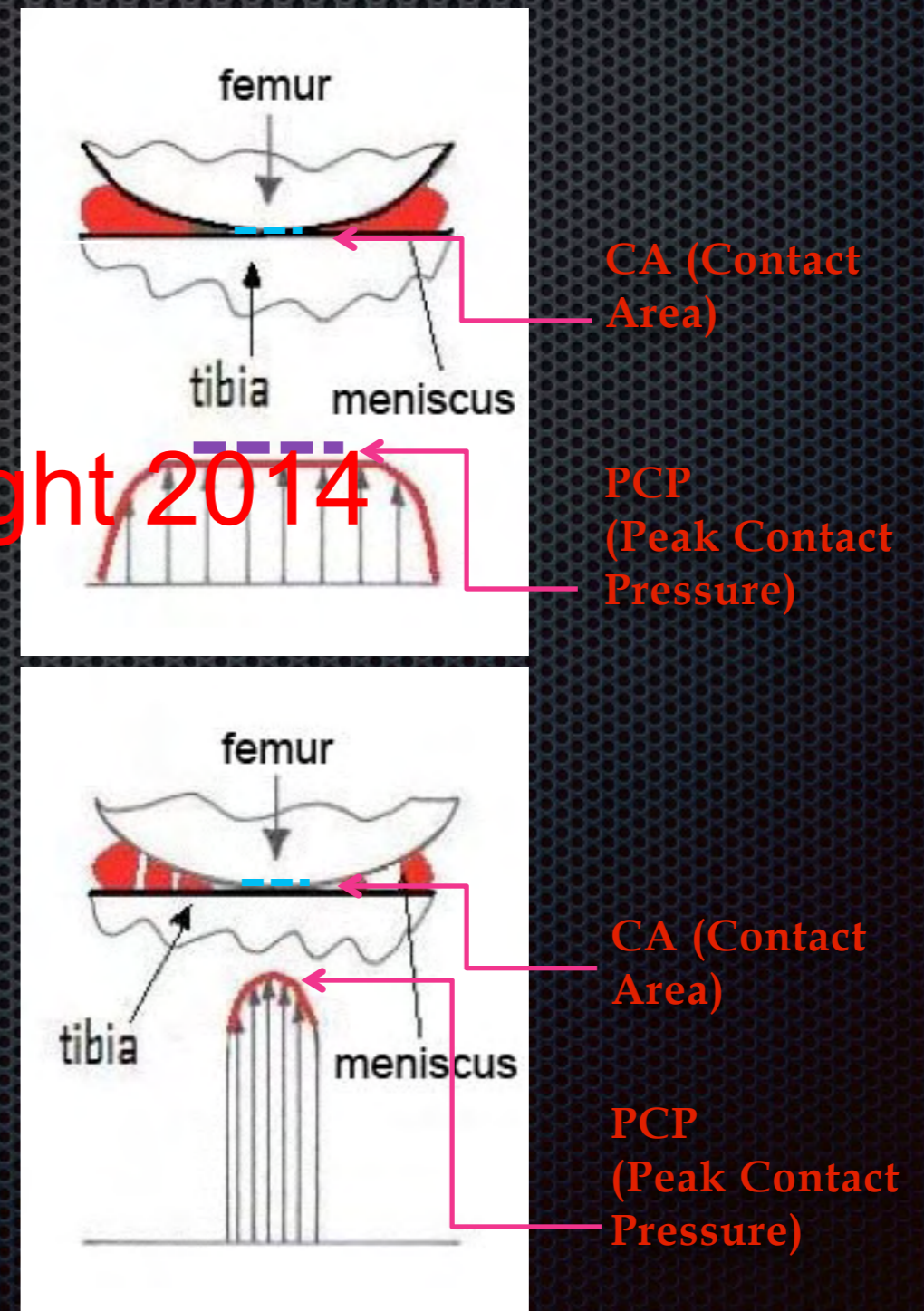
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- Bucket handle, flap and complex lesions: > 45% **PCP** in the medial joint compartment
- They should be treated (Thieman K.M. , Pozzi A. 2009)



# Joint distraction



# Meniscal suture

- MENISCAL SUTURE (Cook & Fox 2007; Luther et al.

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2007; Thieman et al. 2010)

- OUT-IN-OUT TECHNIQUE



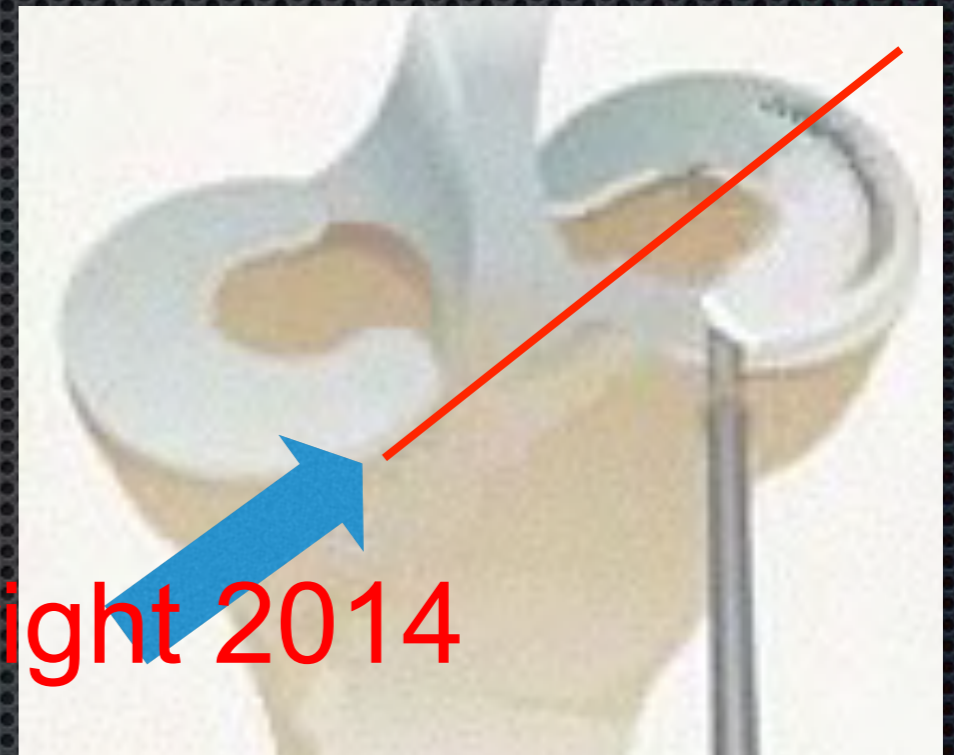


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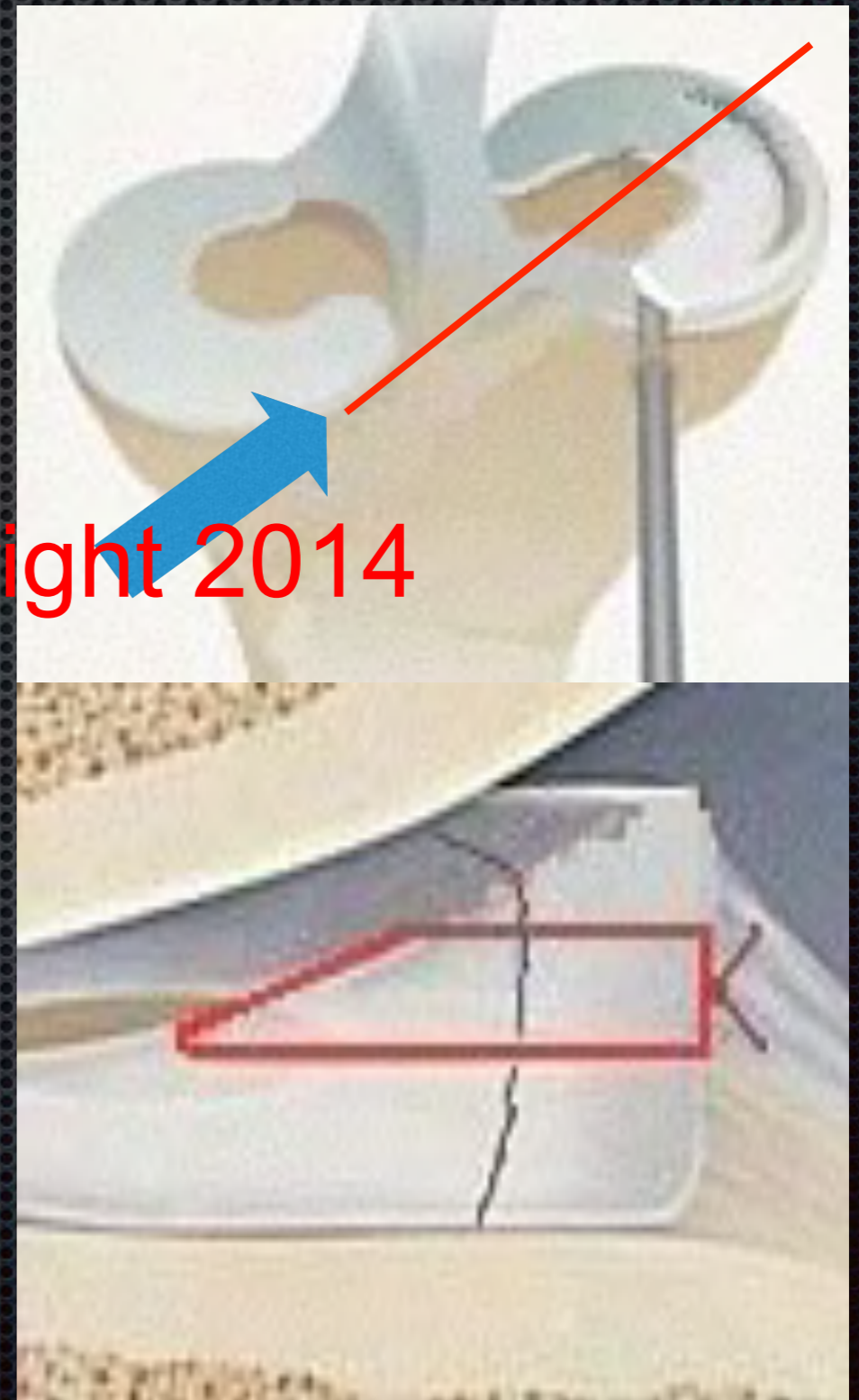
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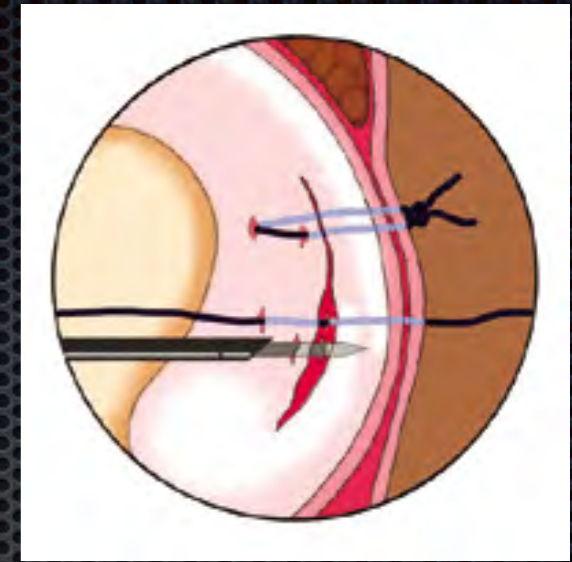
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# Meniscal suture



# Conclusions



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- Meniscal exploration
  - Maximum possible meniscal preservation

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## Philosophy





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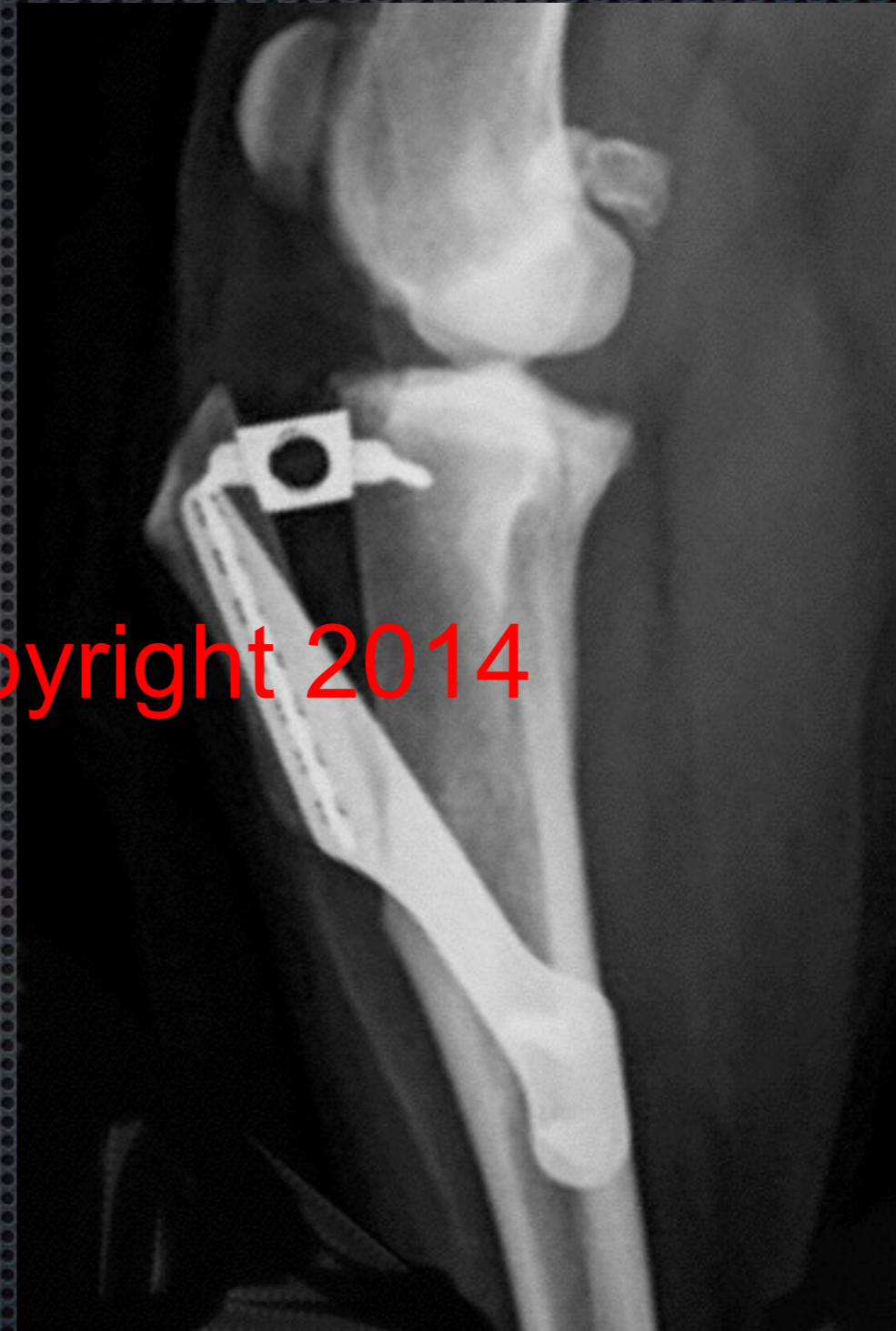


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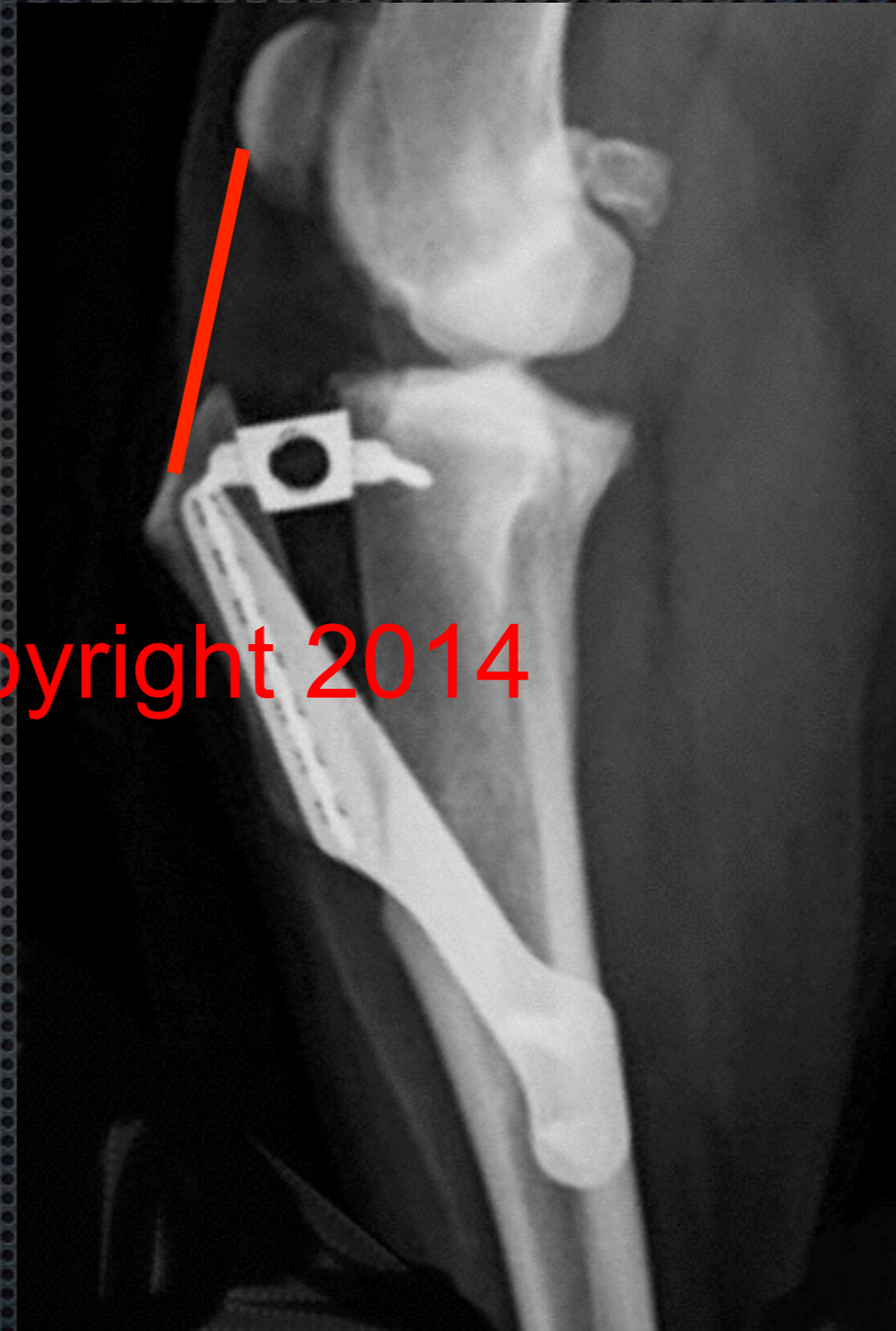




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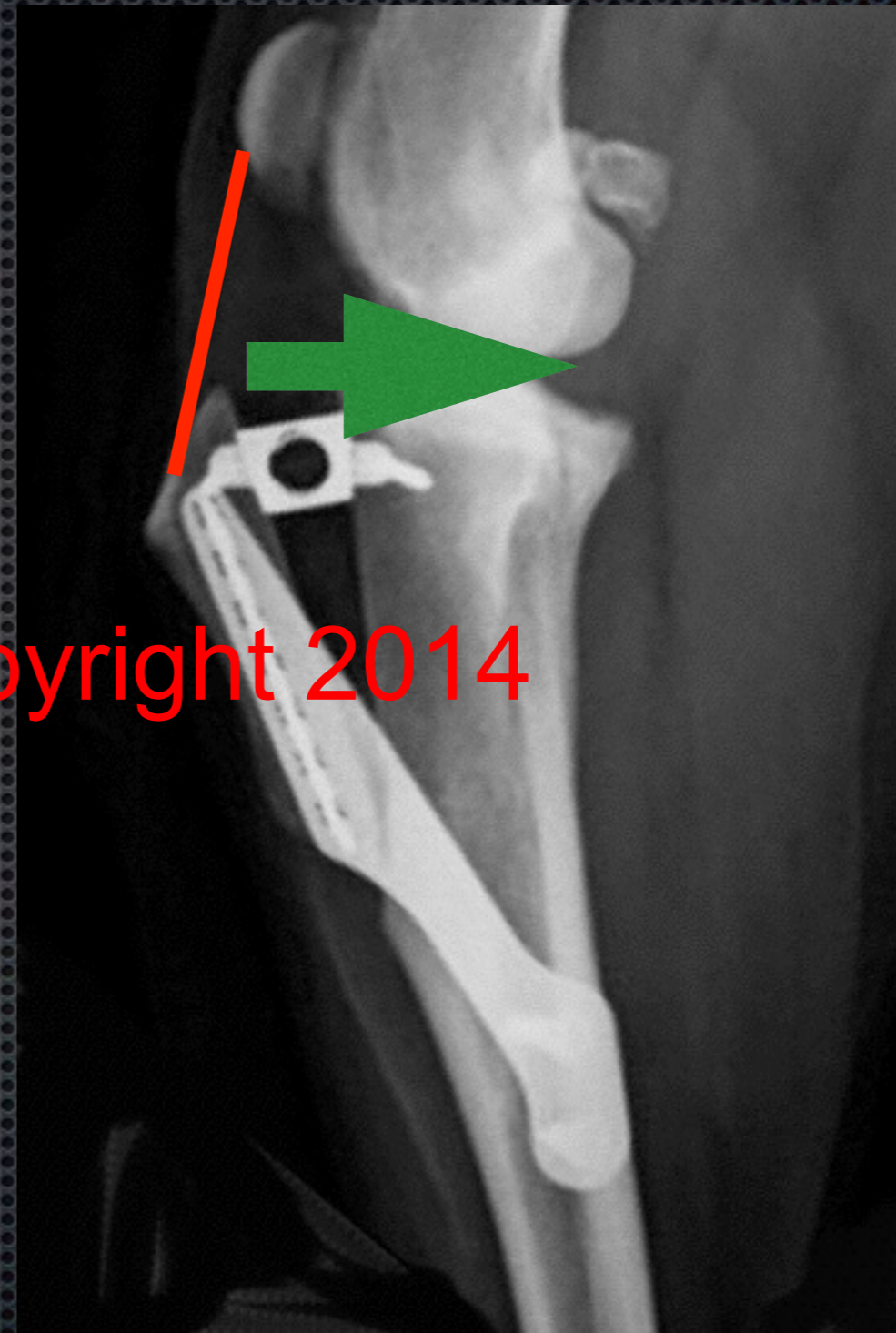
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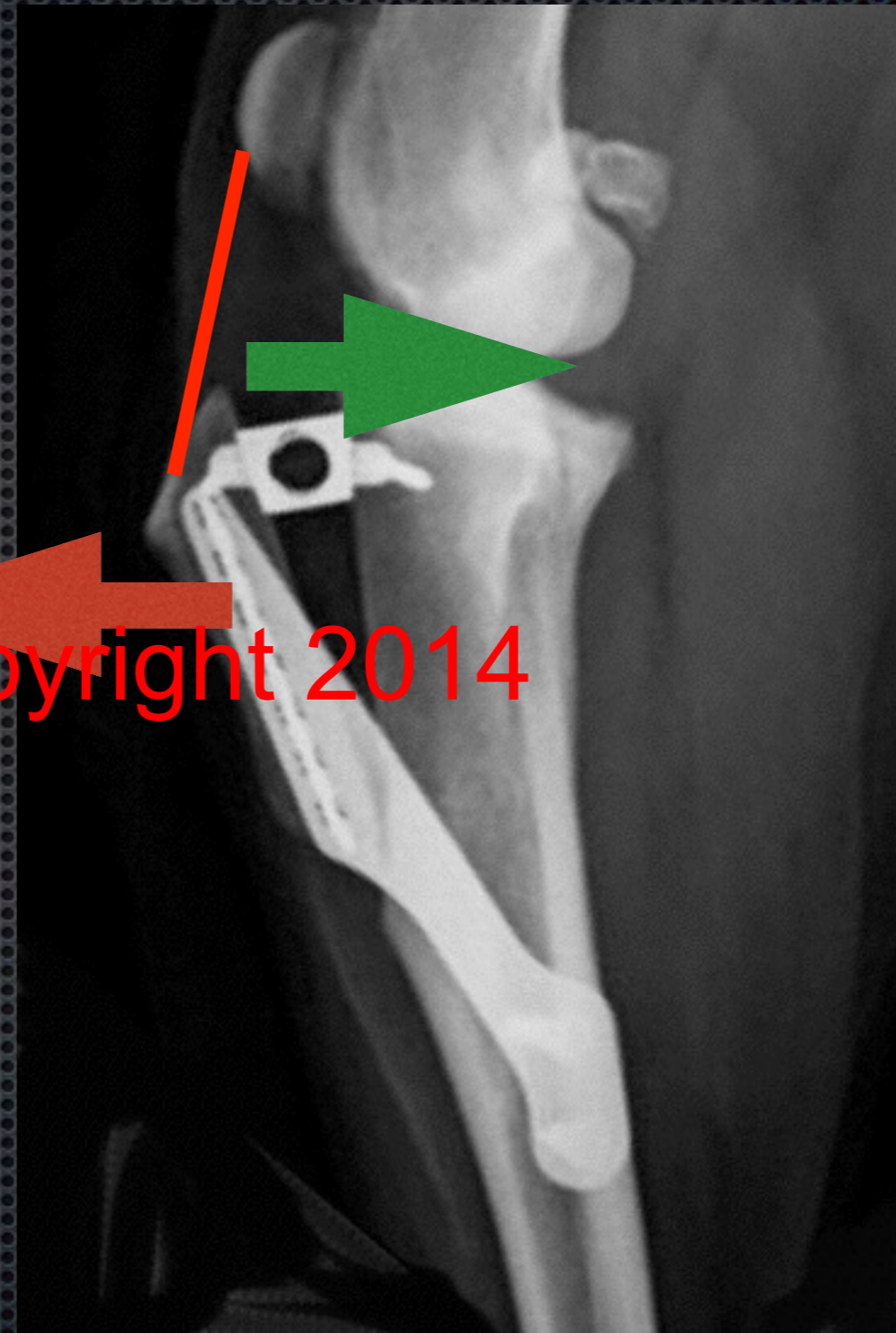
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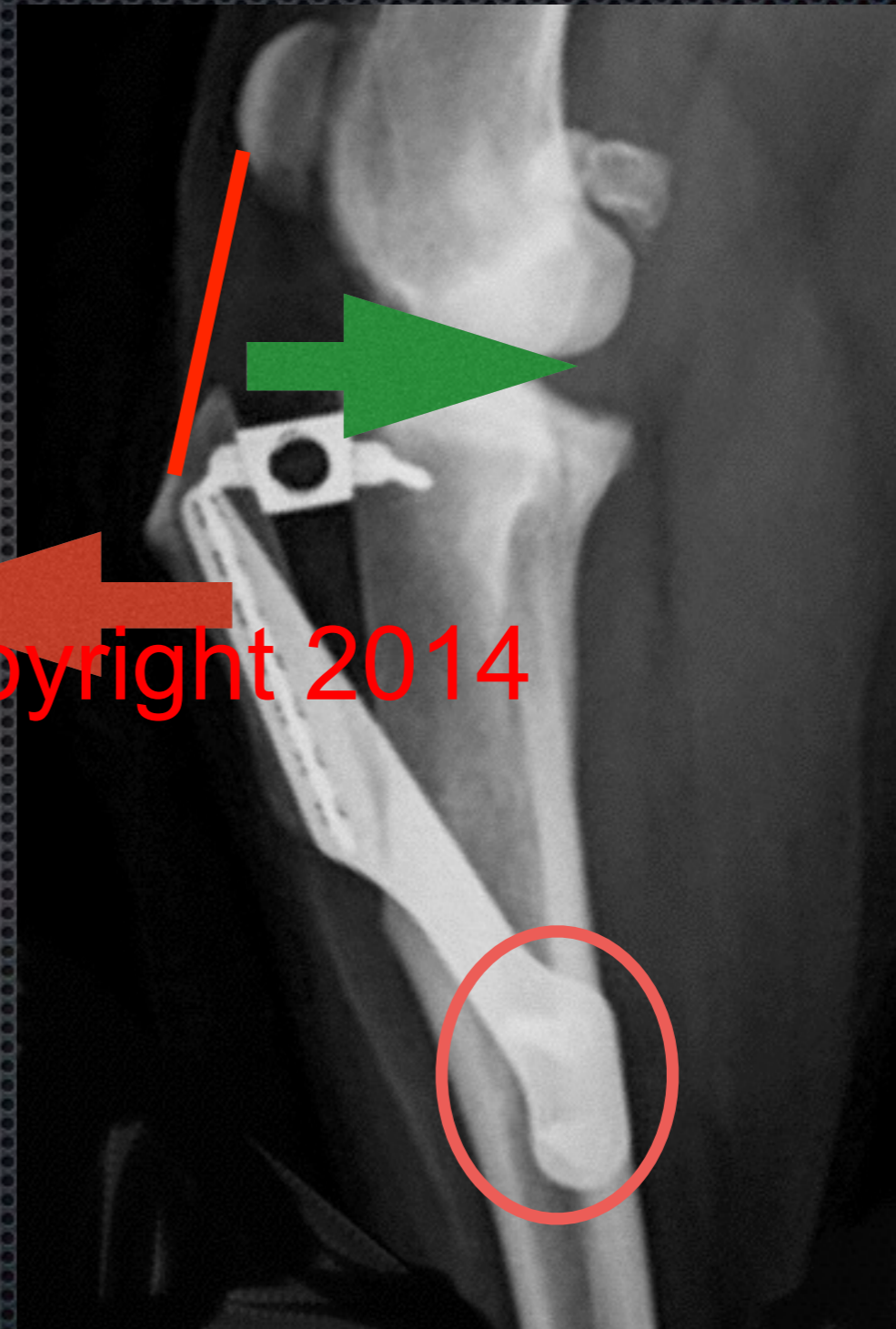


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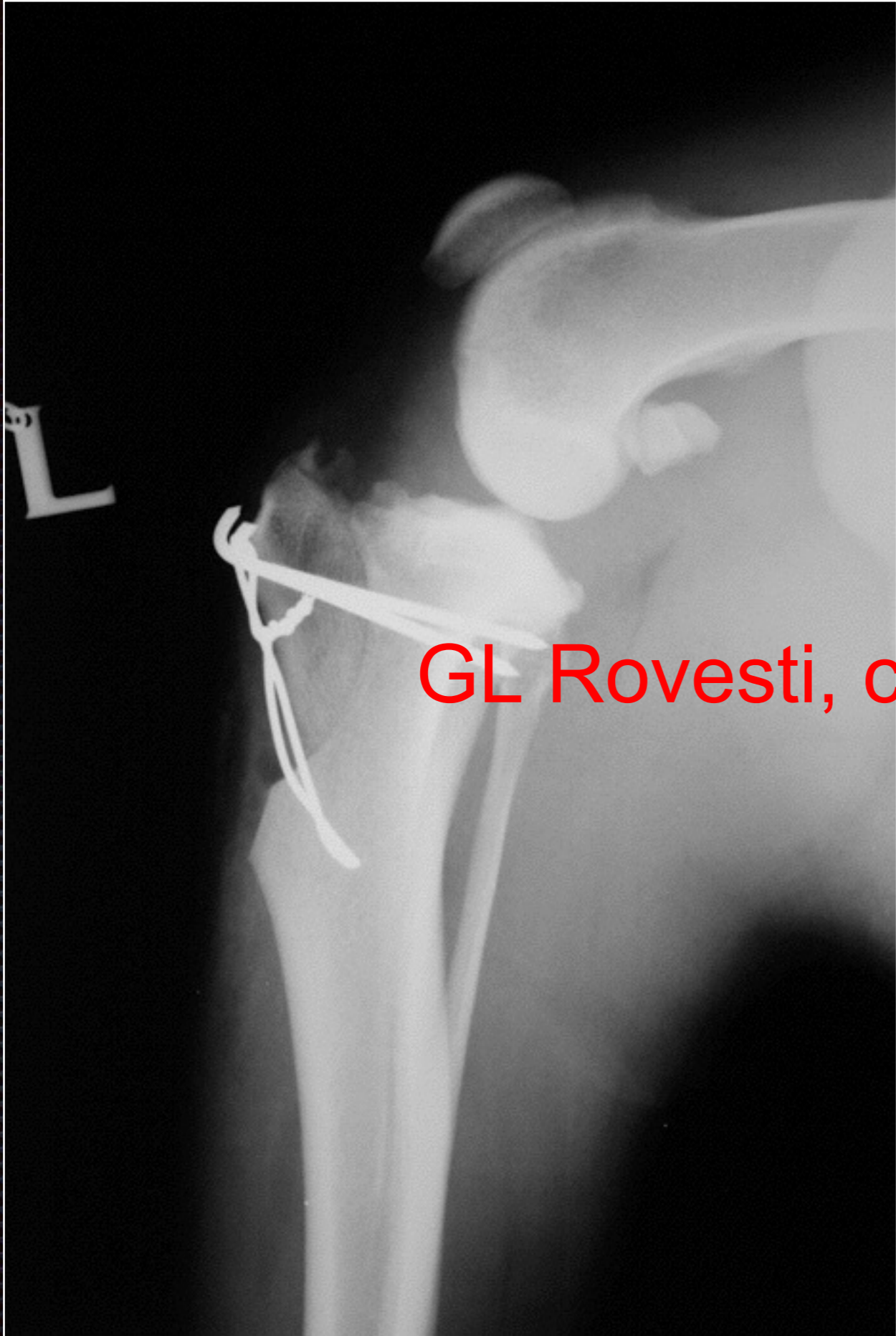
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## Effects of Rotation and Osteotomy Angulation on Patellar Tendon Insertion Position during Circular Tibial Tuberosity Osteotomy

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**Objective:** To evaluate the influence of rotation of the tibial tuberosity (TT) in the sagittal plane and angulation of osteotomy in the frontal plane (FPA) on the displacement of patellar tendon (PT) insertion.

**Study Design:** *Ex vivo* biomechanical study.

**Sample Population:** Canine tibiae (n = 36).

**Methods:** Nine groups of 4 tibiae each had a circular osteotomy of the TT at an FPA from  $-20^\circ$  to  $+20^\circ$  with increments of  $5^\circ$  for each group. The osteotomized TT was rotated by angles of rotation (AORs) of  $10^\circ$ ,  $20^\circ$ , or  $30^\circ$  in the sagittal plane. The craniocaudal (CCD), distoproximal (DPD), and mediolateral (MLD) displacements of a marker located at the PT insertion on the TT were evaluated radiographically. Differences between groups were analyzed by Mann-Whitney U test and Friedman 2-way ANOVA.

**Results:** There was a significant correlation between the AOR and CCD. A positive FPA resulted in a high CCD and lateral shift of the TT at every AOR. Performing an osteotomy at an FPA of  $0^\circ$  produced the maximum amount of DPD.

**Conclusions:** FPA and AOR during circular osteotomy of the TT influence the final displacement of the PT insertion in all 3 planes.

Rupture of the cranial cruciate ligament (CrCL) is one of the most common causes of pelvic limb lameness in dogs.<sup>1,2</sup> Many causal mechanisms exist to explain CrCL rupture,<sup>3-6</sup> and many surgical techniques for subsequent stifle stabilization have been proposed.<sup>7-12</sup> Since Slocum's investigations into the forces acting around the stifle joint<sup>4</sup> and the introduction of the tibial plateau leveling osteotomy (TPLO) in 1993,<sup>13</sup> increasing interest has emerged in the use of tibial osteotomies to treat CrCL insufficiency in dogs.<sup>14-18</sup> Tibial tuberosity advancement (TTA) was developed using a biomechanical approach that identified the quadriceps muscle as the main force acting on the stifle joint, leading to an overall force vector parallel to the patellar tendon (PT). The aim of the TTA technique is to modify the angle between the PT and tibial plateau (TP) by advancing the tibial tuberosity (TT), thus obtaining a PT-TP angle of  $90^\circ$  with the stifle at  $135^\circ$  of flexion.<sup>19</sup> This is achieved by an osteotomy of the tibial crest and insertion of a titanium cage in the osteotomy site.<sup>14</sup> Healing time for the gap between the advanced TT and the tibial metaphysis in course of TTA was reported to be  $>14$  weeks in 41% of cases<sup>20</sup> and

$>12$  weeks in 16% of cases.<sup>15</sup> Although it was shown there is no need for a cancellous bone graft over the gap,<sup>20</sup> this view was subsequently questioned.<sup>21</sup> Unfortunately, none of the current osteotomy techniques limits progression of degenerative joint disease (DJD), and to date, no technique has emerged as superior.<sup>19</sup> Reported complications for all techniques usually reflect the surgeon's ability level and the technical difficulties inherent to the procedure.<sup>19</sup>

A new technique with the same rationale as TTA, called circular tibial tuberosity osteotomy (cTTA) was recently described.<sup>22</sup> It is performed by a circular osteotomy of the TT followed by a craniad rotation. The main theoretical advantage of the technique is that it allows a continuous degree of correction, with no need for standard cage sizes. Rather, the osteotomy results in continuous contact between the TT and the tibial metaphysis, without creating a gap at the osteotomy site. This makes interfragmentary compression possible and therefore obviates the need for cancellous bone grafting. No further details were provided<sup>22</sup>; however, the angle between the frontal plane of the tibia and the plane of the osteotomy may profoundly affect the direction in which the bone will move during rotation.<sup>19,23</sup>

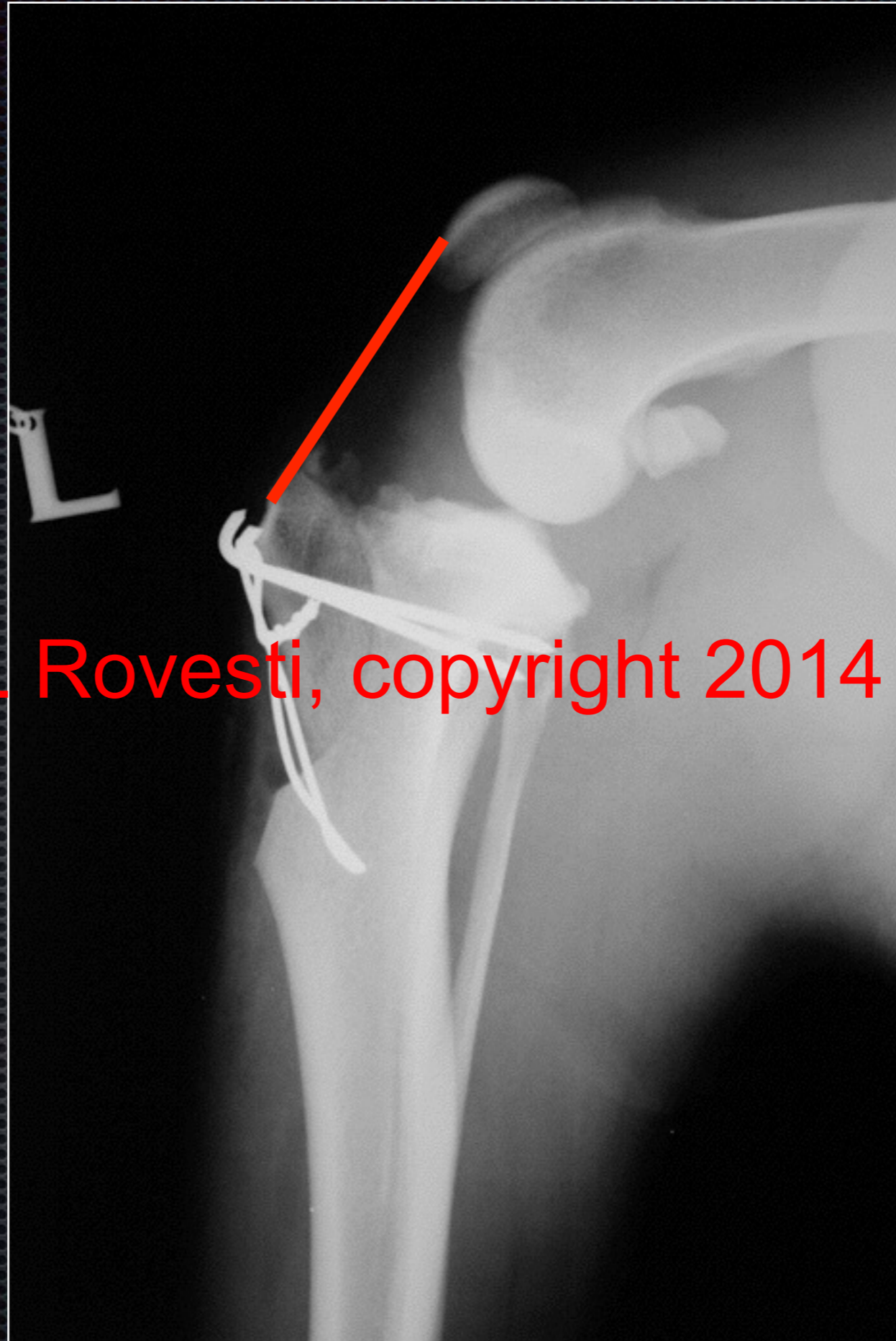
Our purpose was to evaluate the influence of the angulation of osteotomy in the frontal plane (FPA) of the TT

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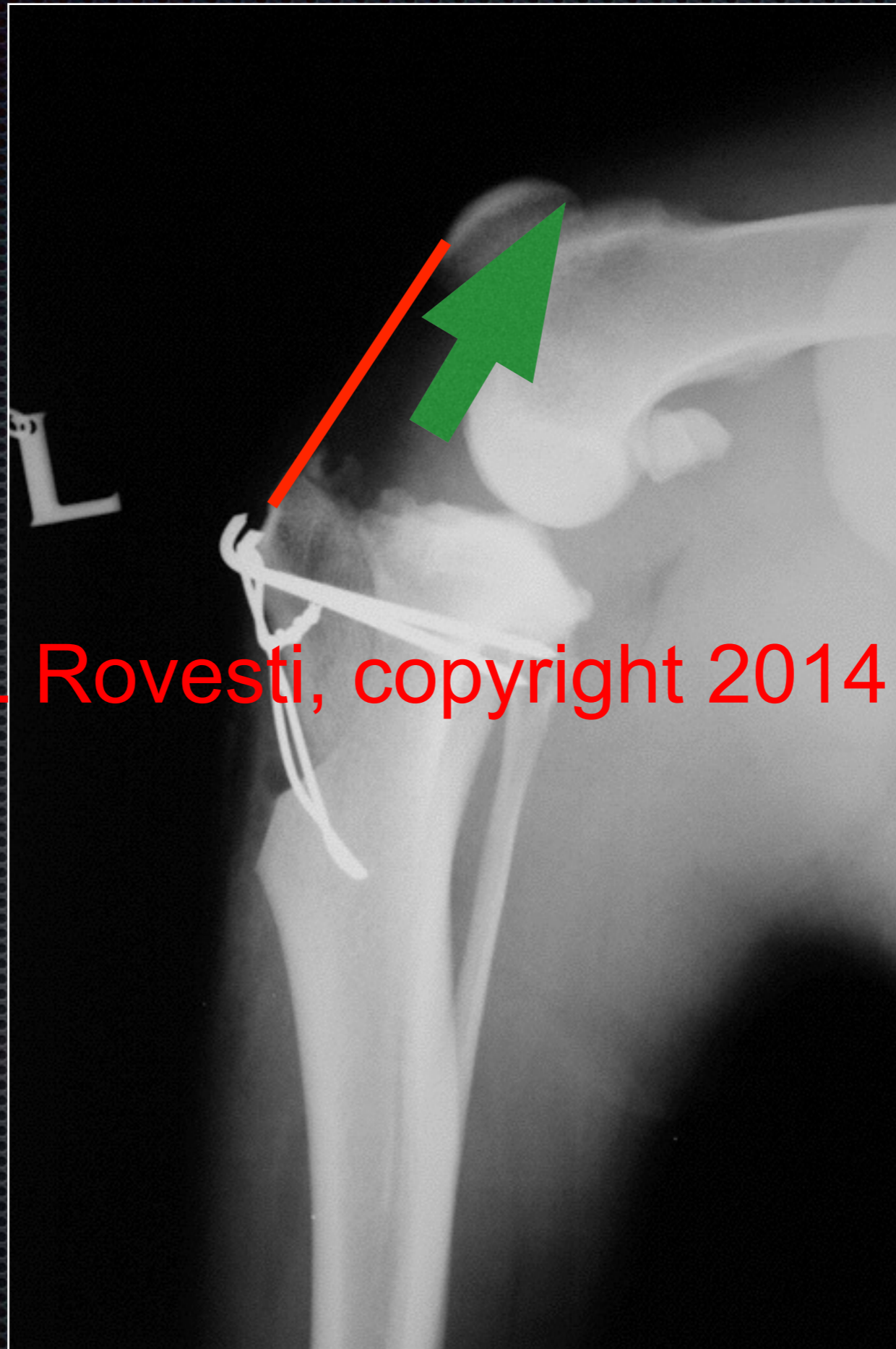


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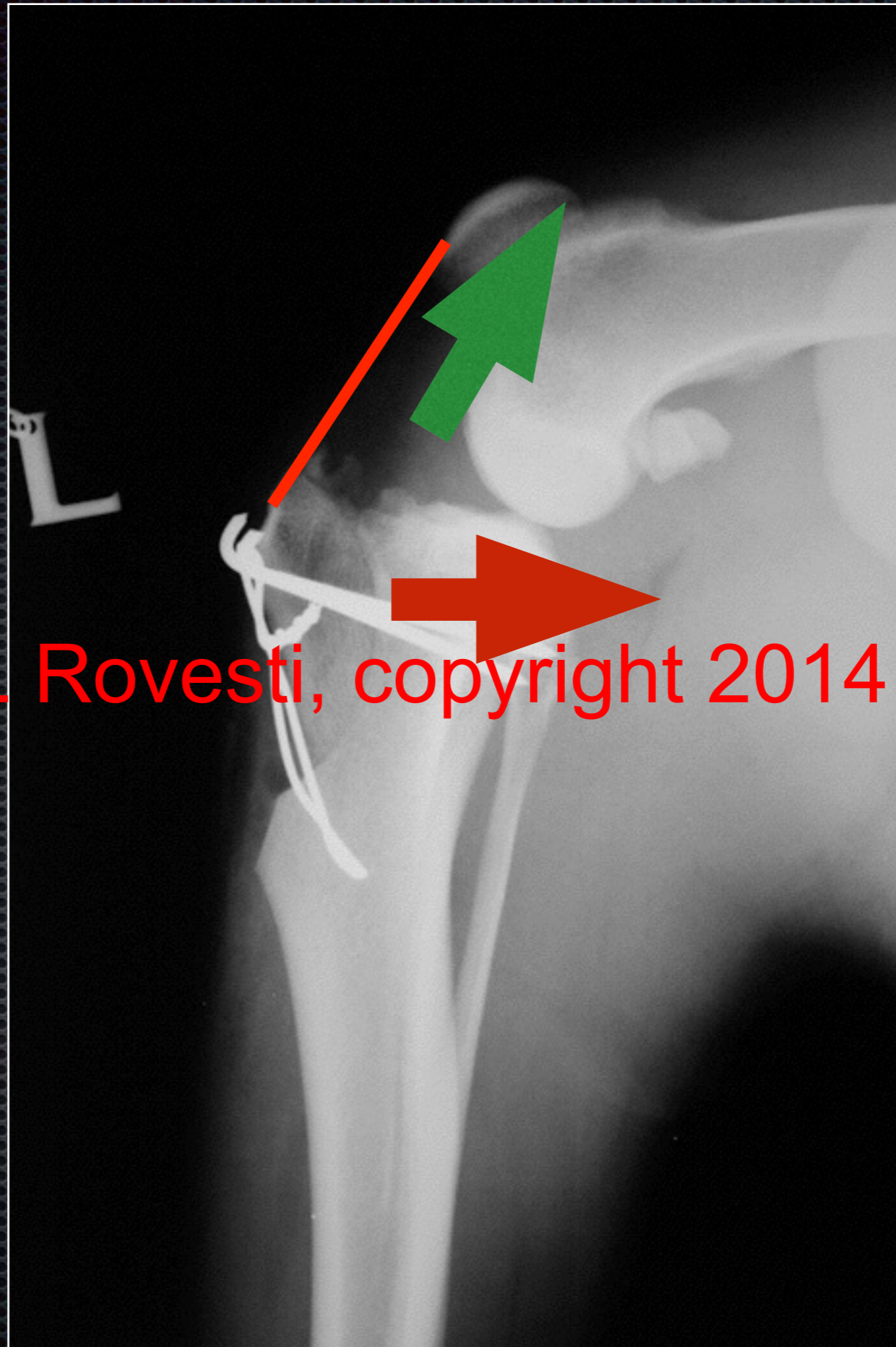


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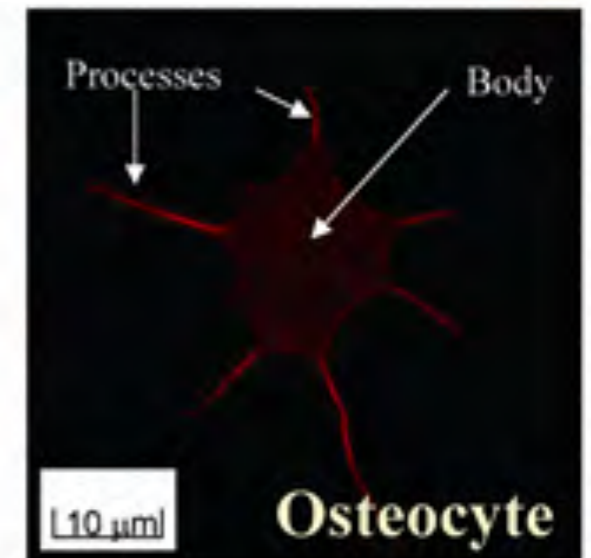
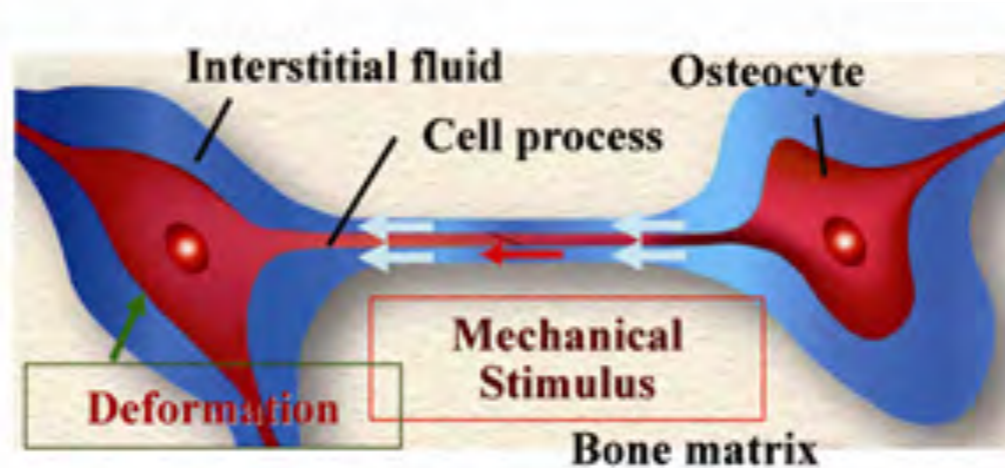
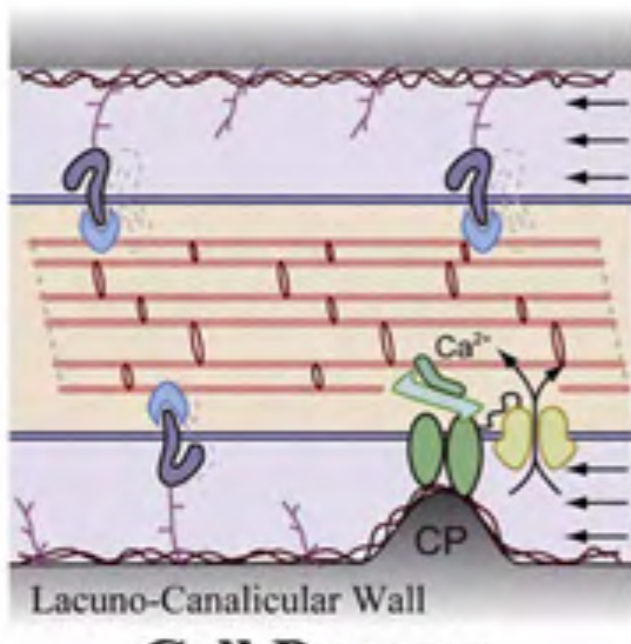


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# OSTEOCYTES FUNCTION

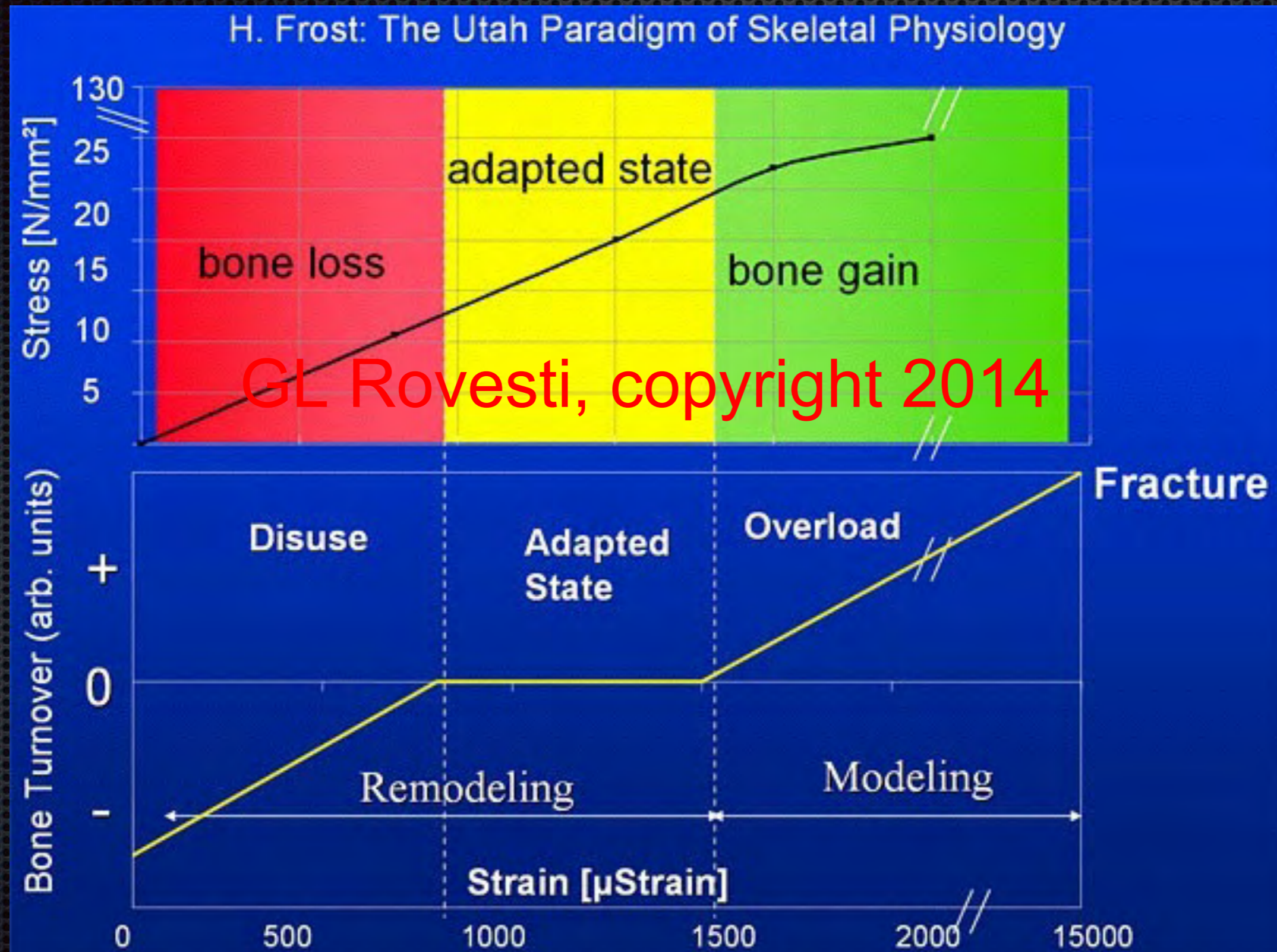


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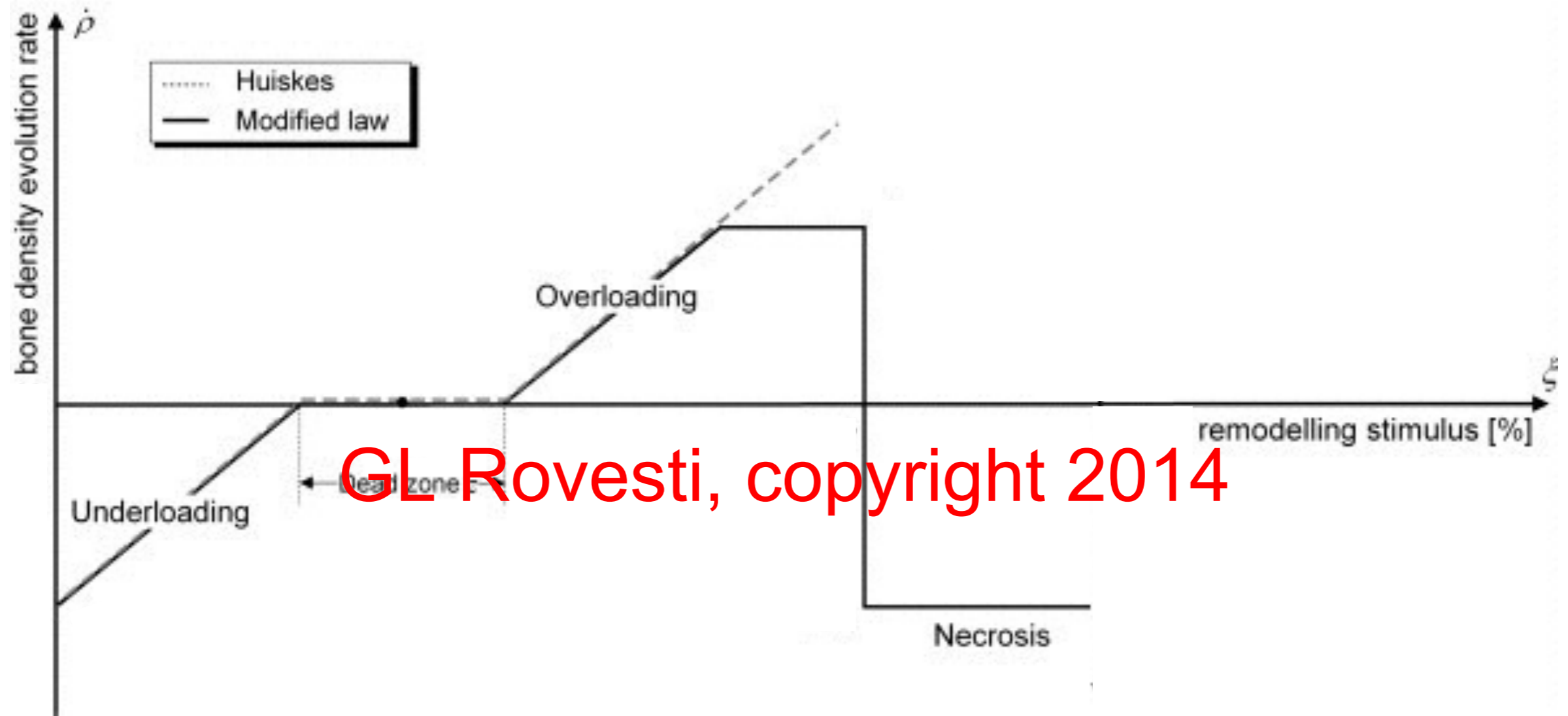
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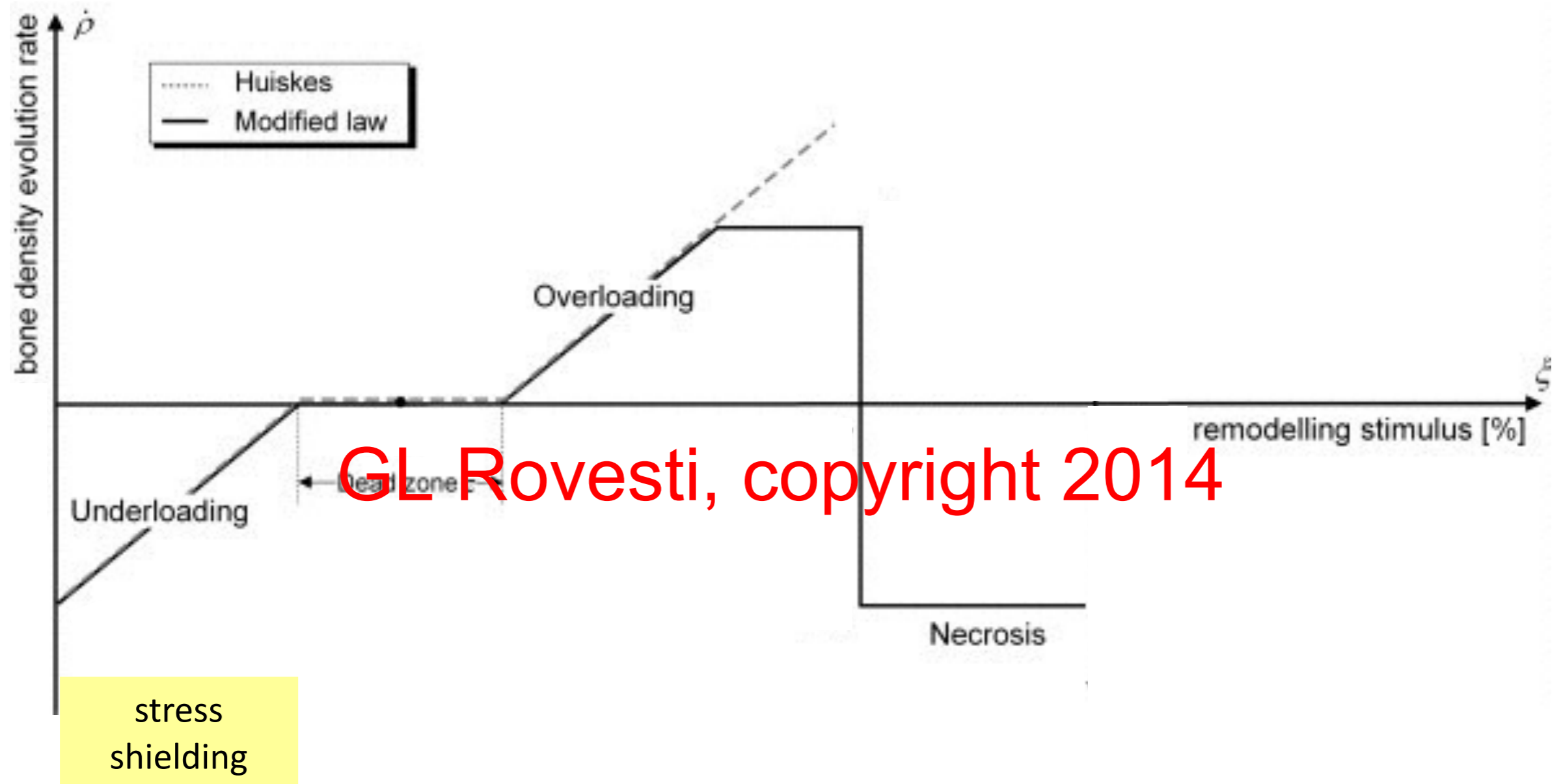
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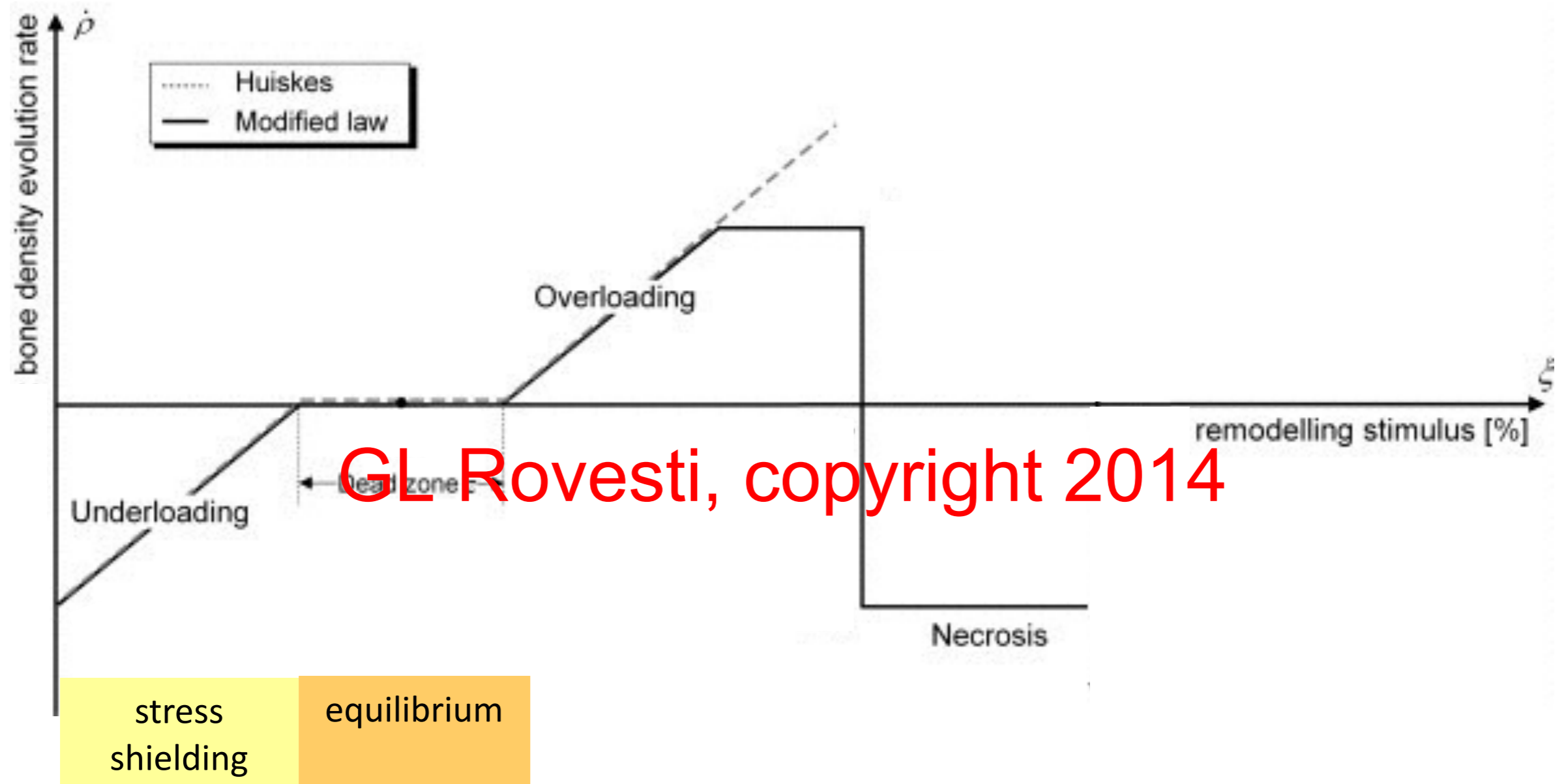
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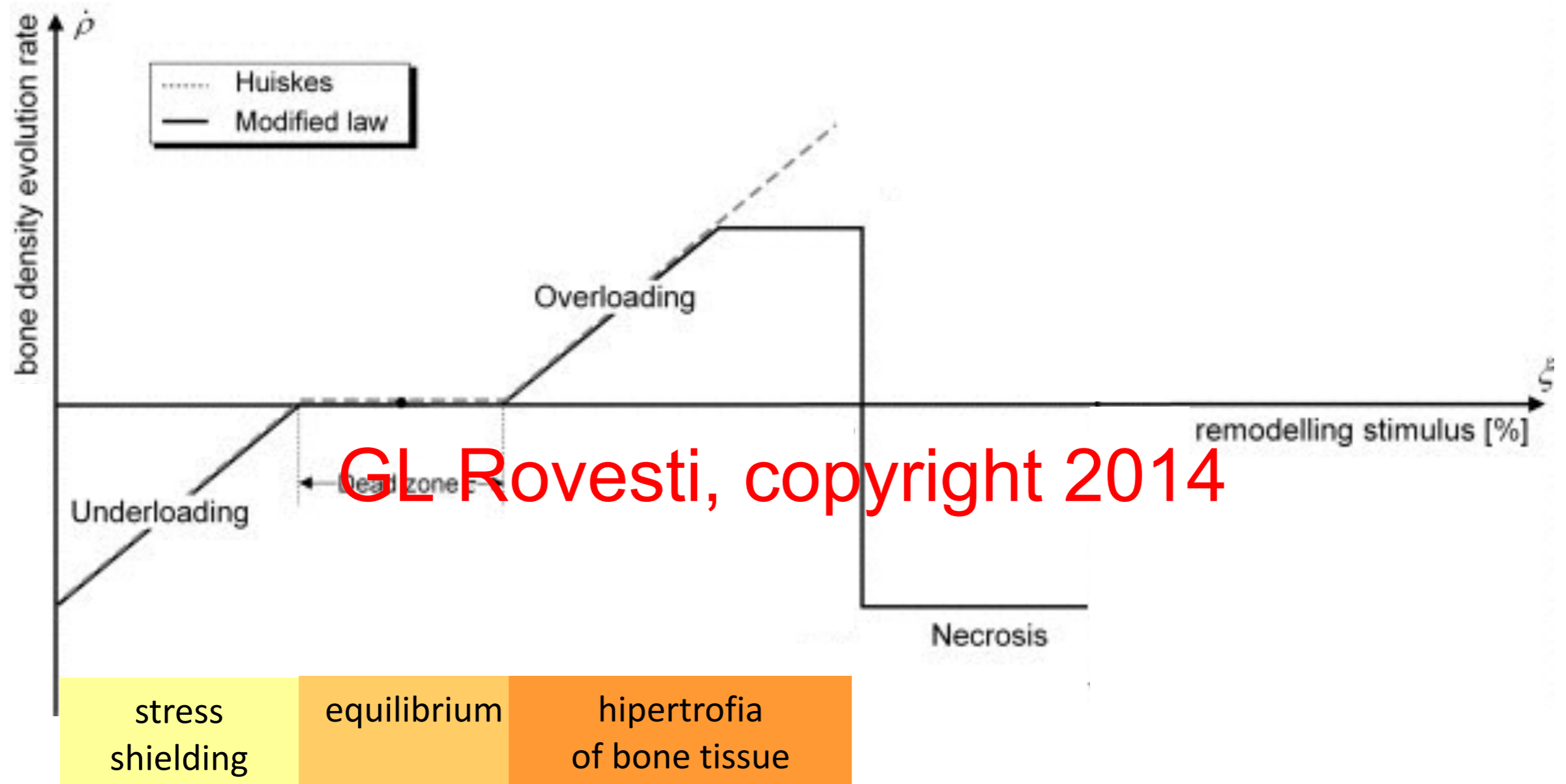
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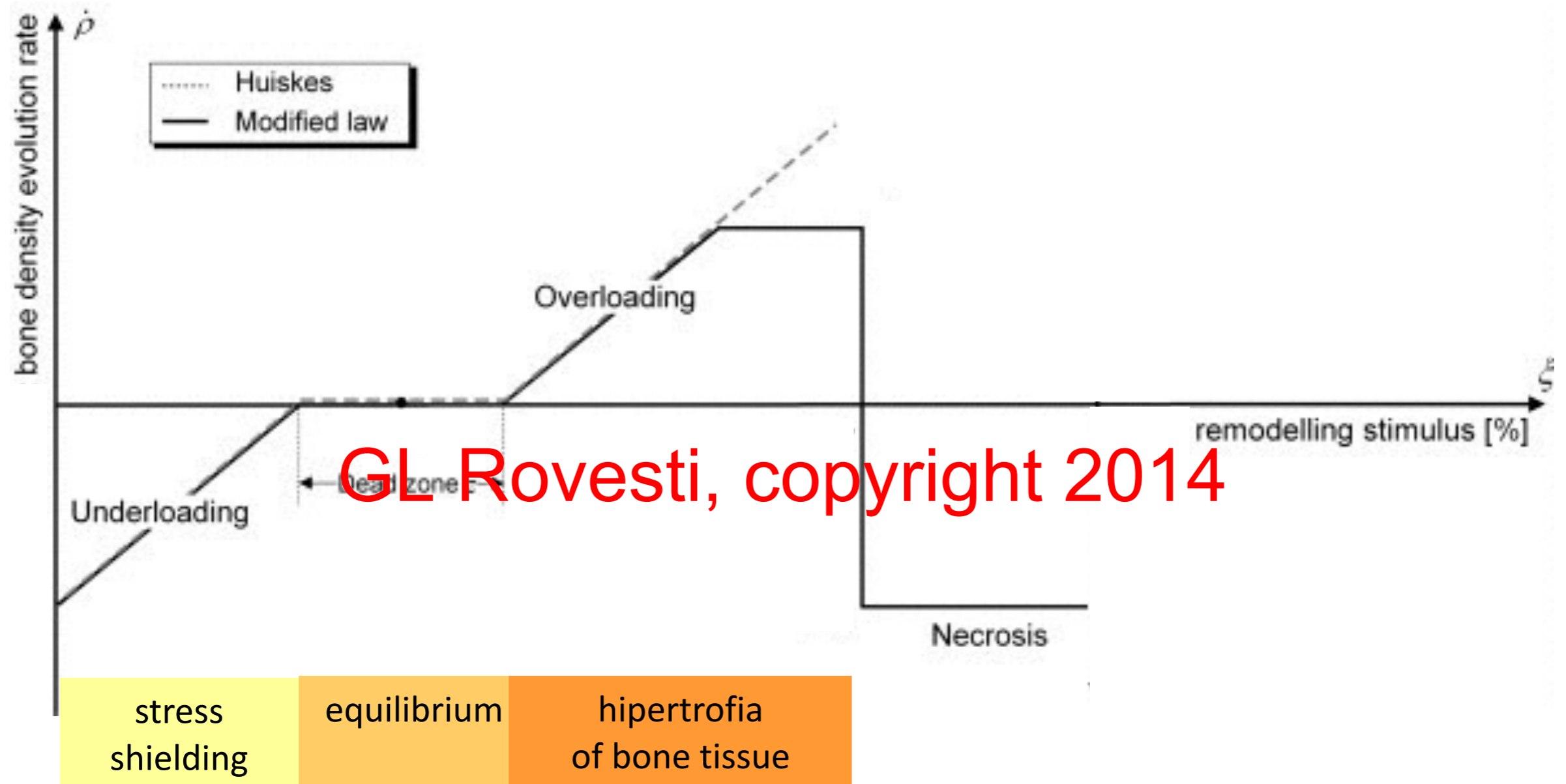
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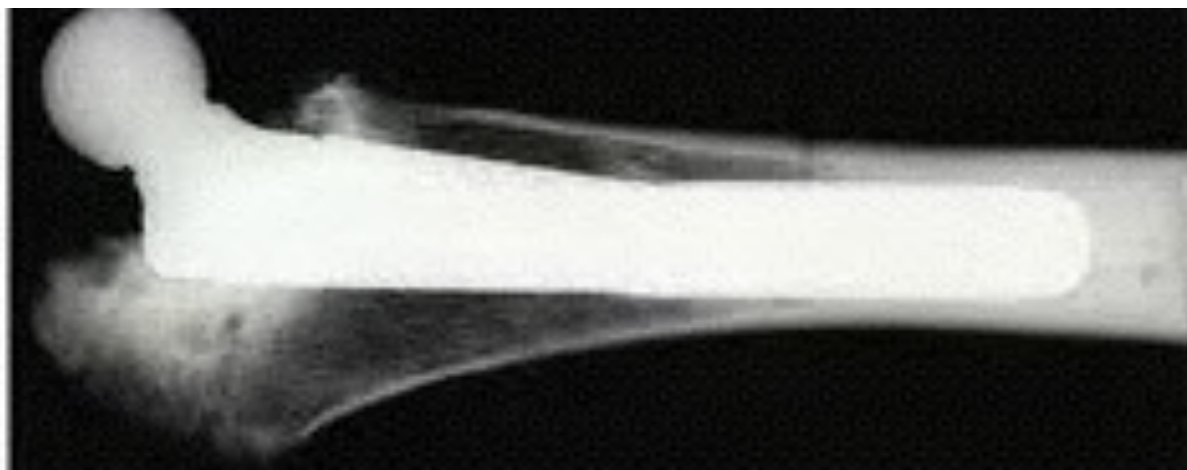


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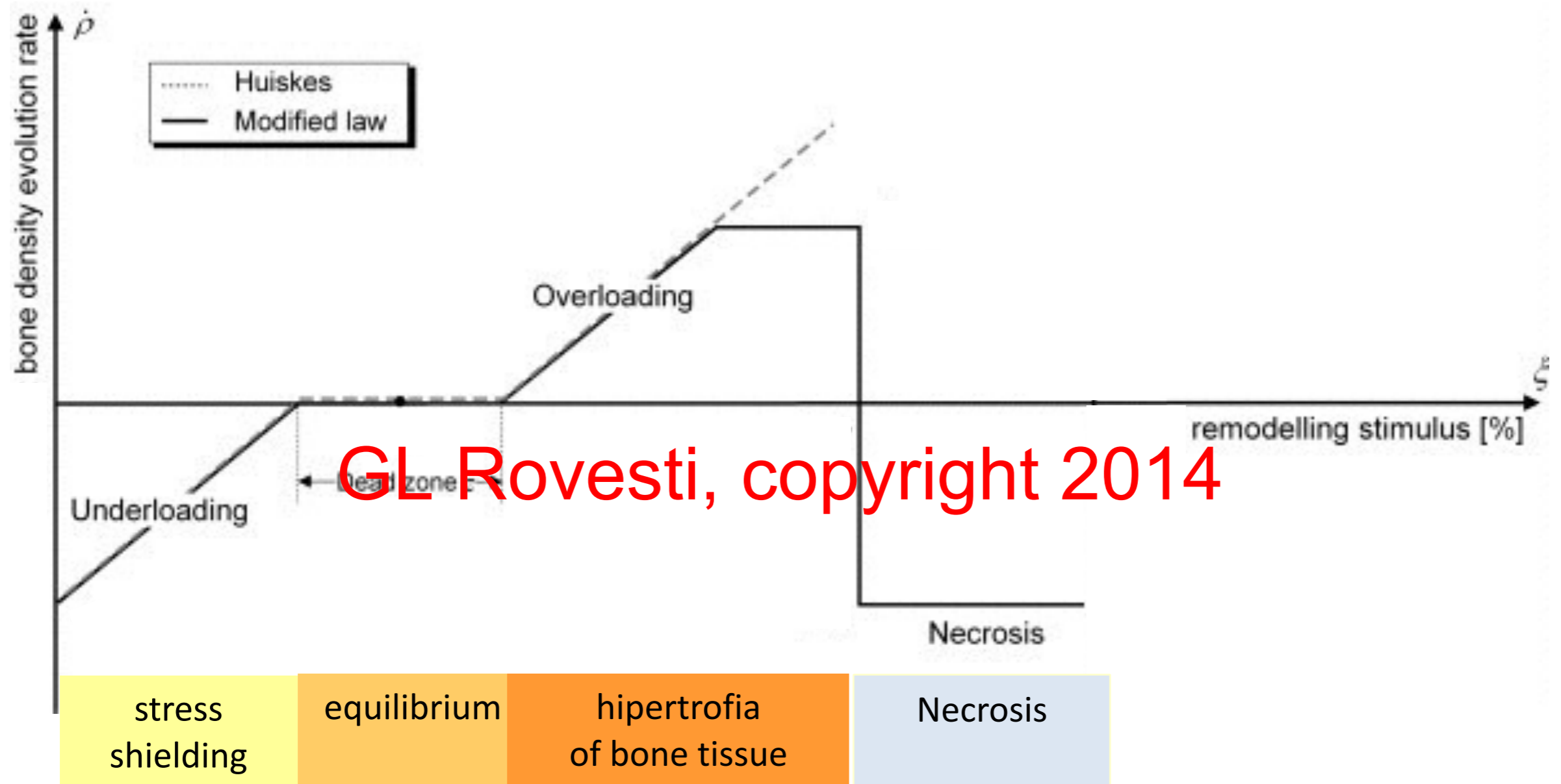


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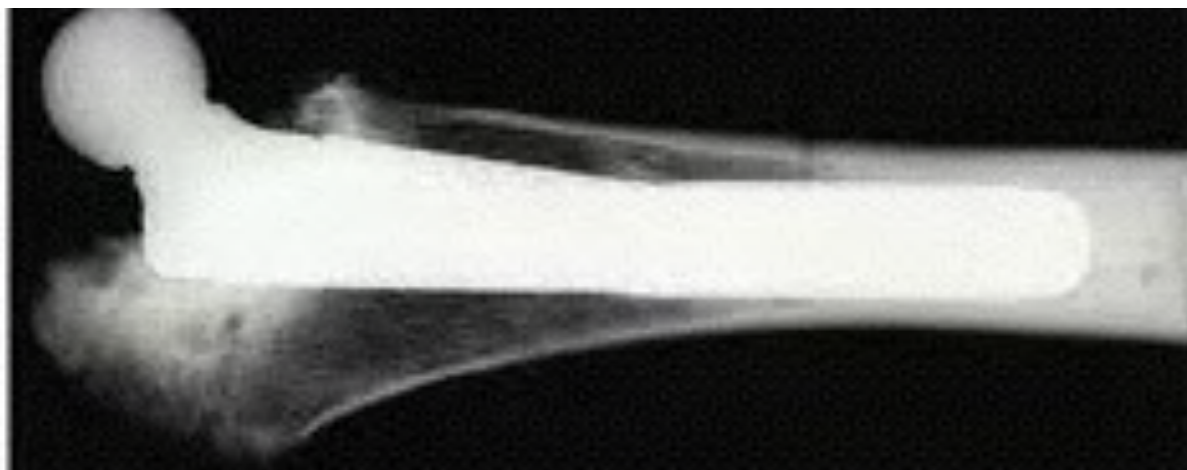


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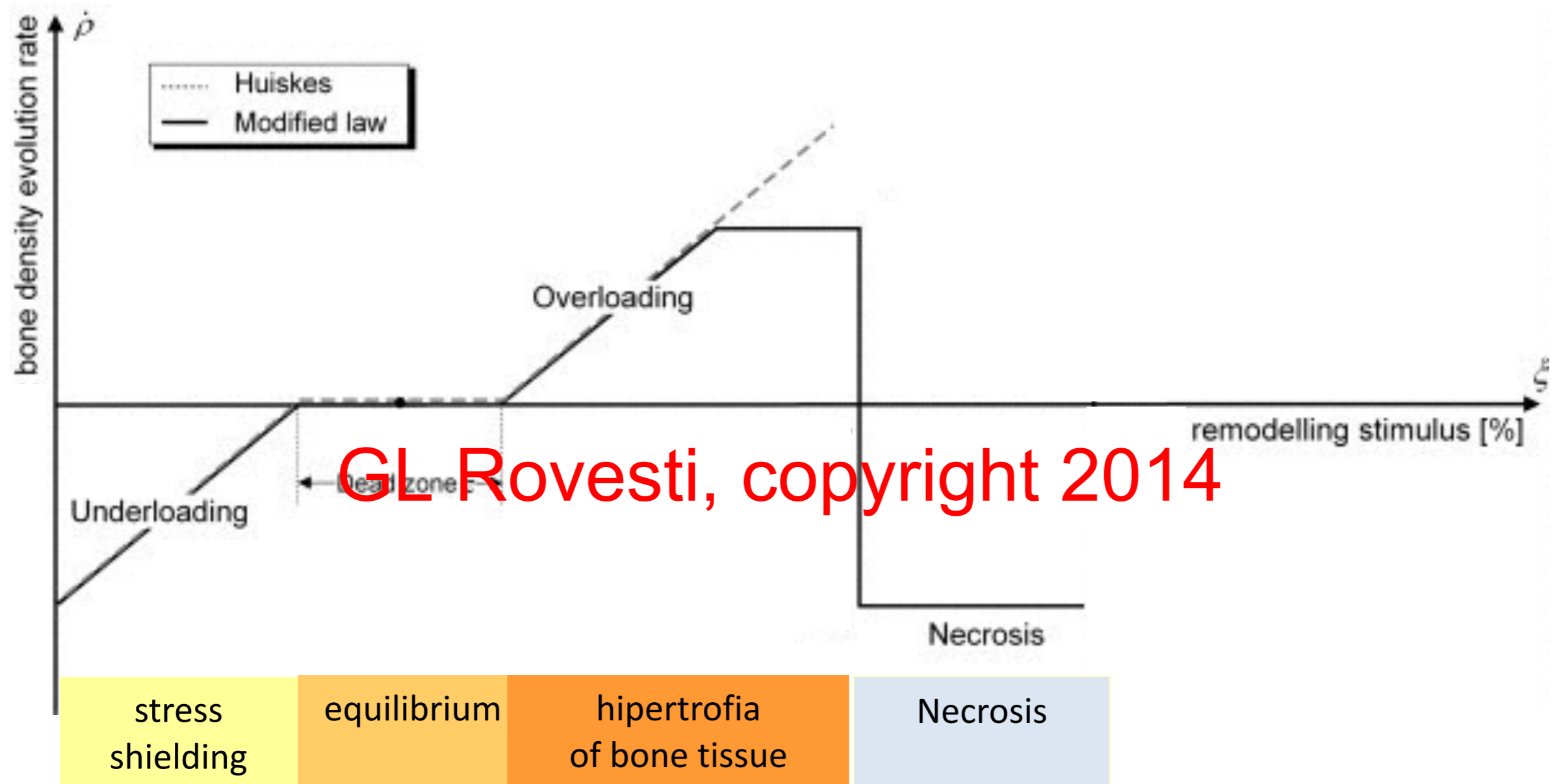


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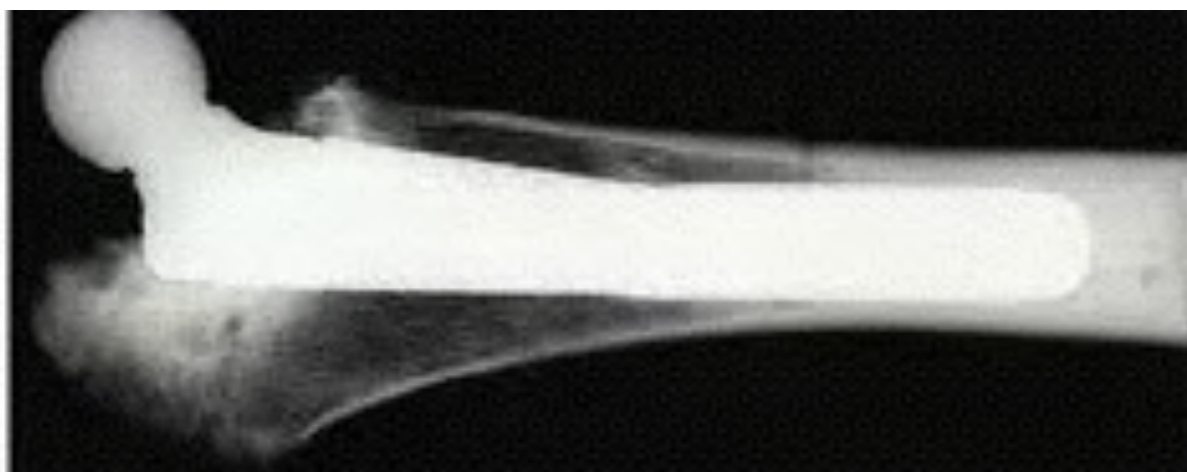


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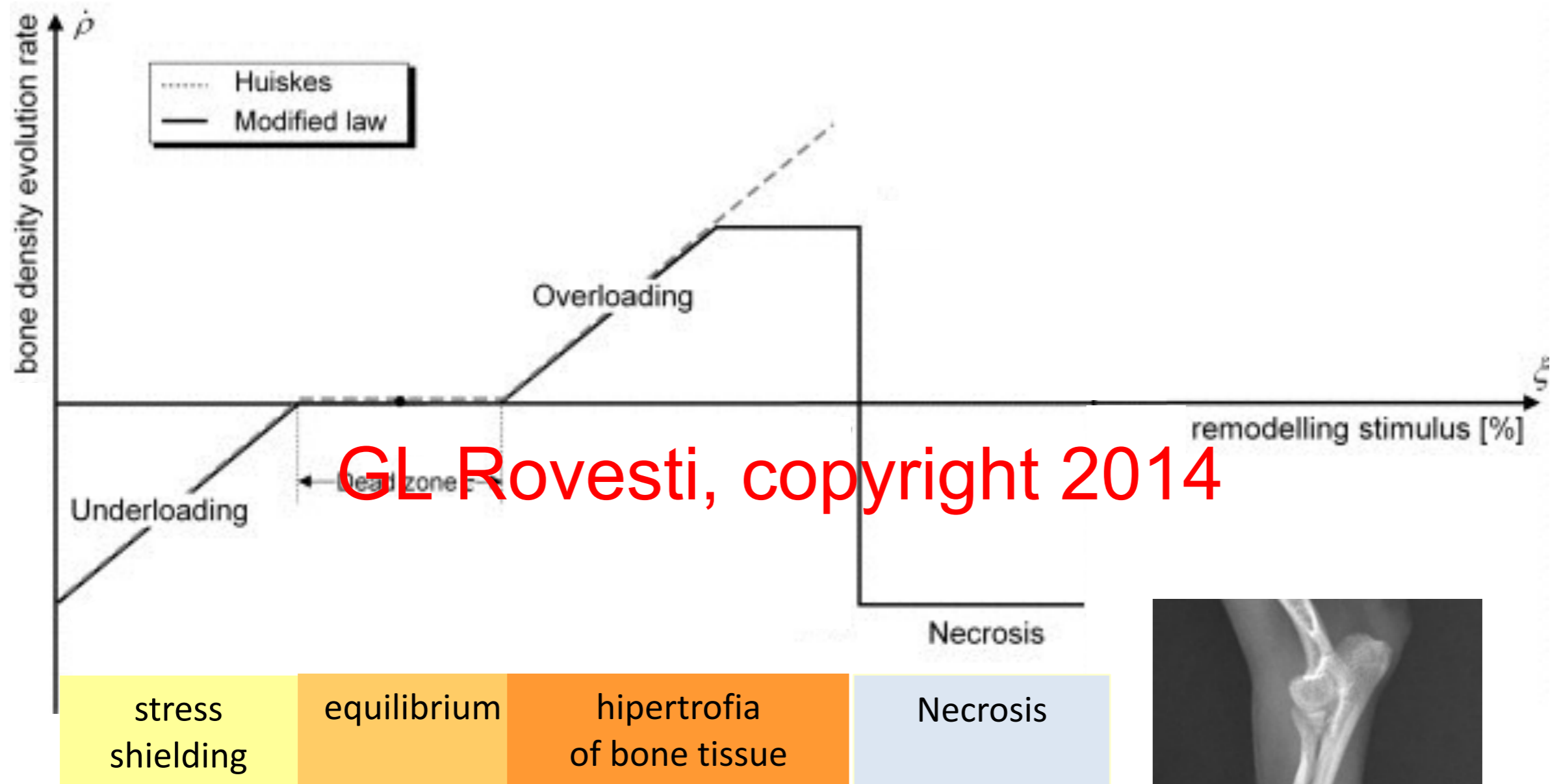


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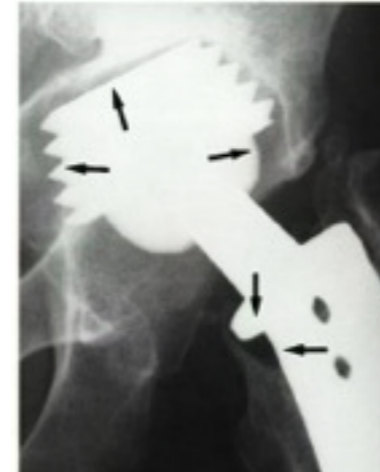
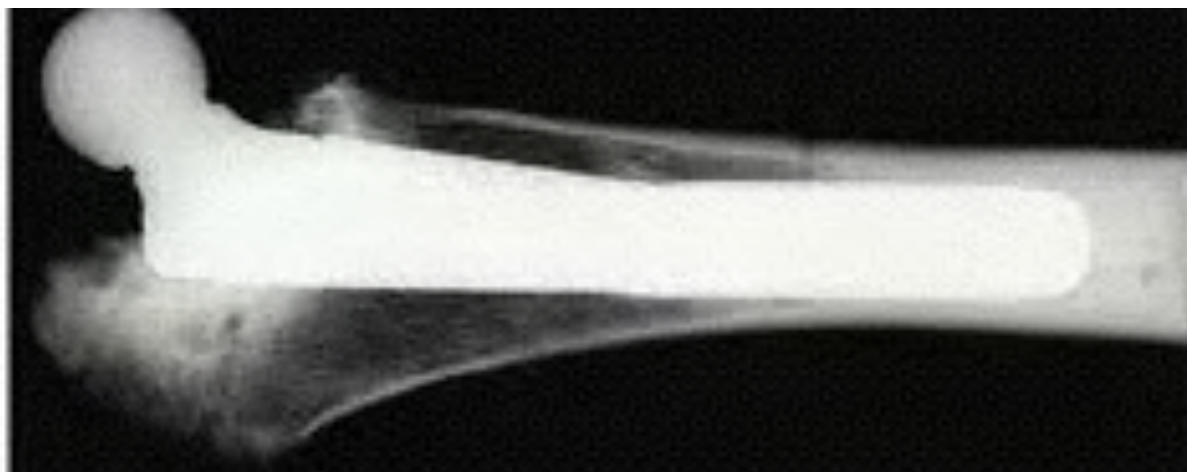


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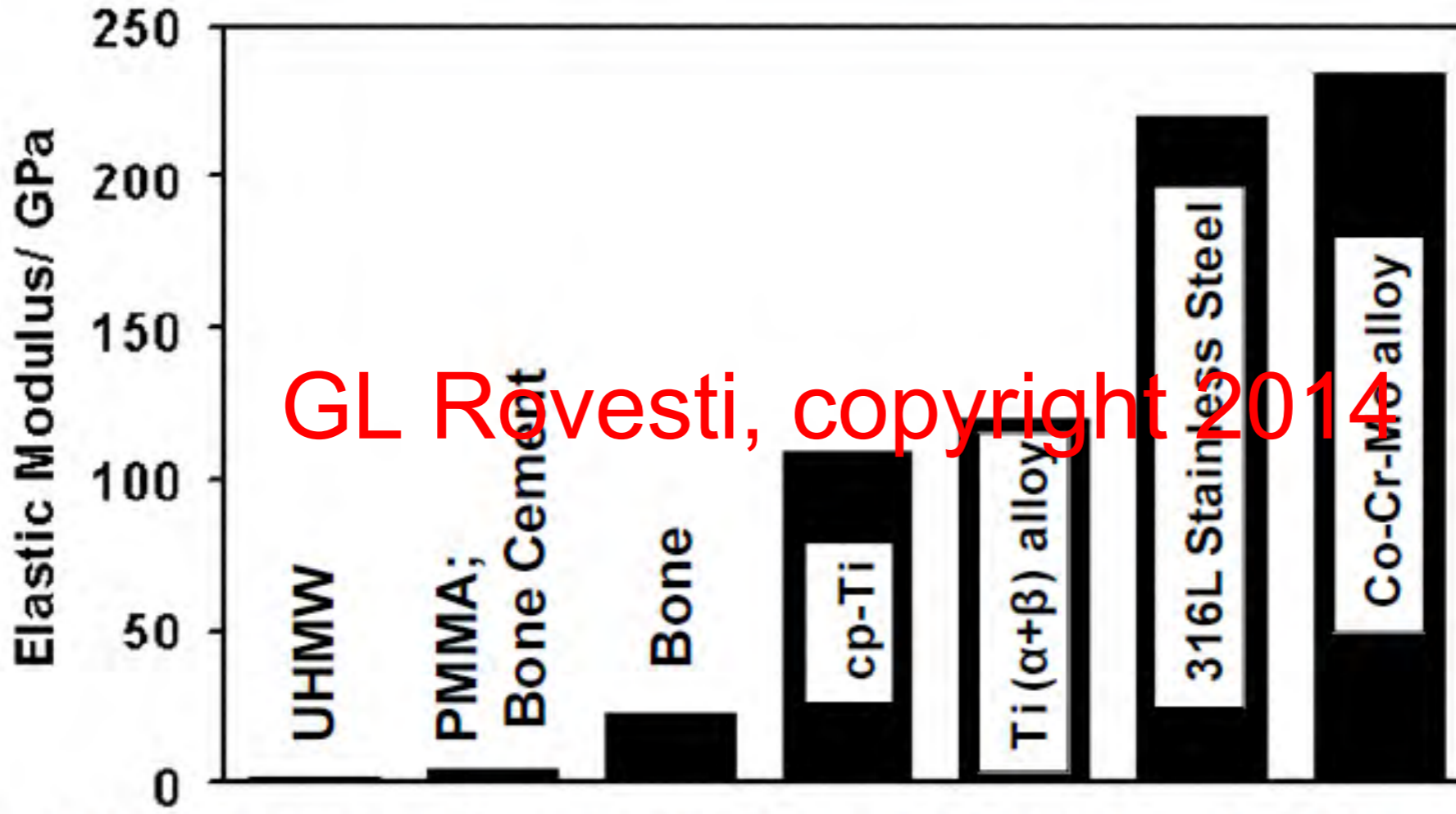
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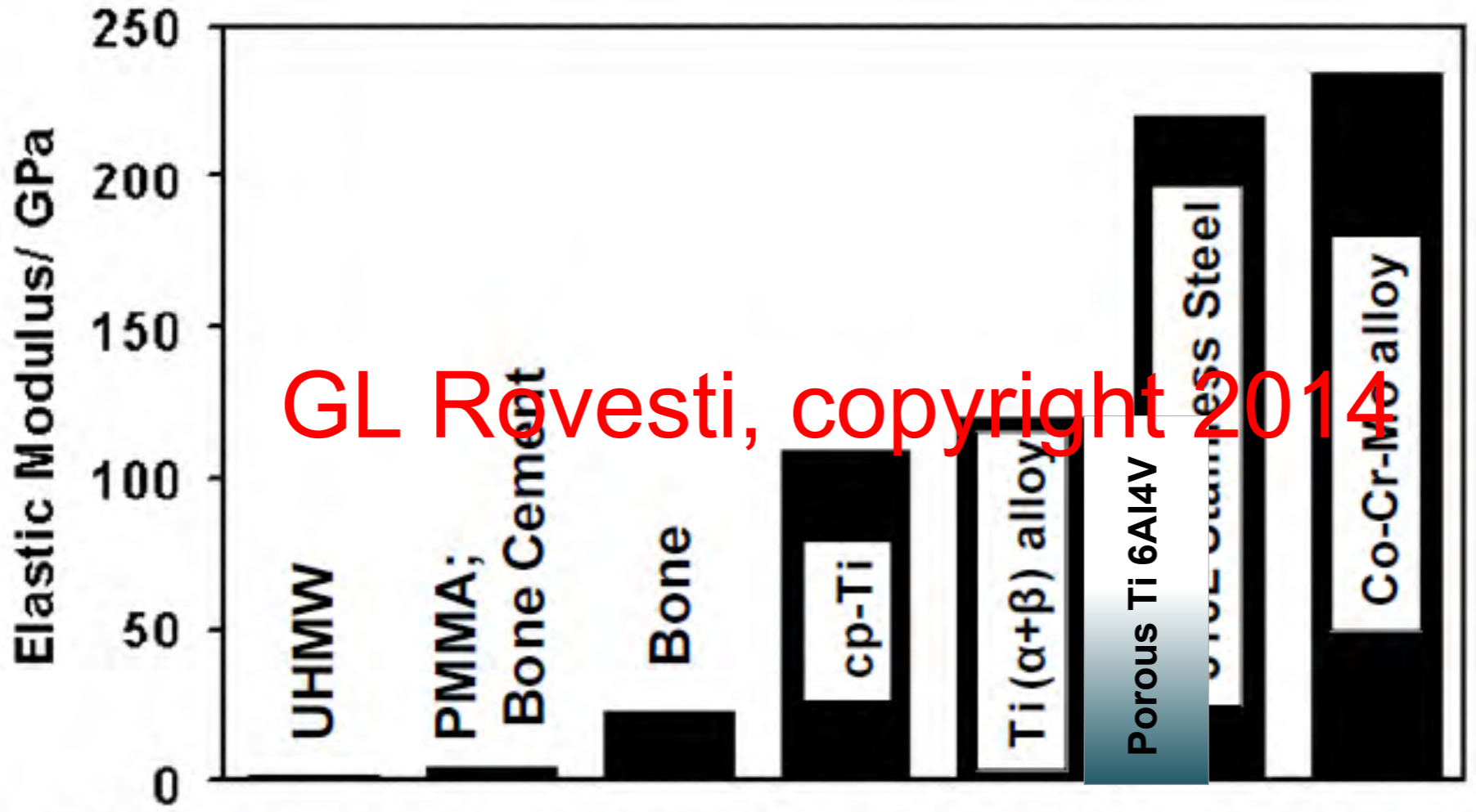
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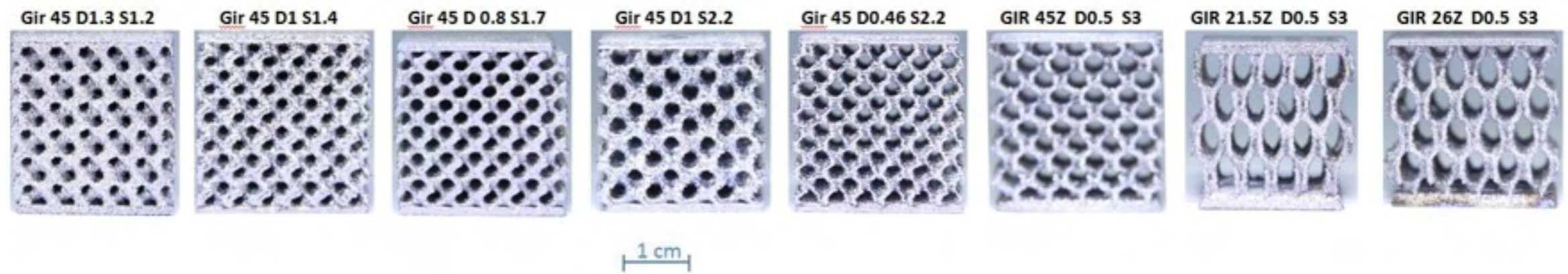
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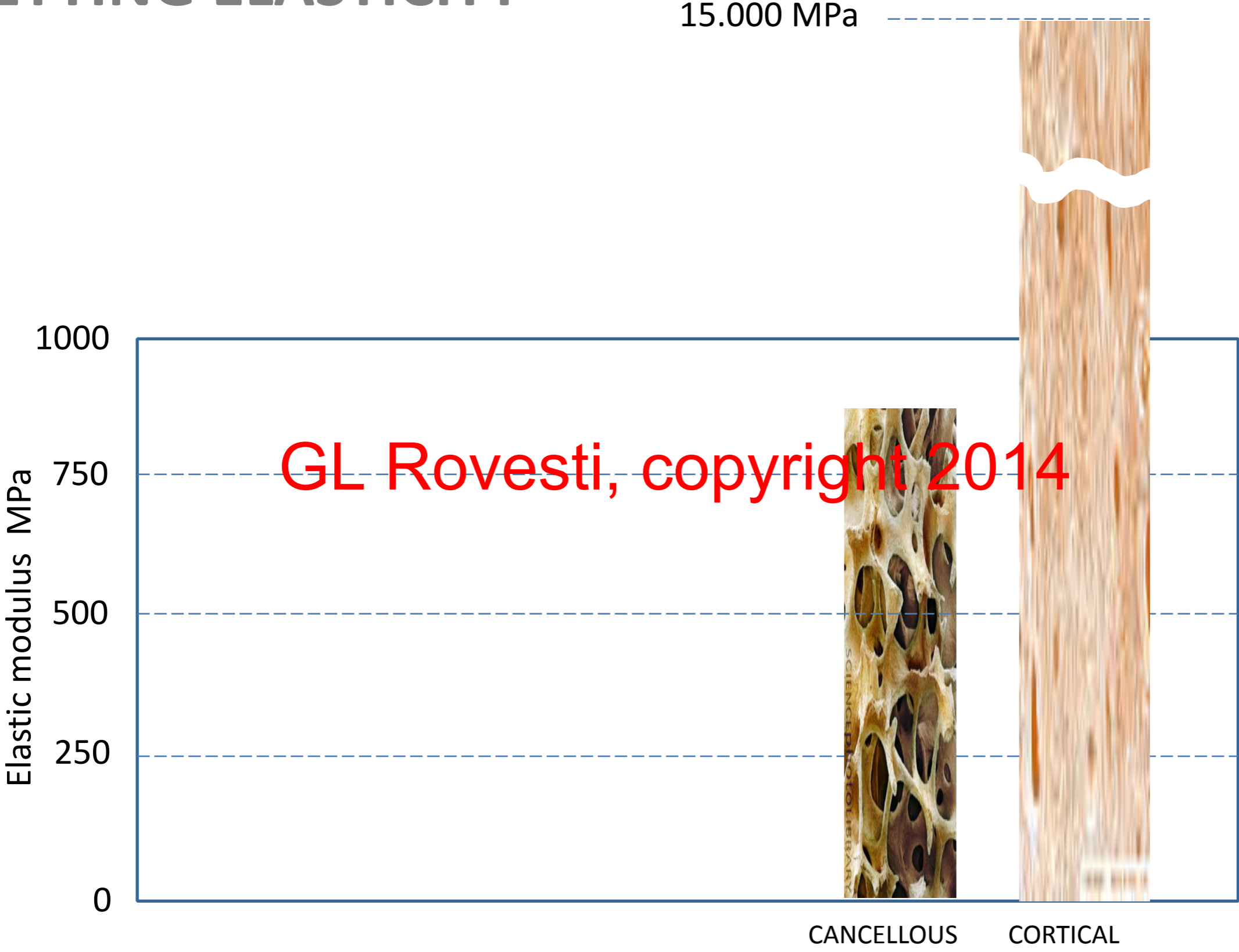
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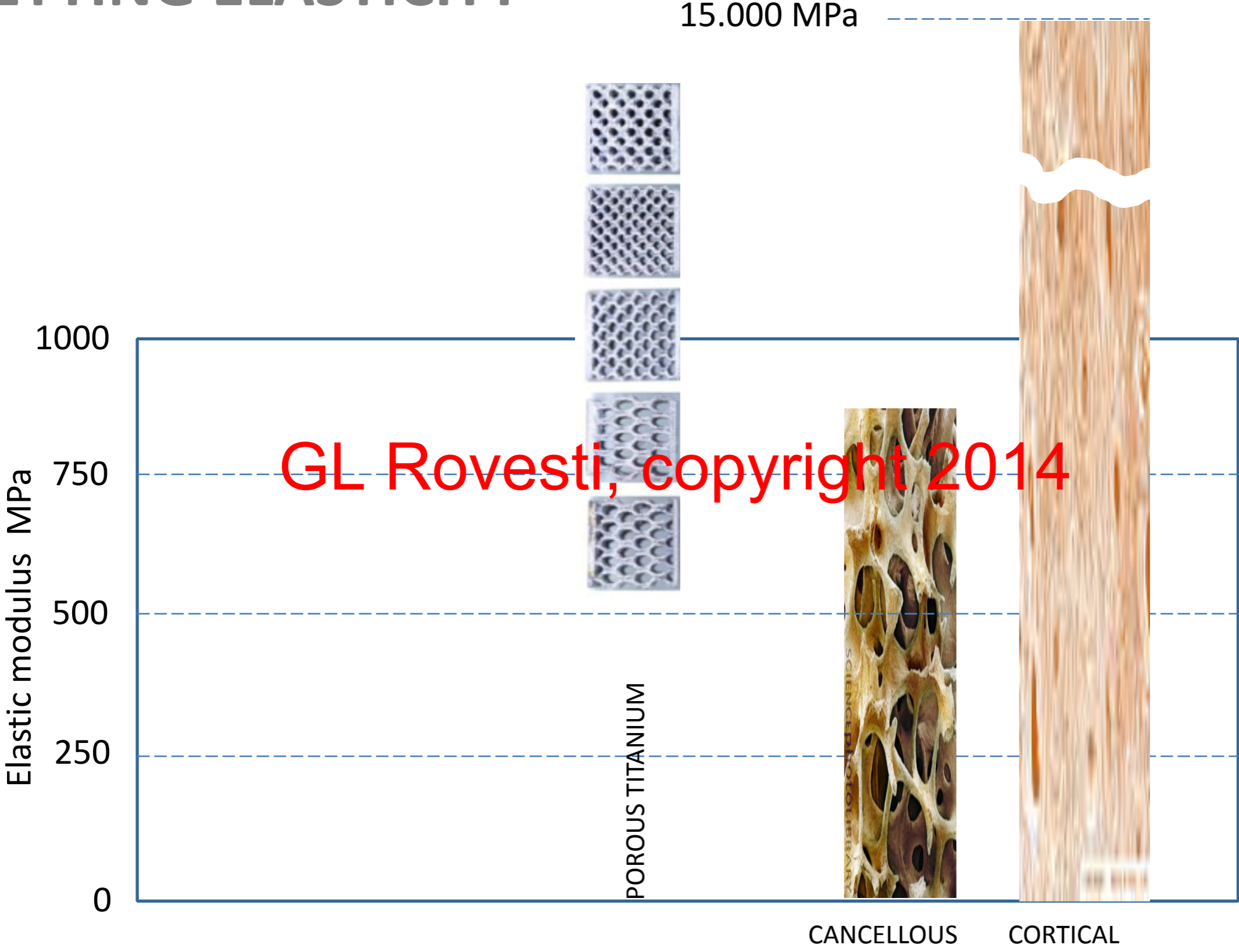
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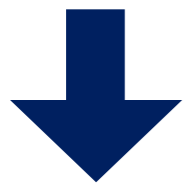
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PERFECT FOR ORGANIC GEOMETRIES

# SOME DIMENSIONAL LIMITATIONS

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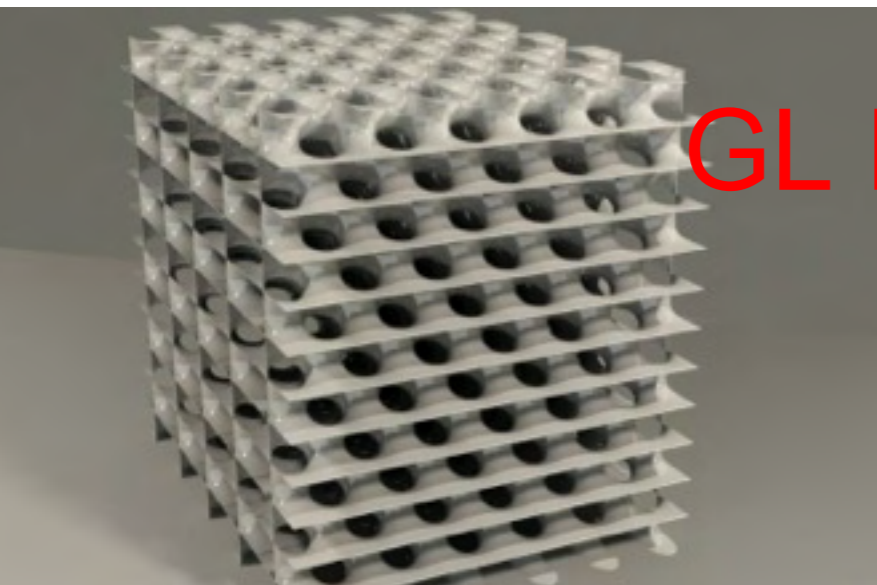
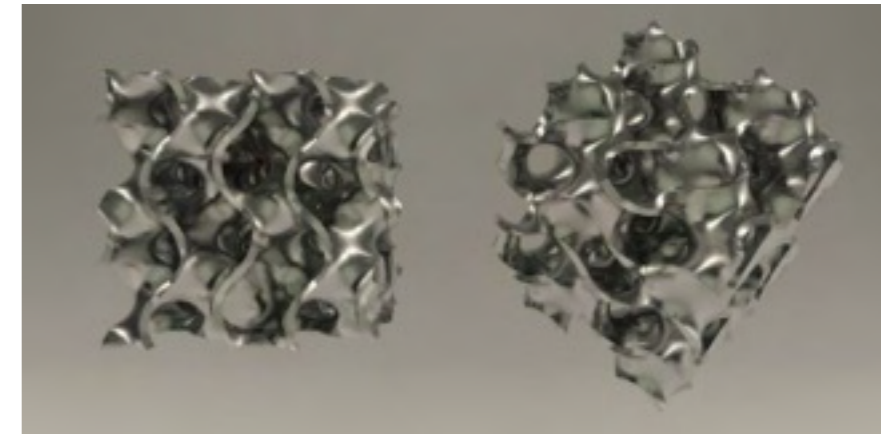
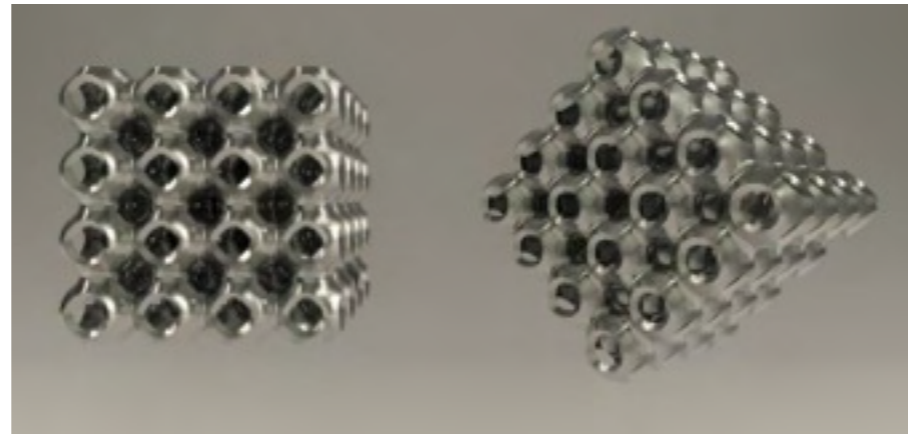
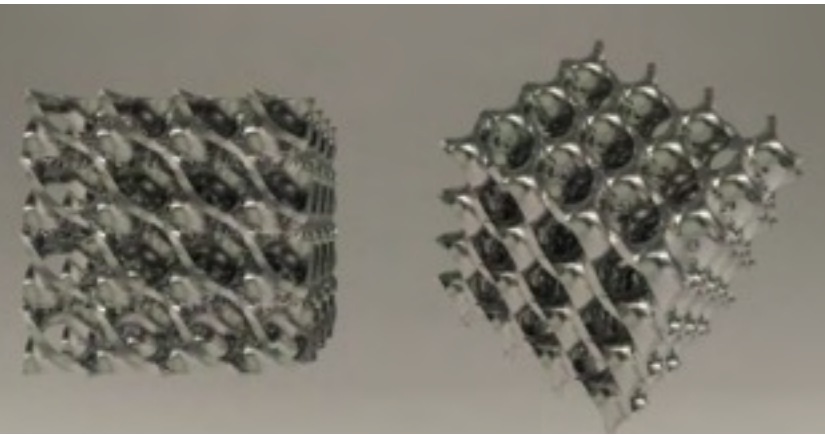


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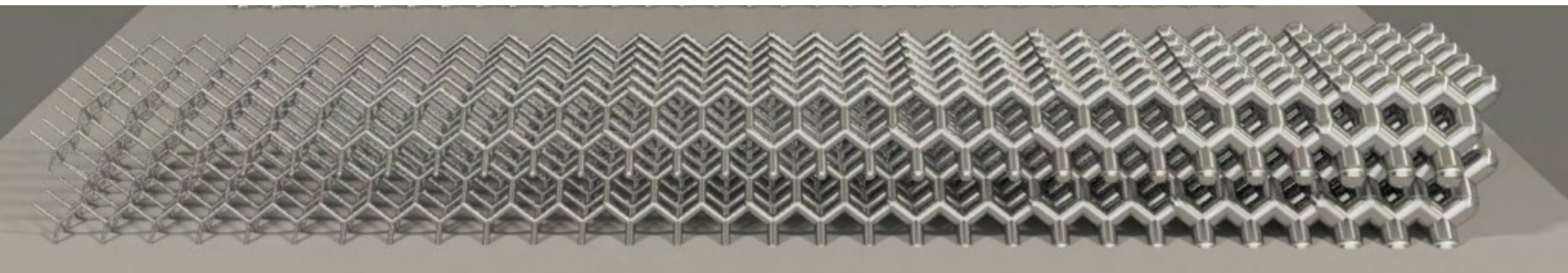
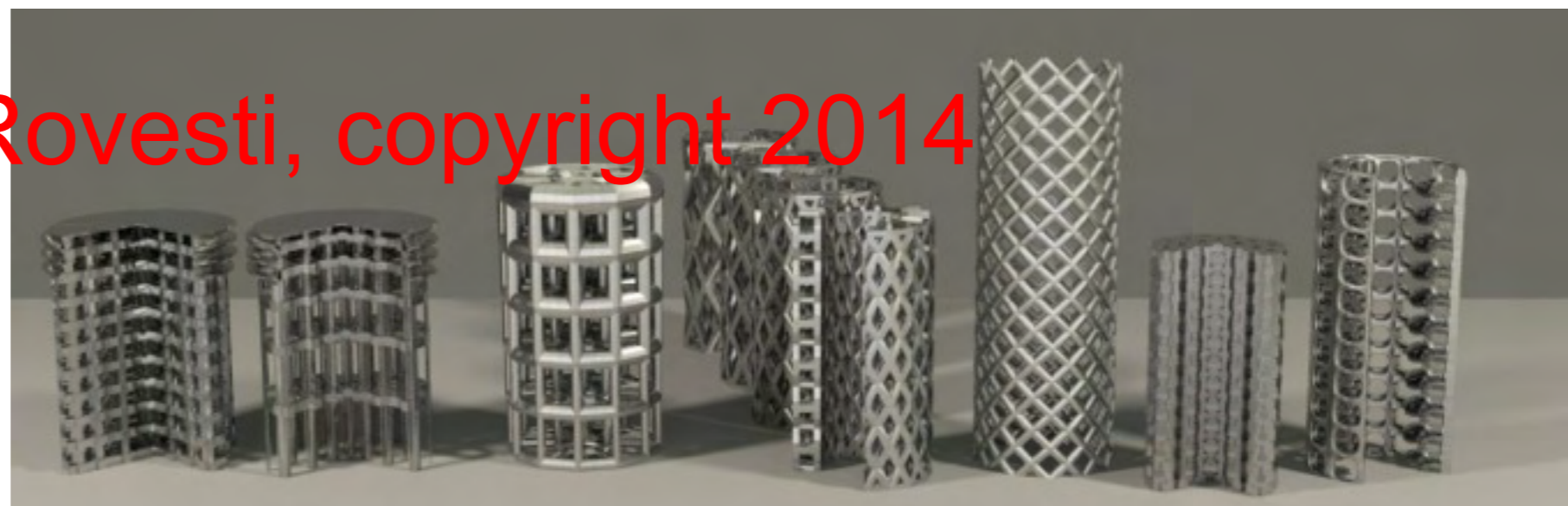
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# Brain storming of possible geometries



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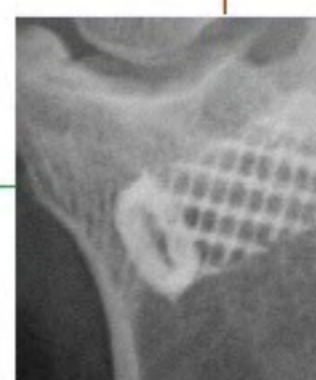
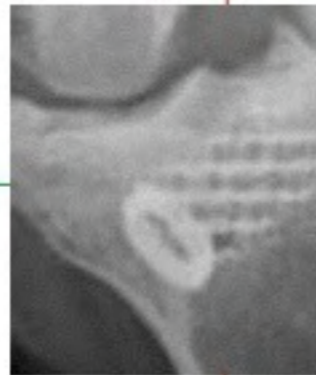
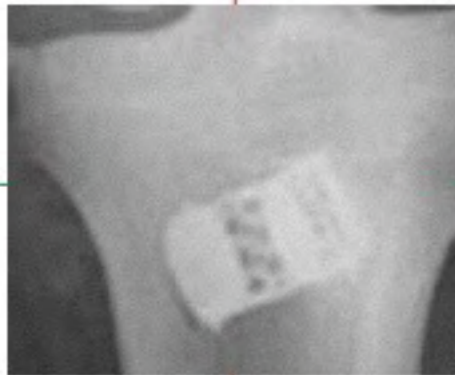
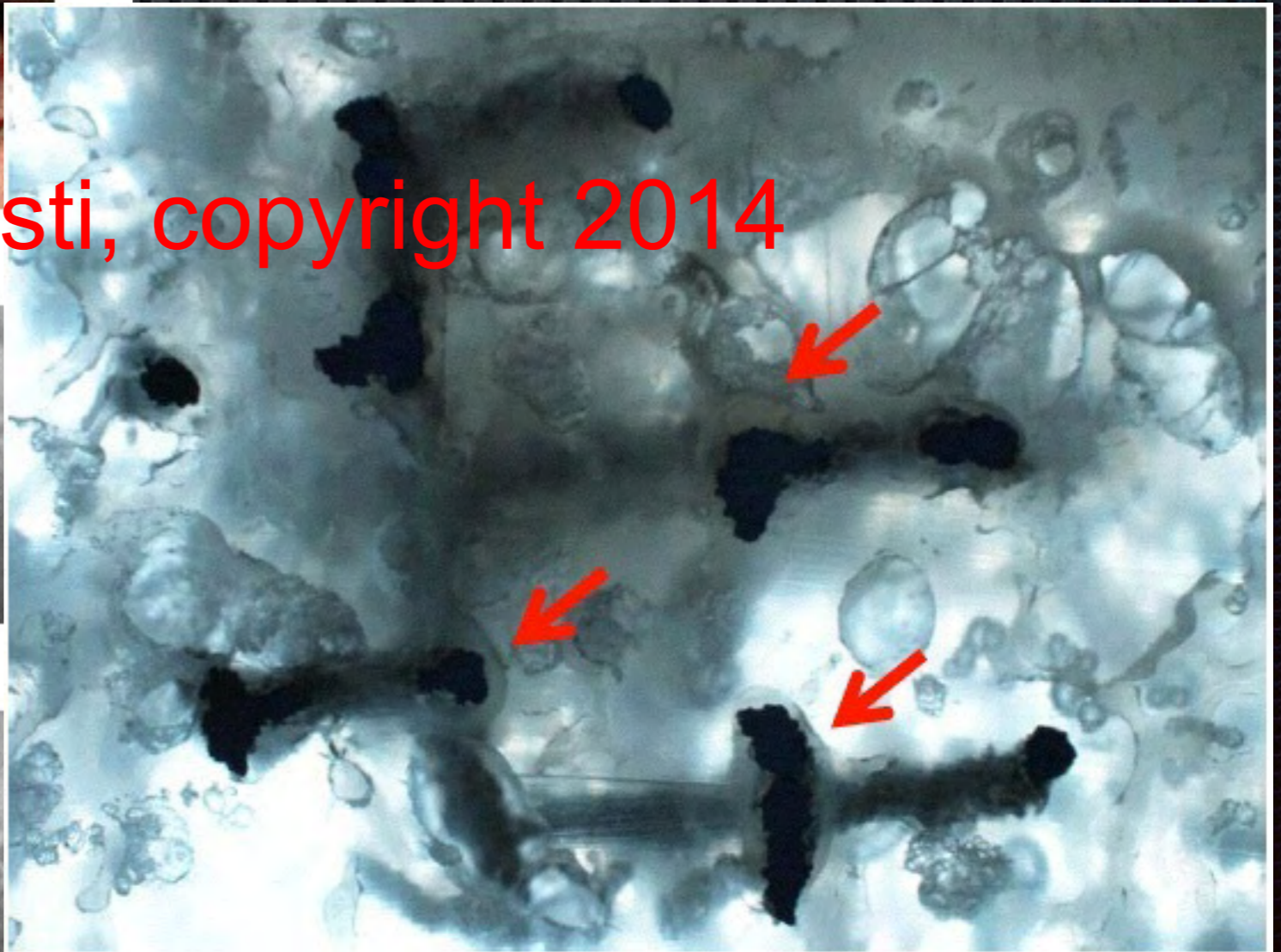
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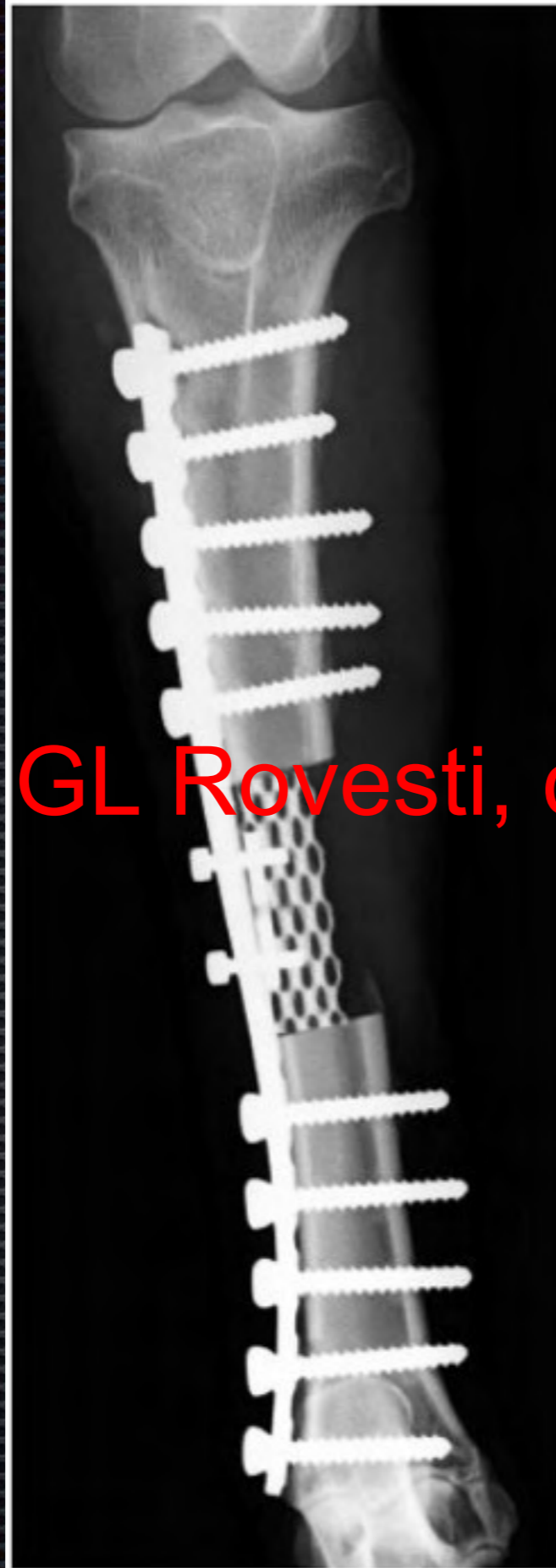
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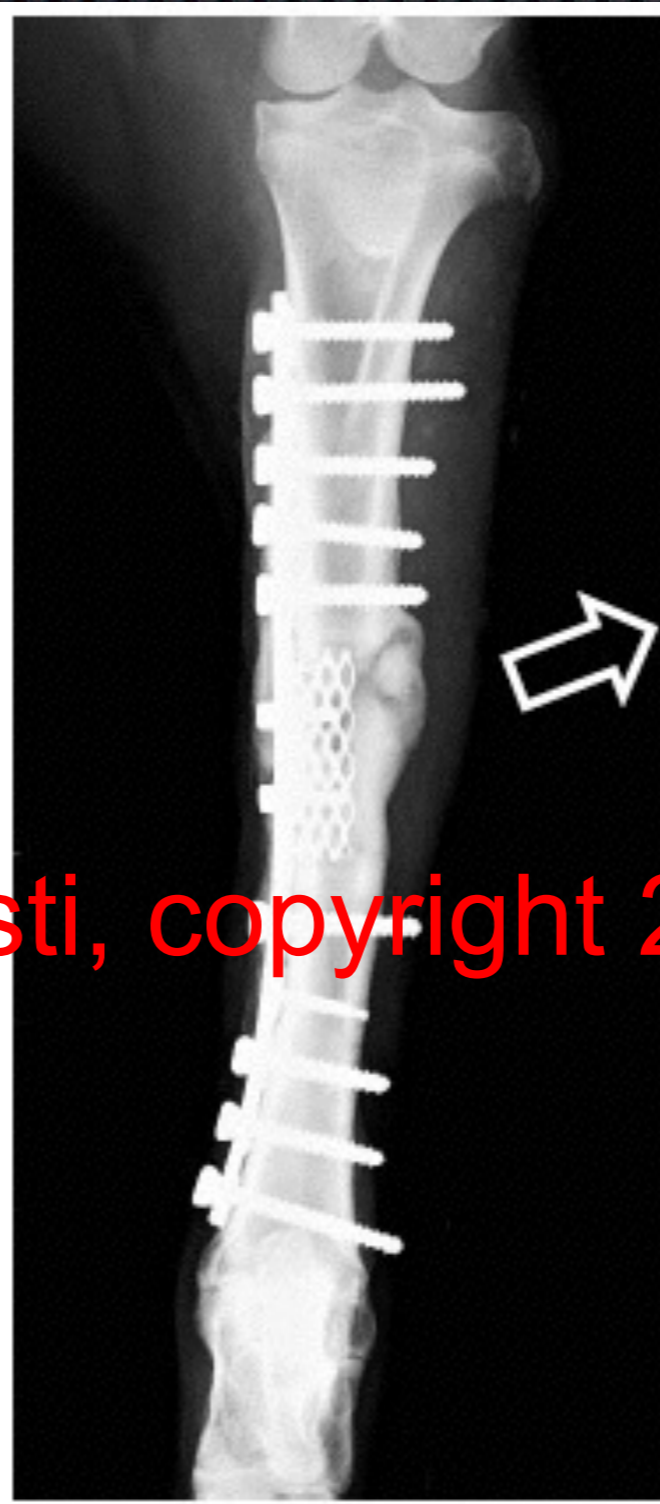
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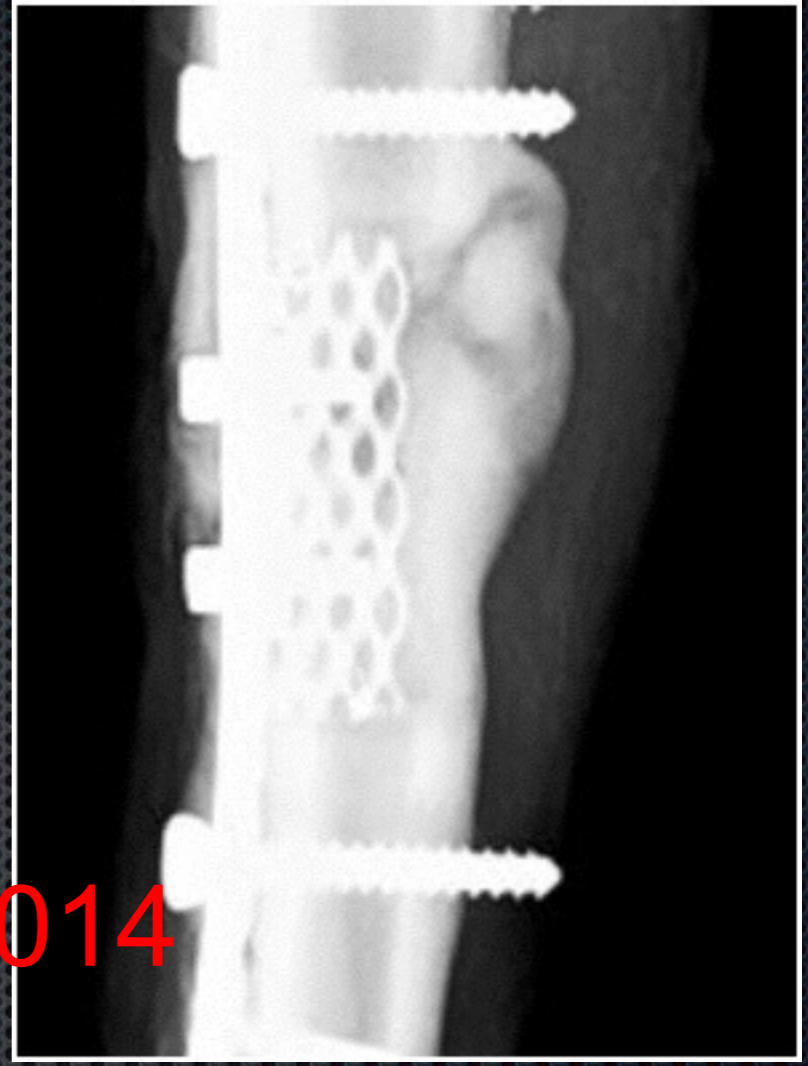
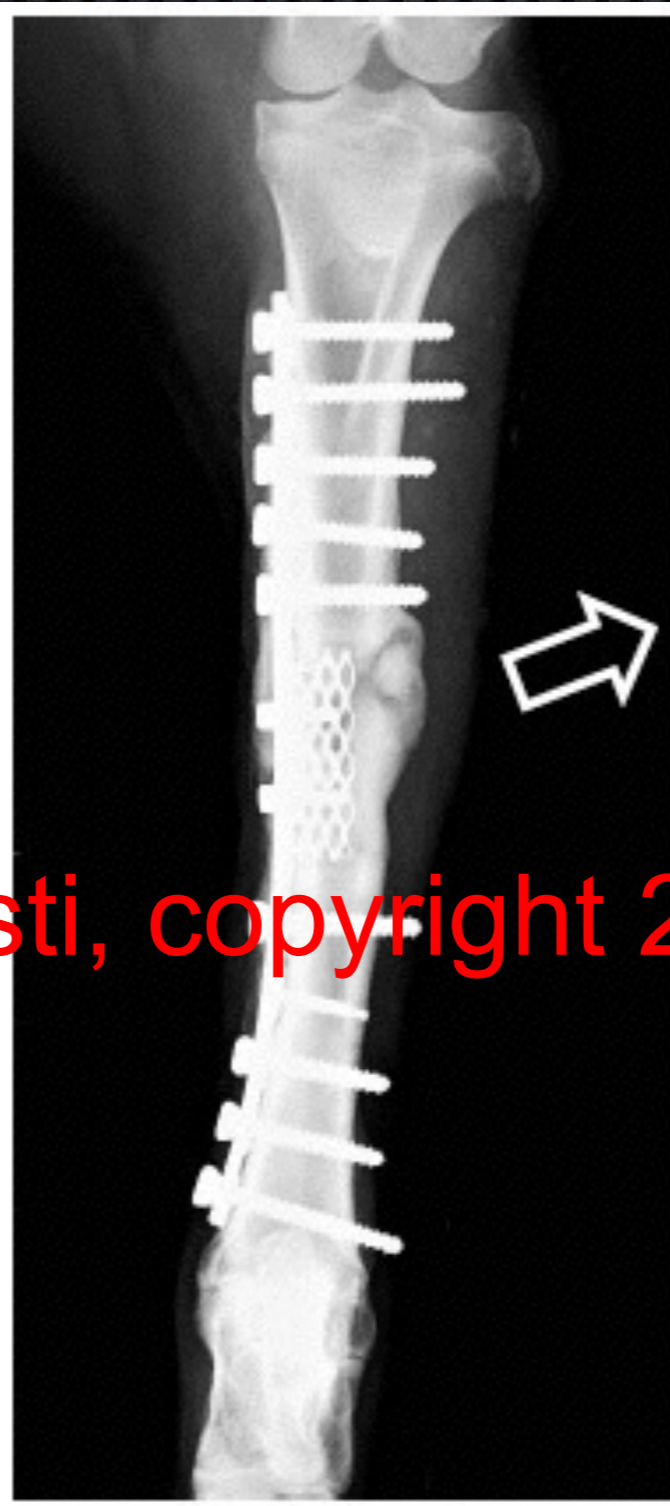




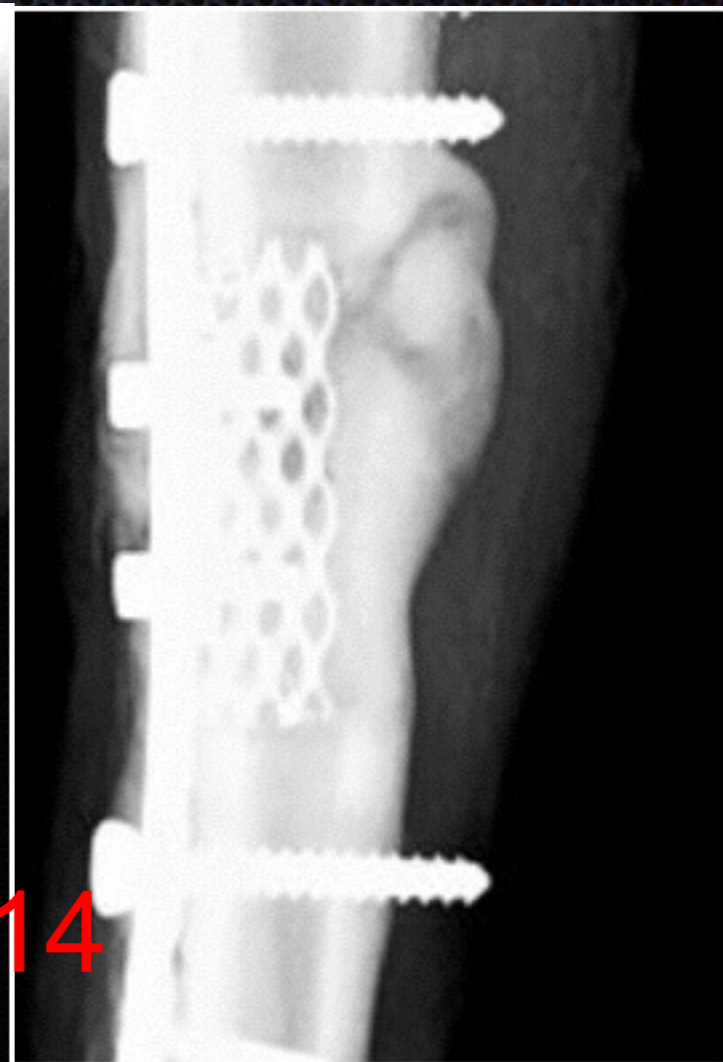
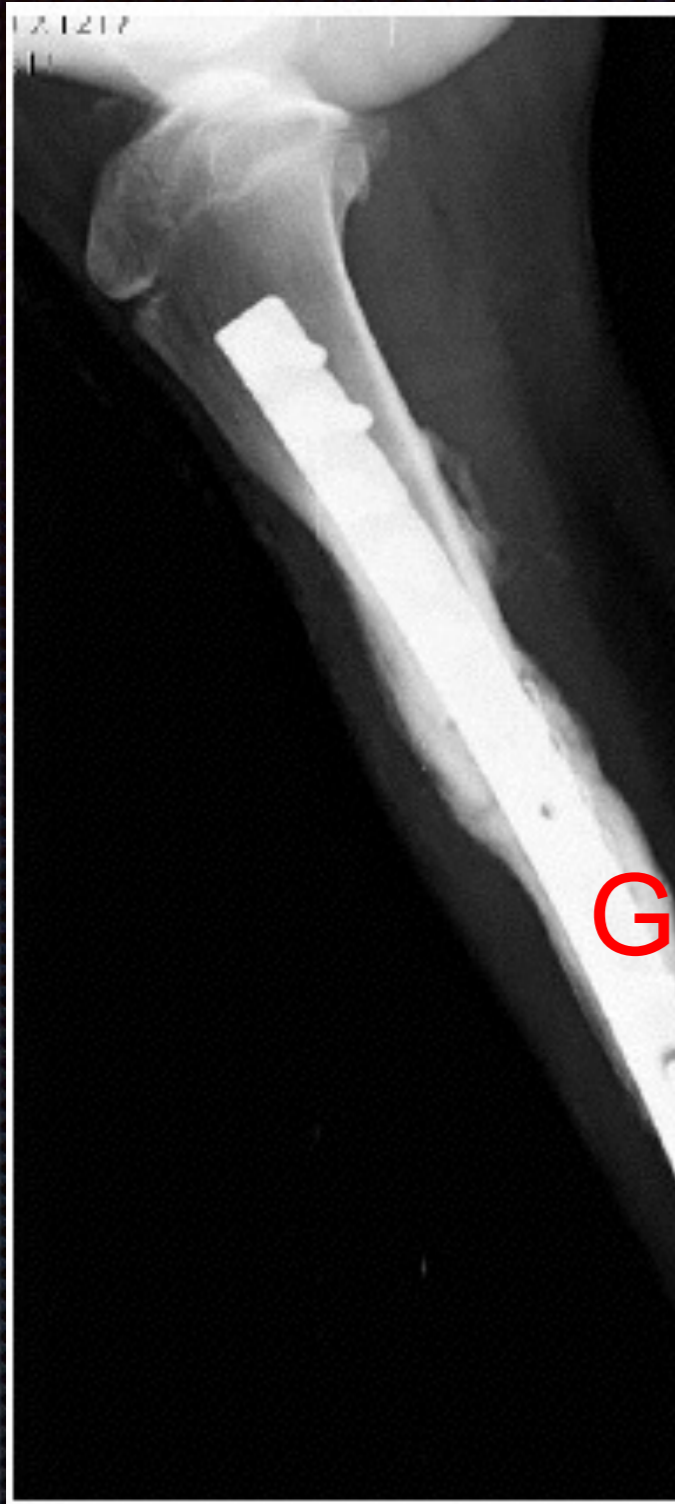
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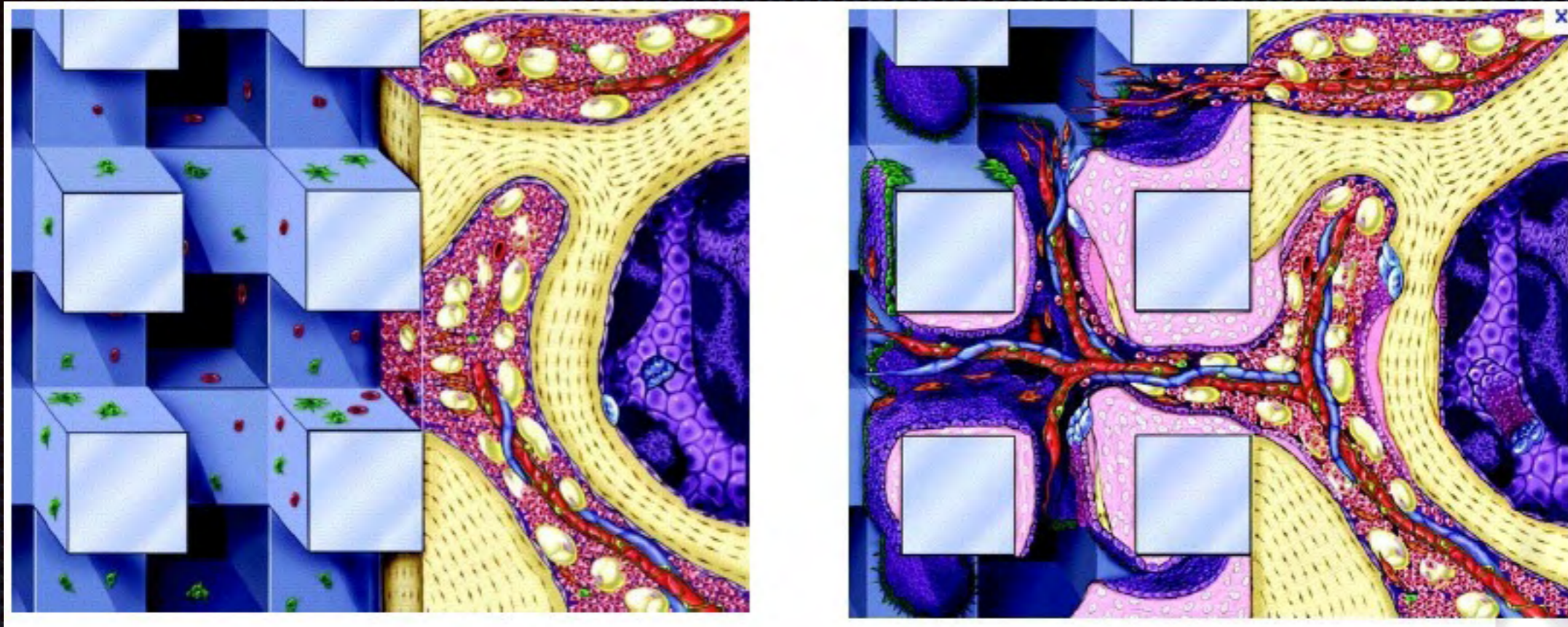
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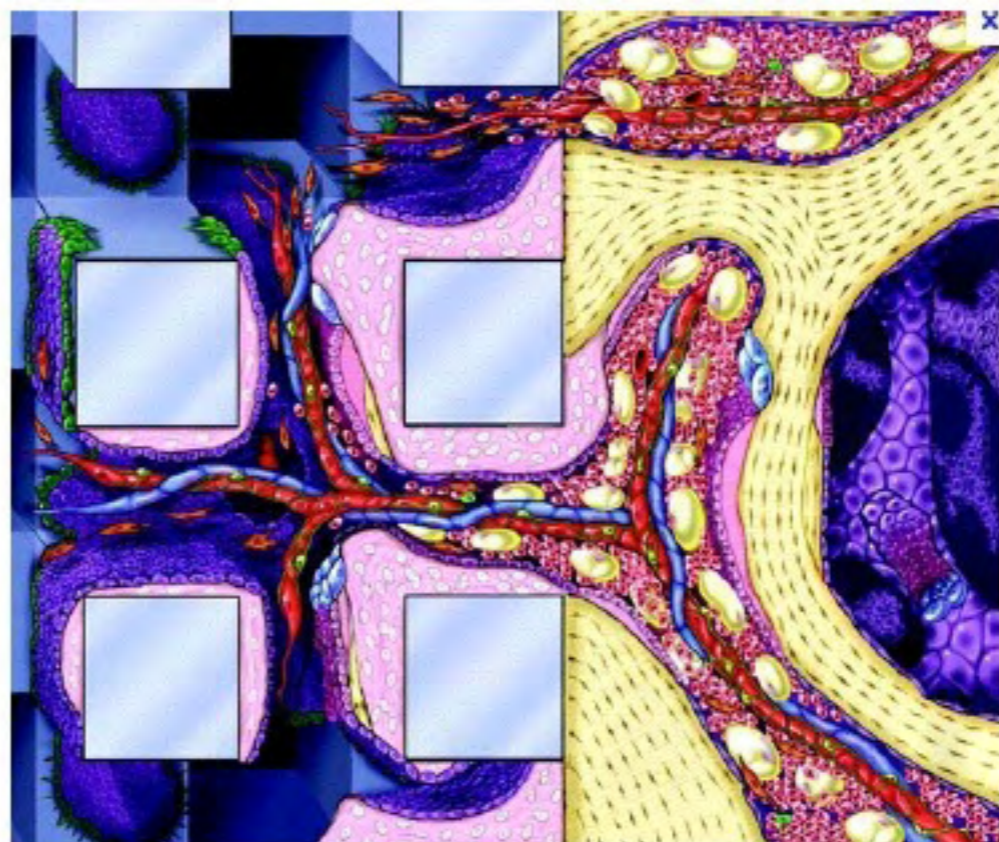
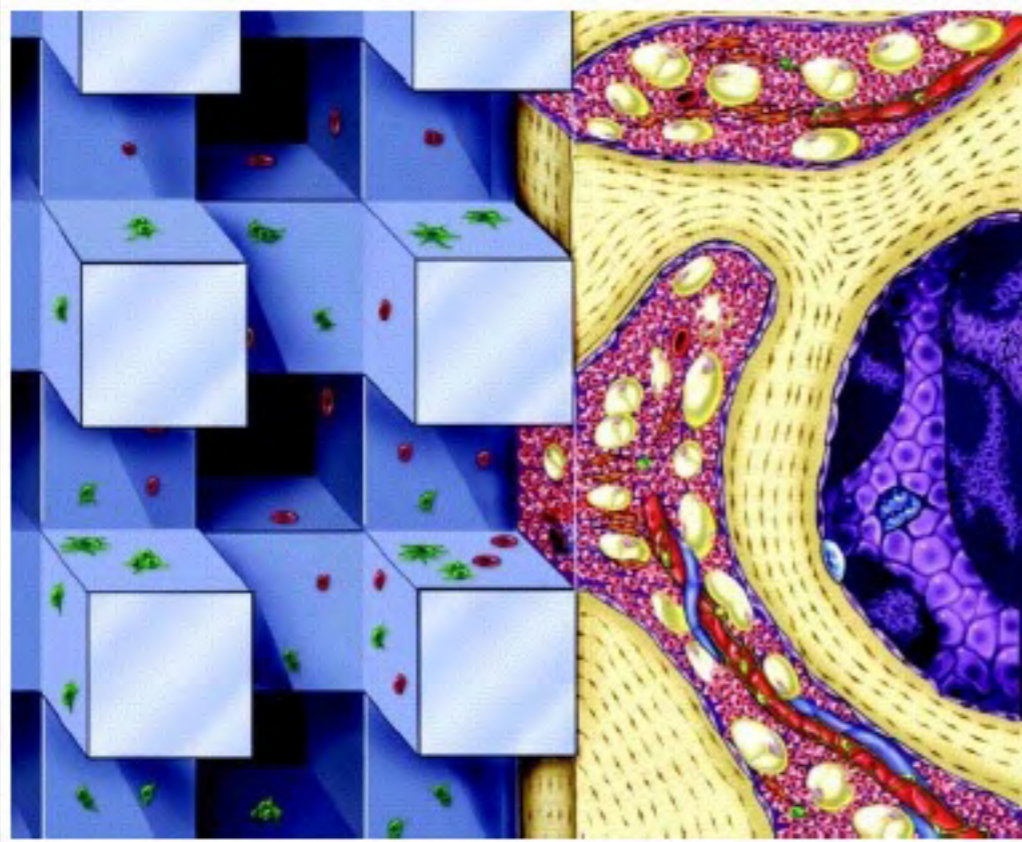
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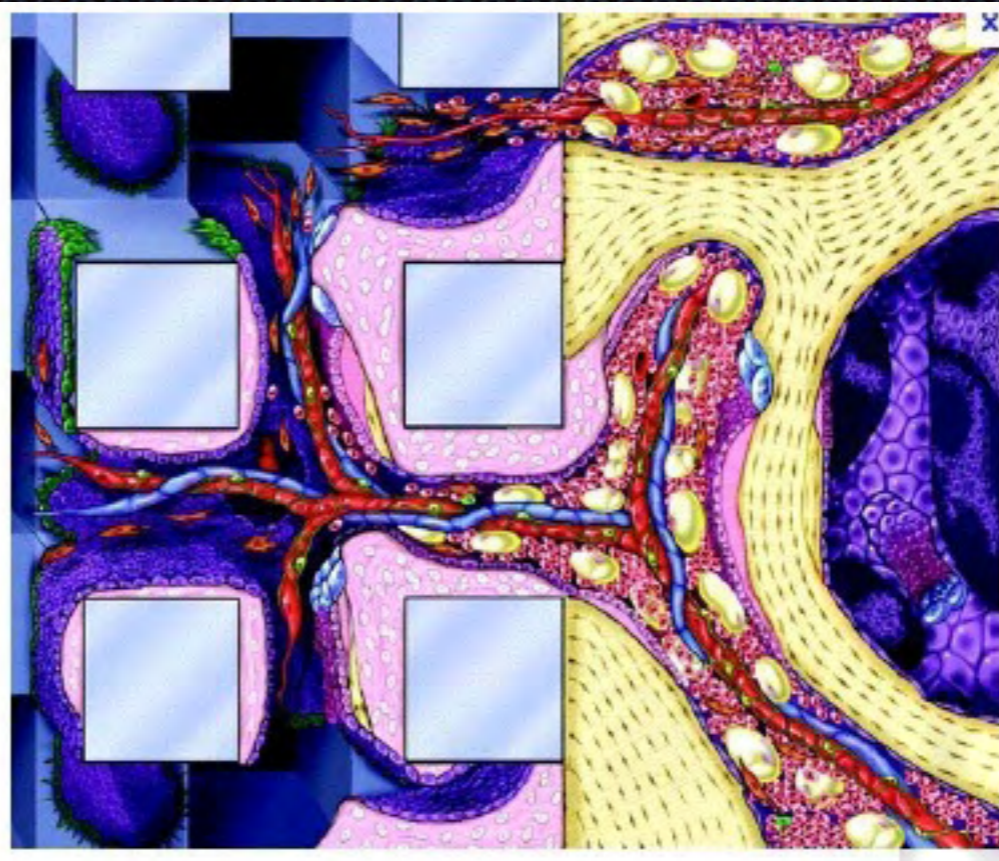
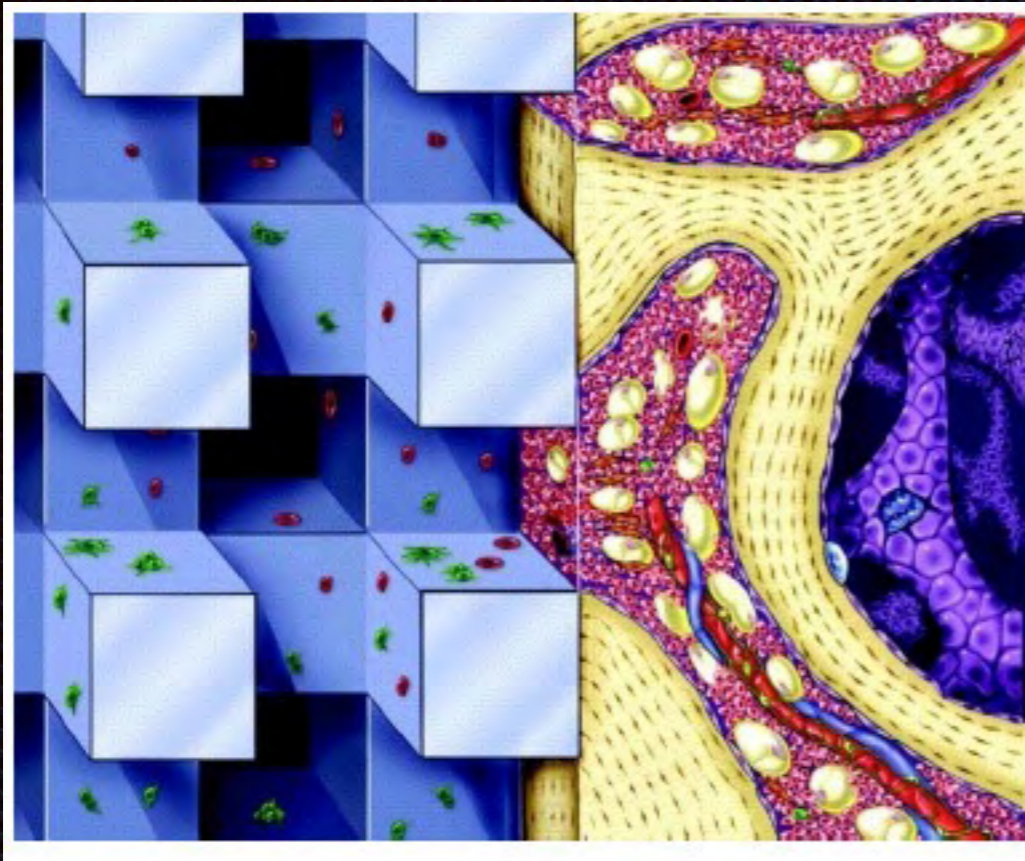


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It doesn't happen w/out weight bearing: why?

Plate or cerclage?

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# Plate or cerclage?

Why not a plate  
that behaves like a  
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# Third generation porous TTA

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Diagnostic algorithm for the CCL-  
deficient stifle  
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Stable stifle

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TPA  $>30^\circ$

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Unstable stifle



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Caudal meniscal  
lesion

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Caudal meniscal lesion

TPLO

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Extracapsular techniques?

Stable stifle

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TPA >30°

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Caudal meniscal lesion

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Combination of techniques?

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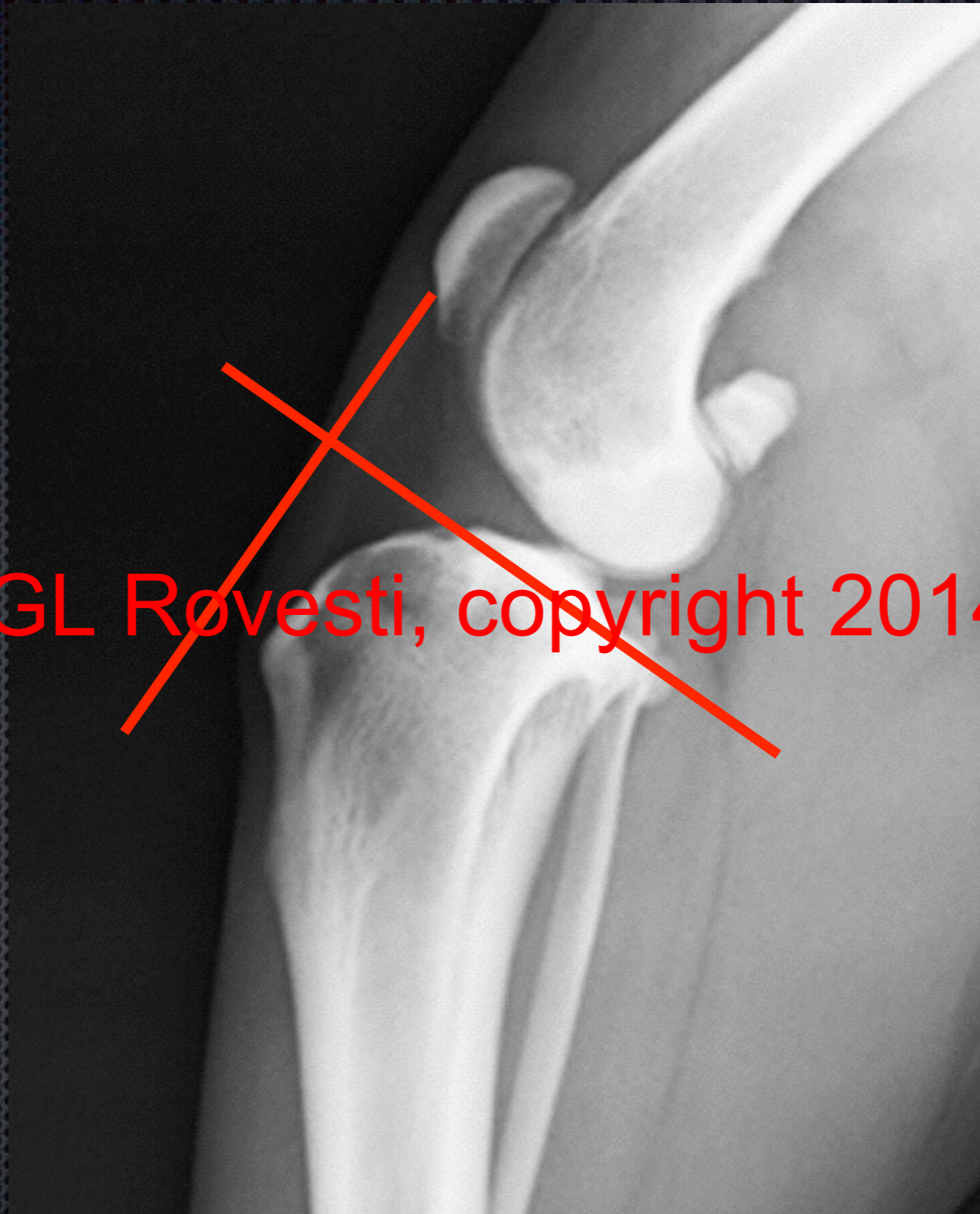




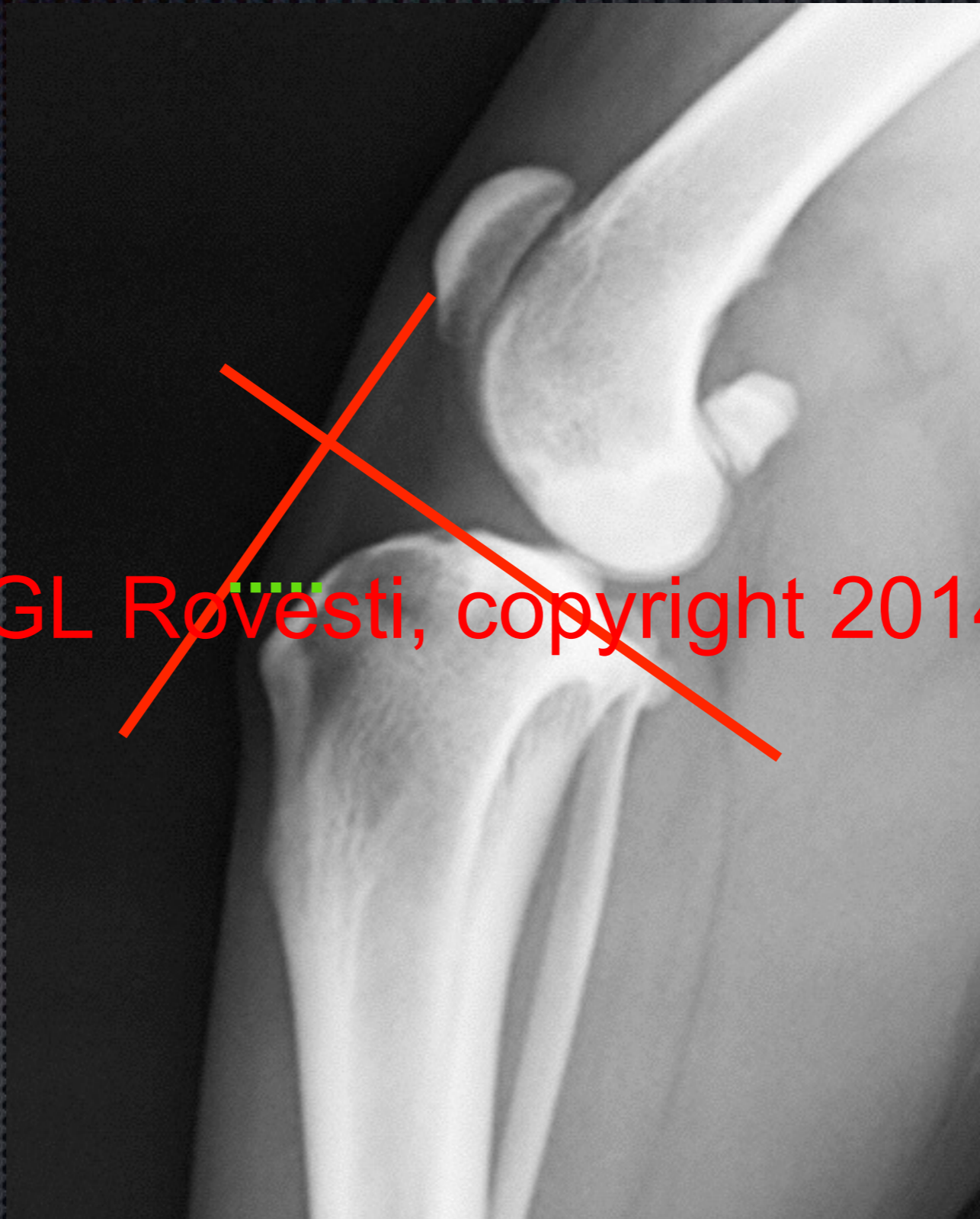
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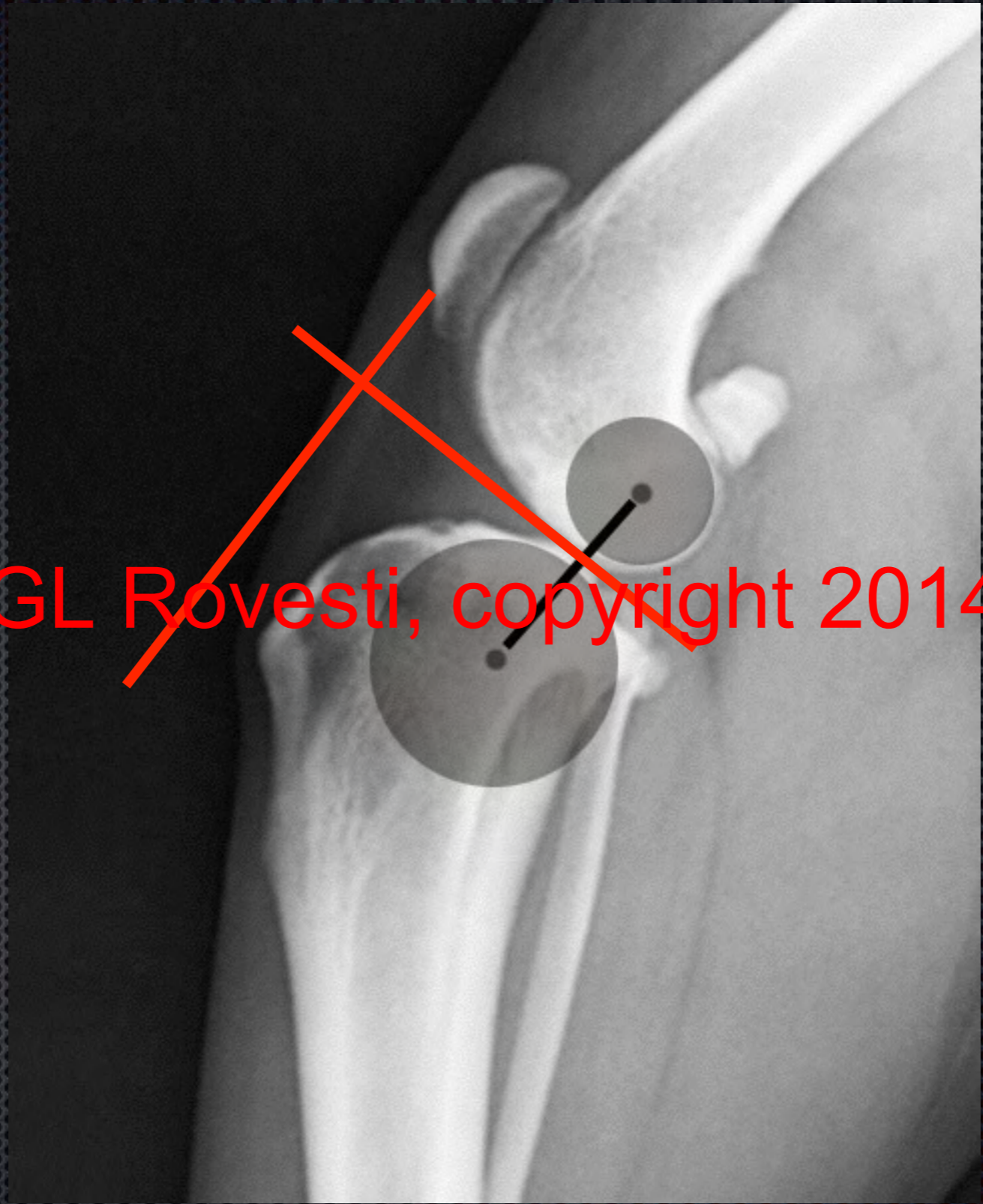


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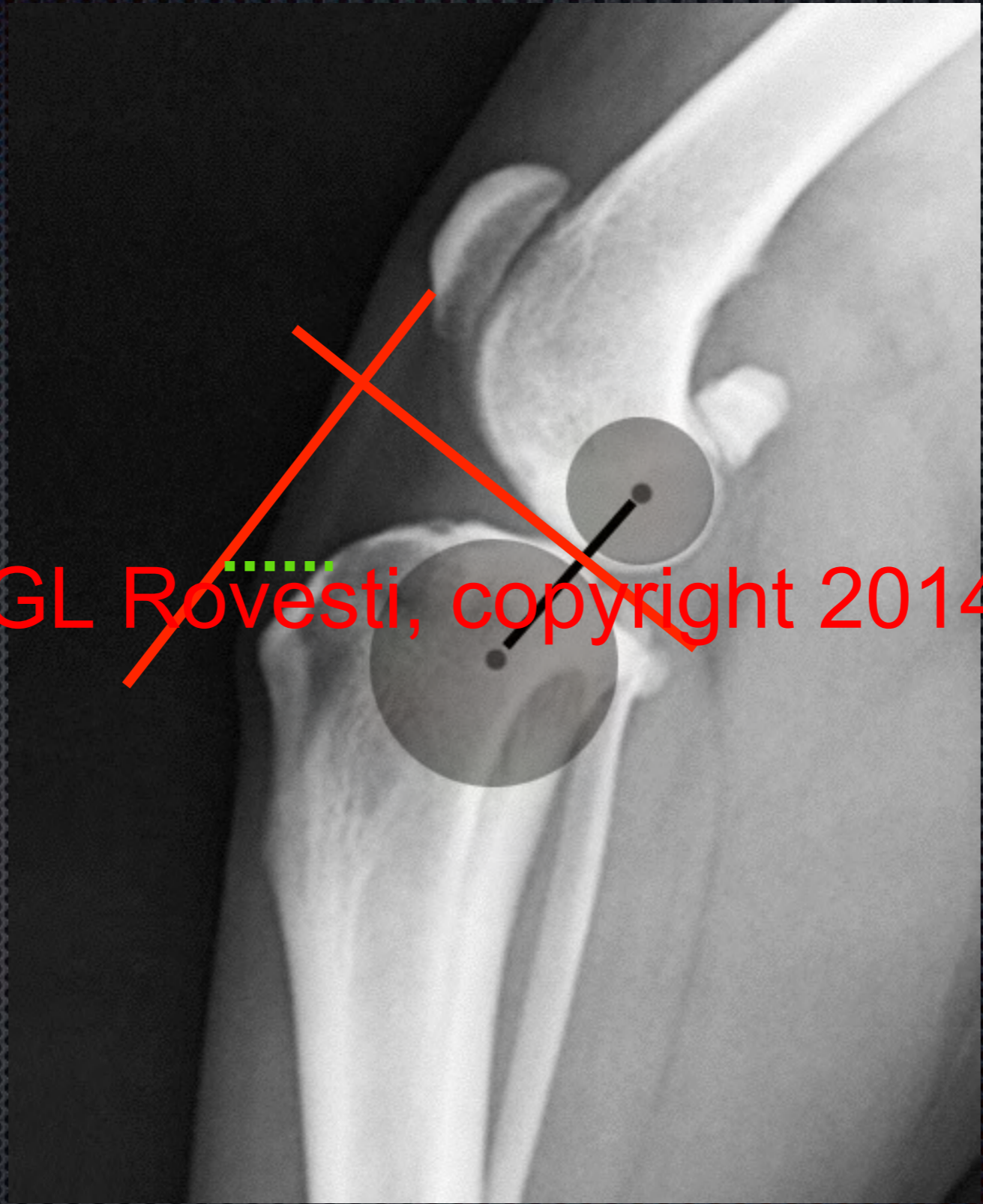
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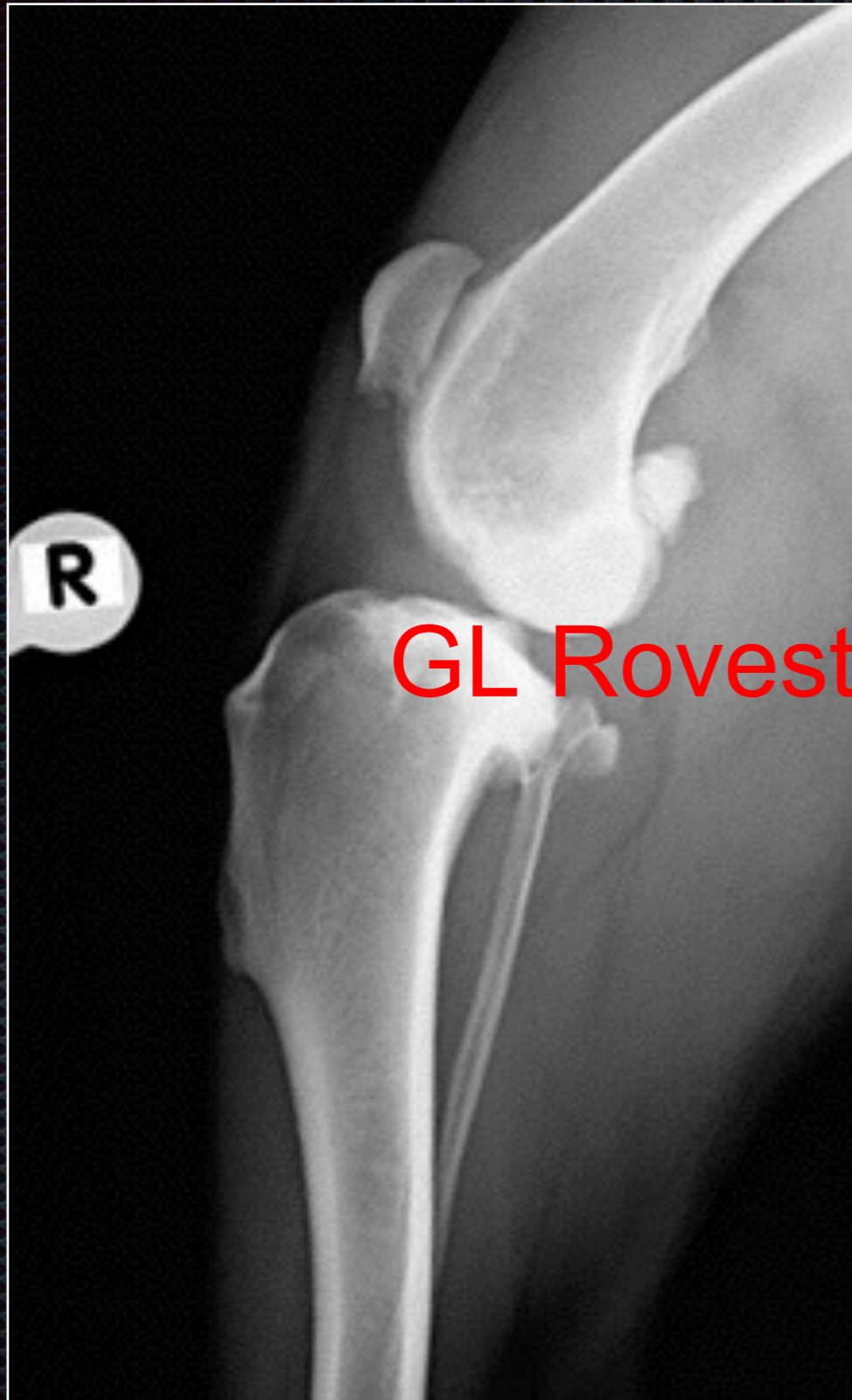
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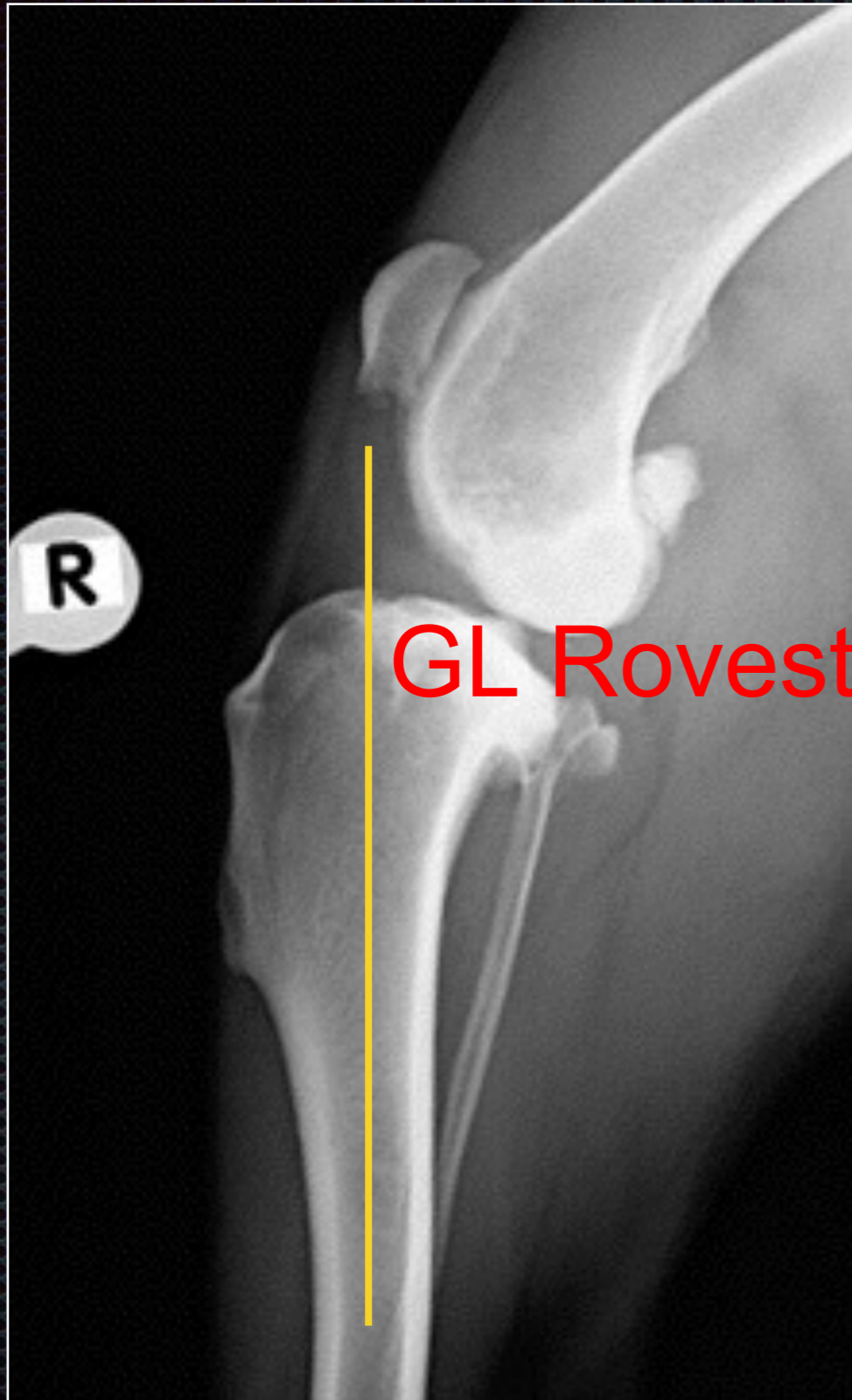
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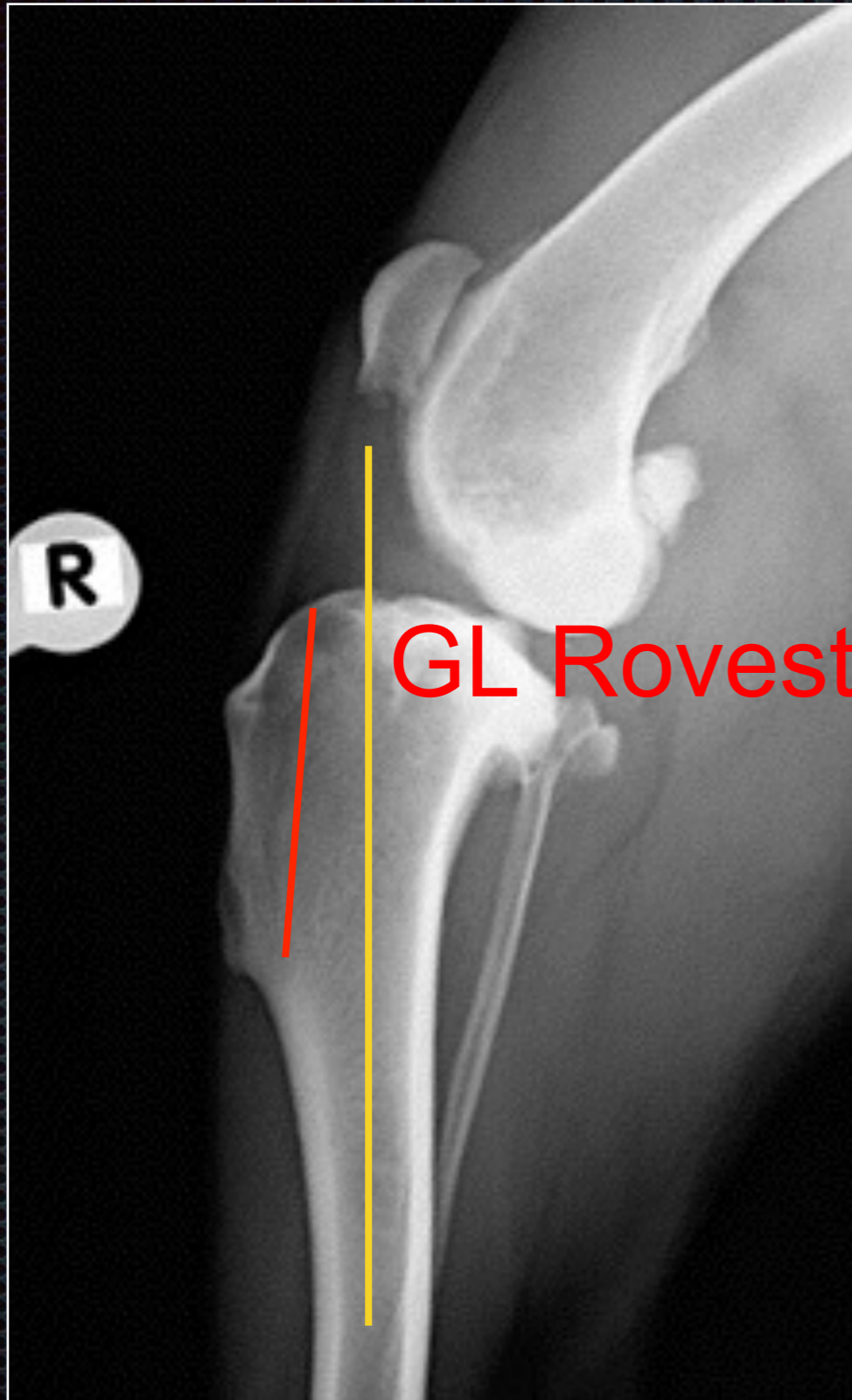
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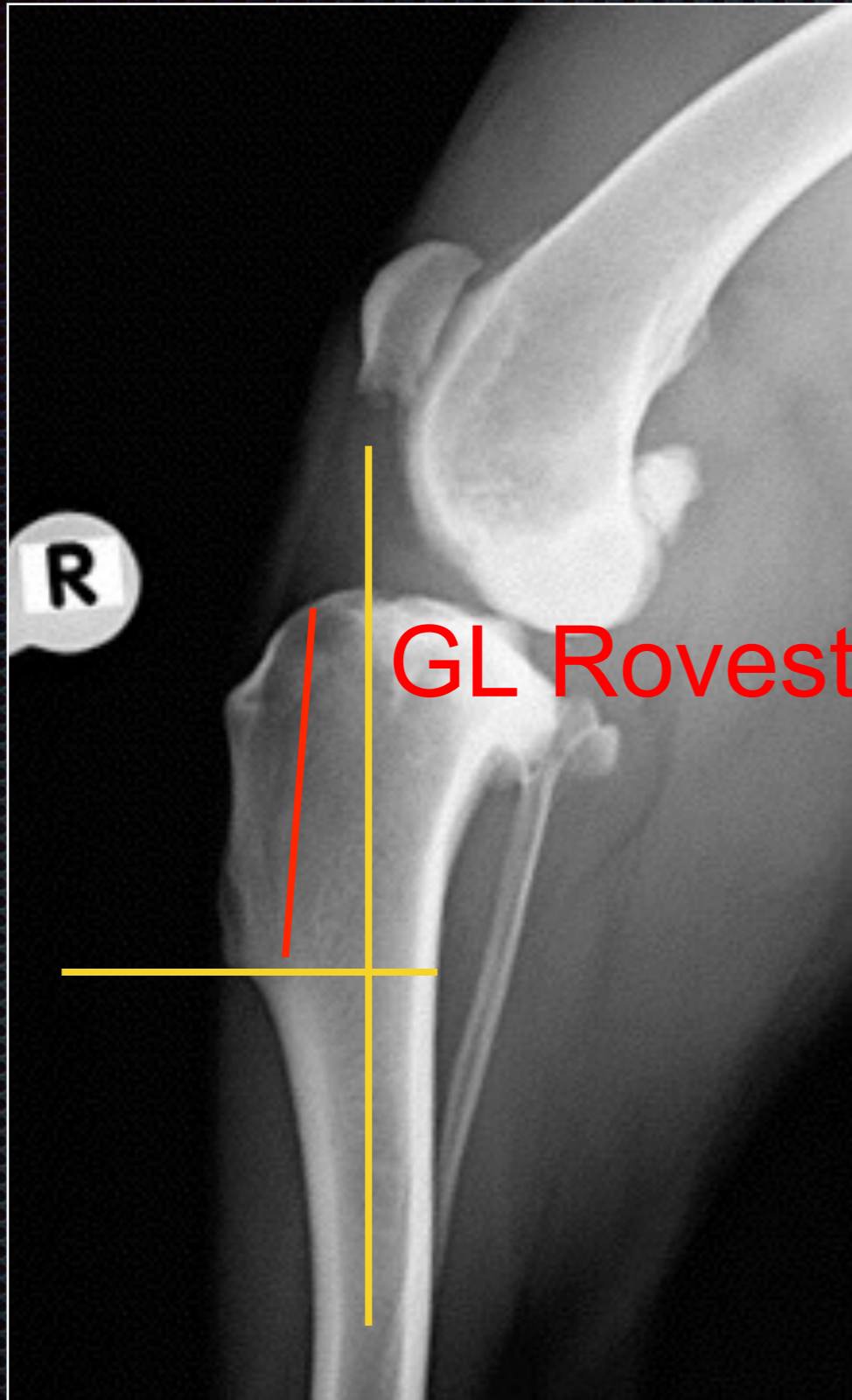
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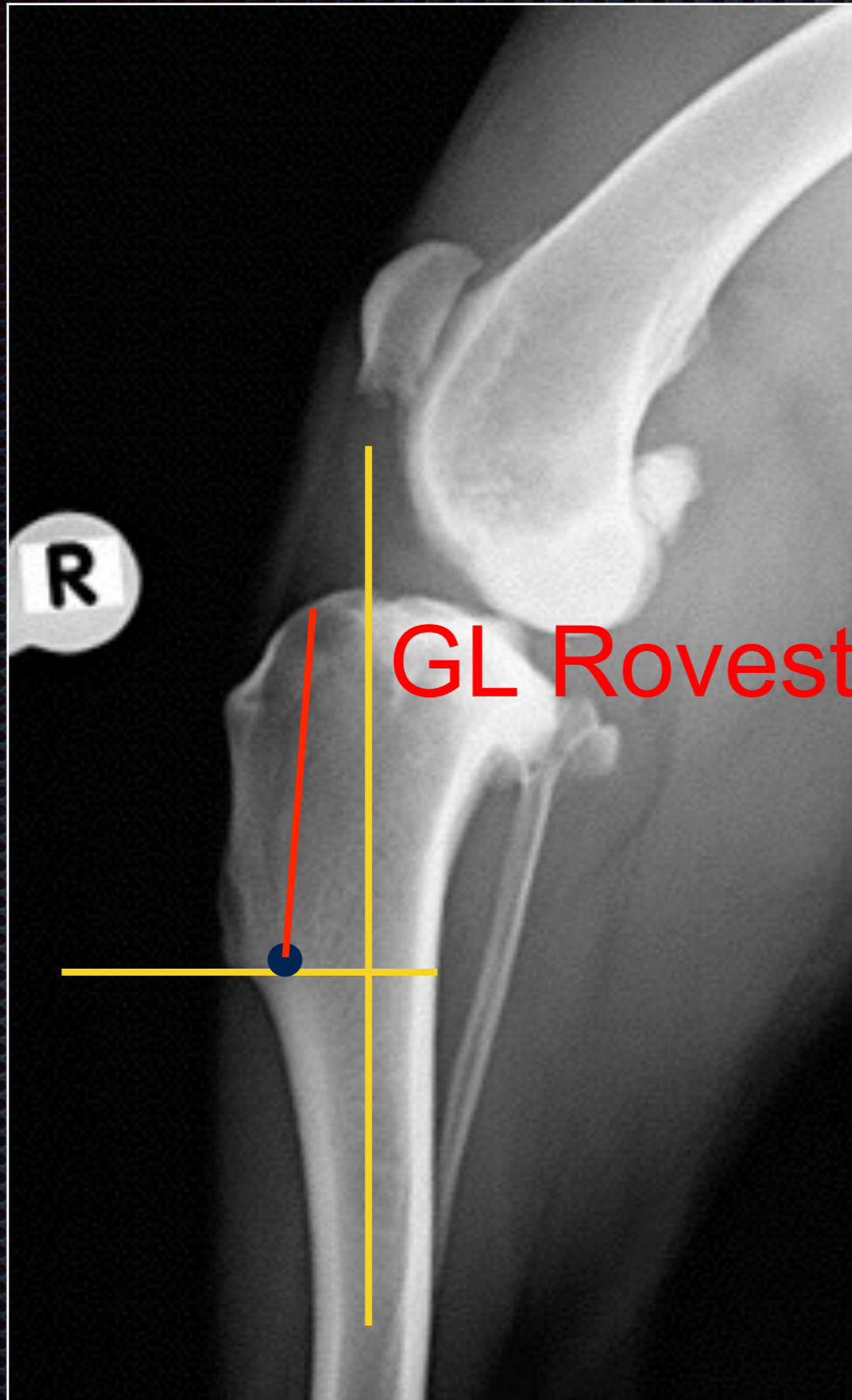


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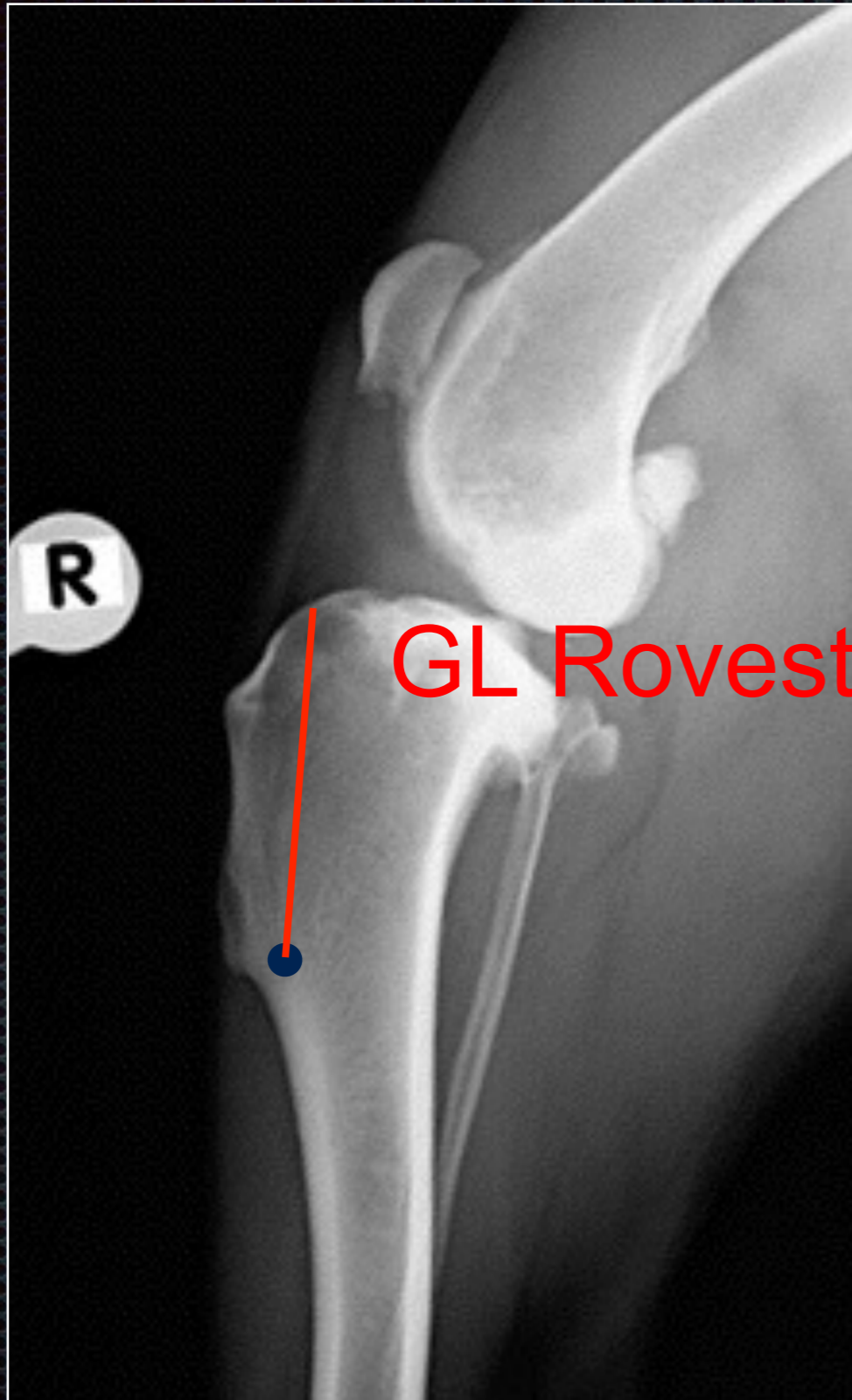


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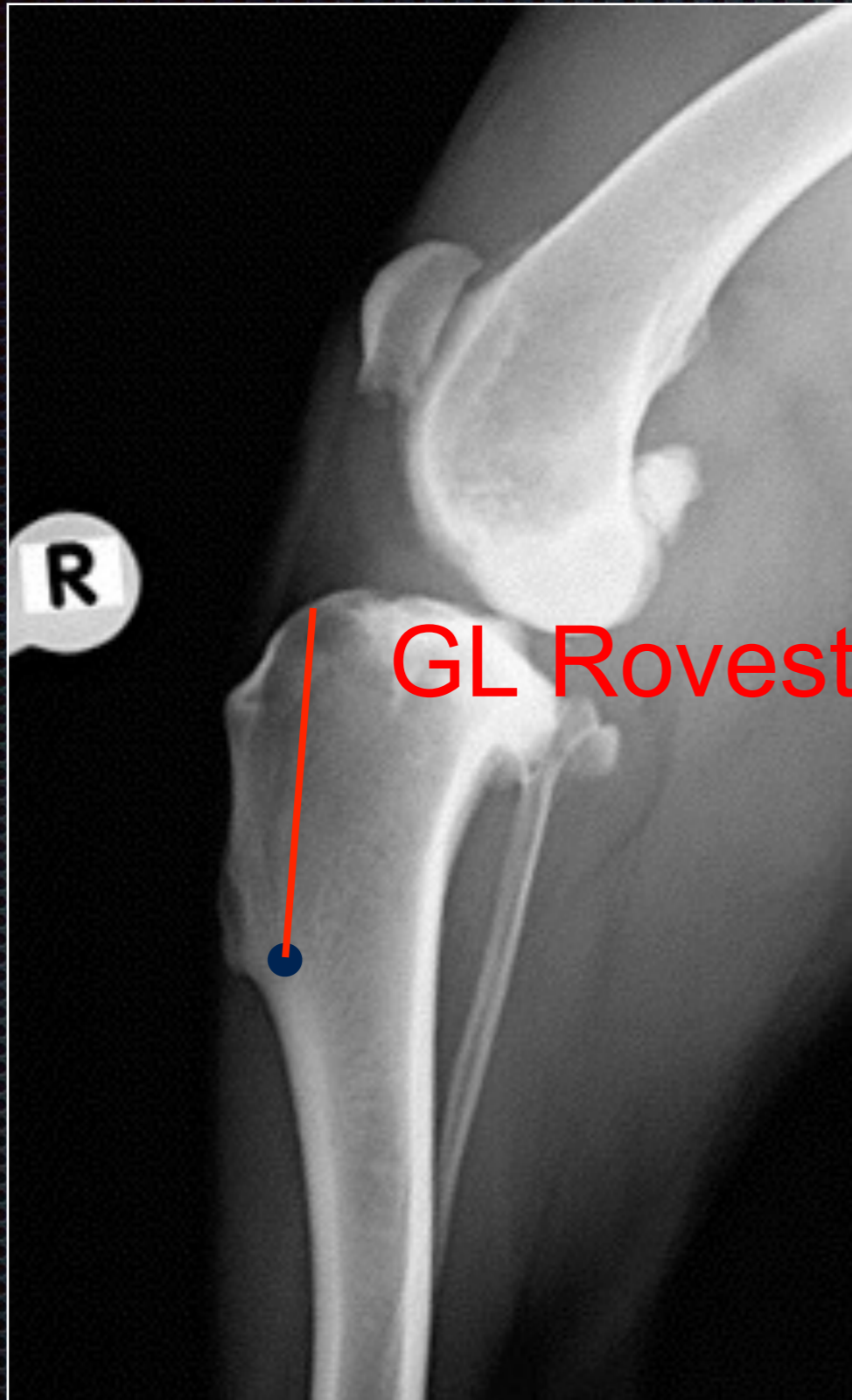




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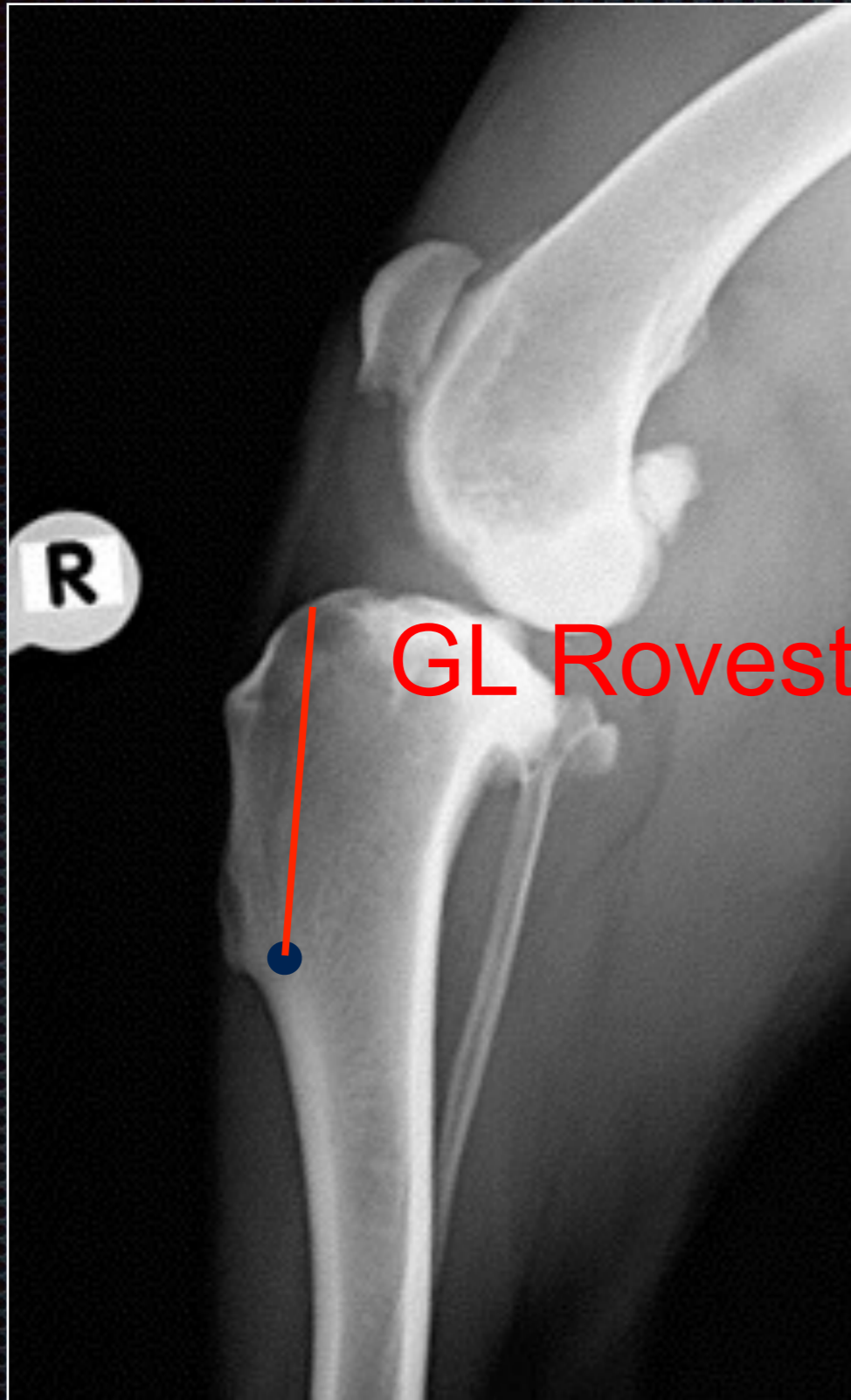


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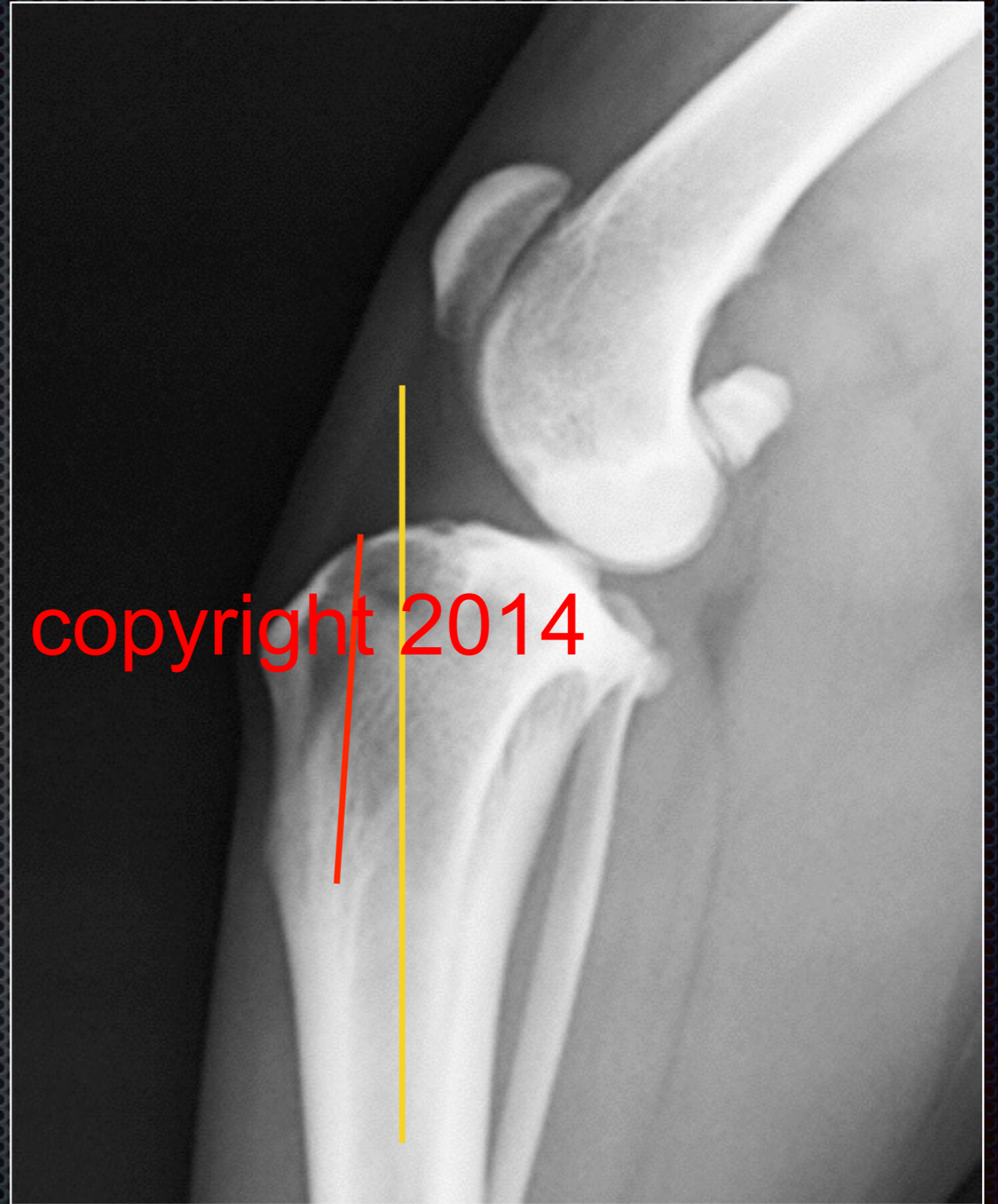
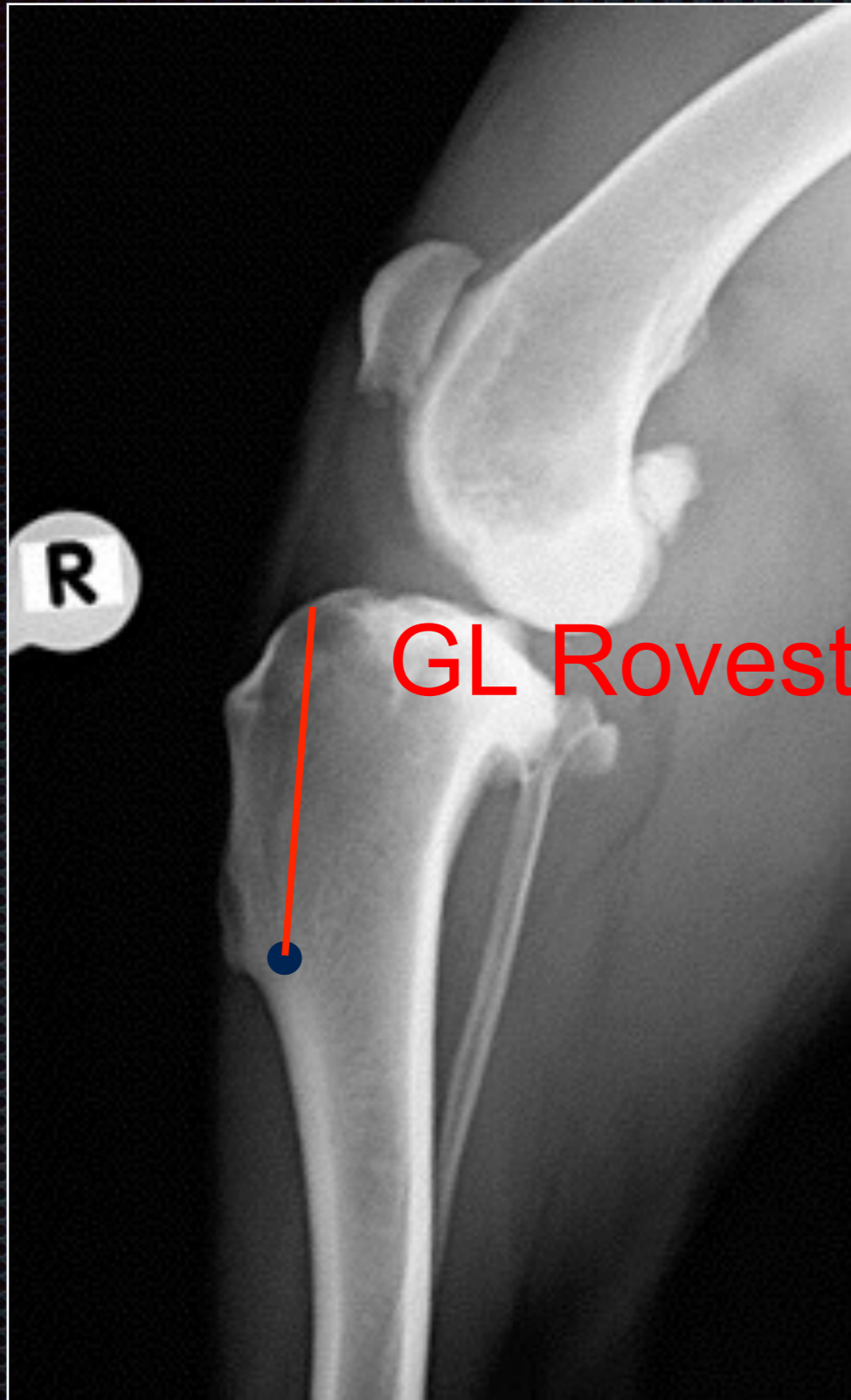
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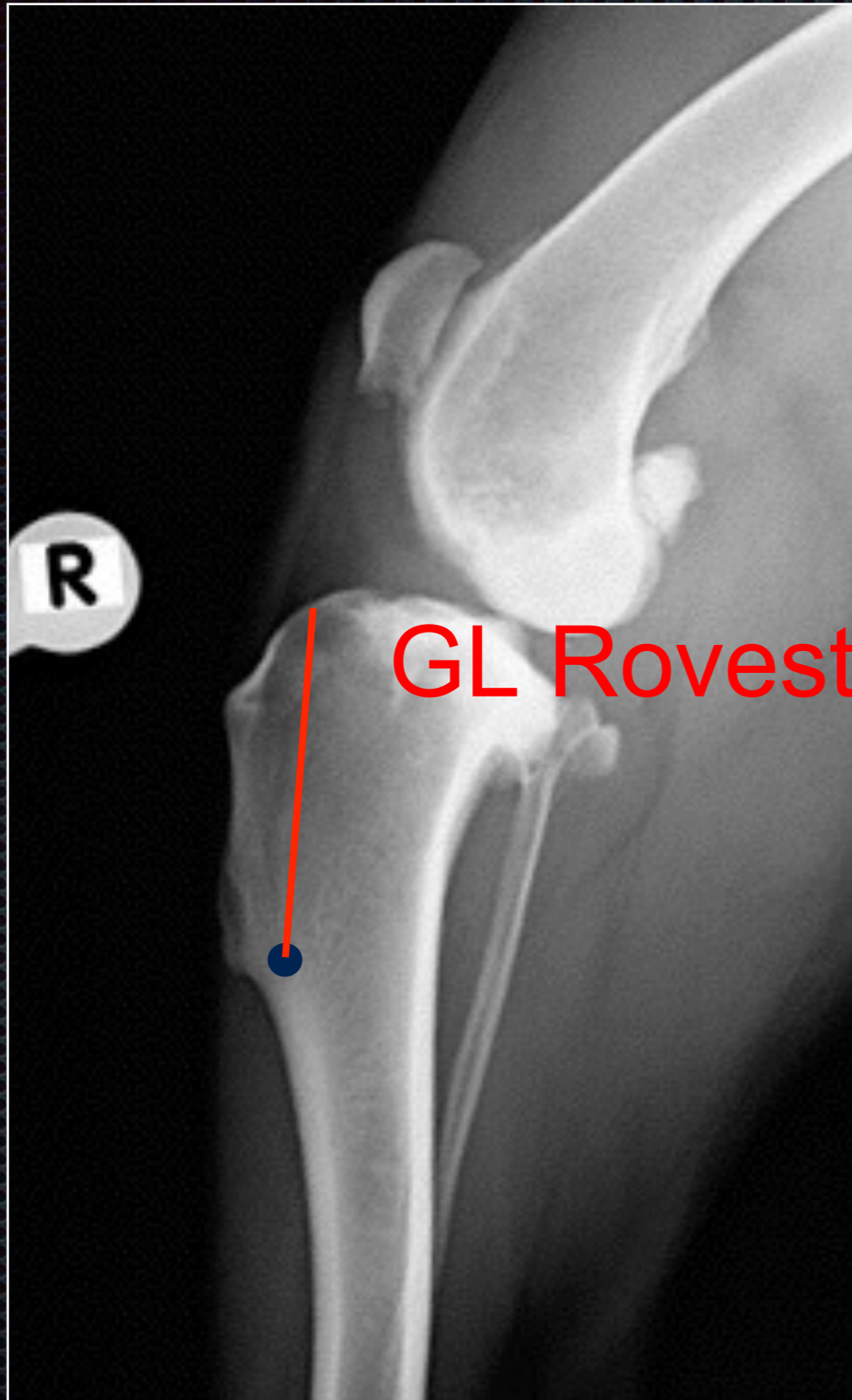


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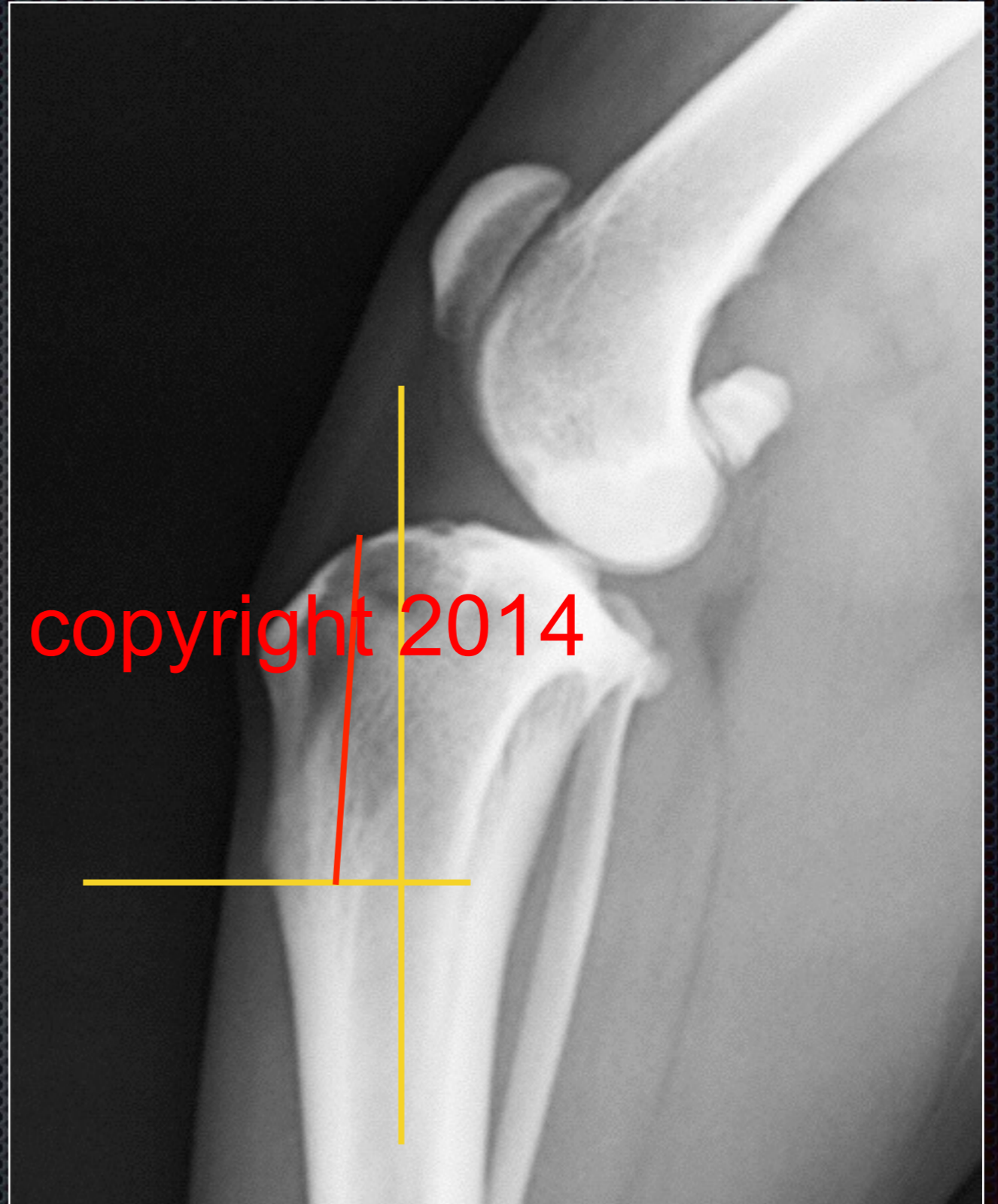


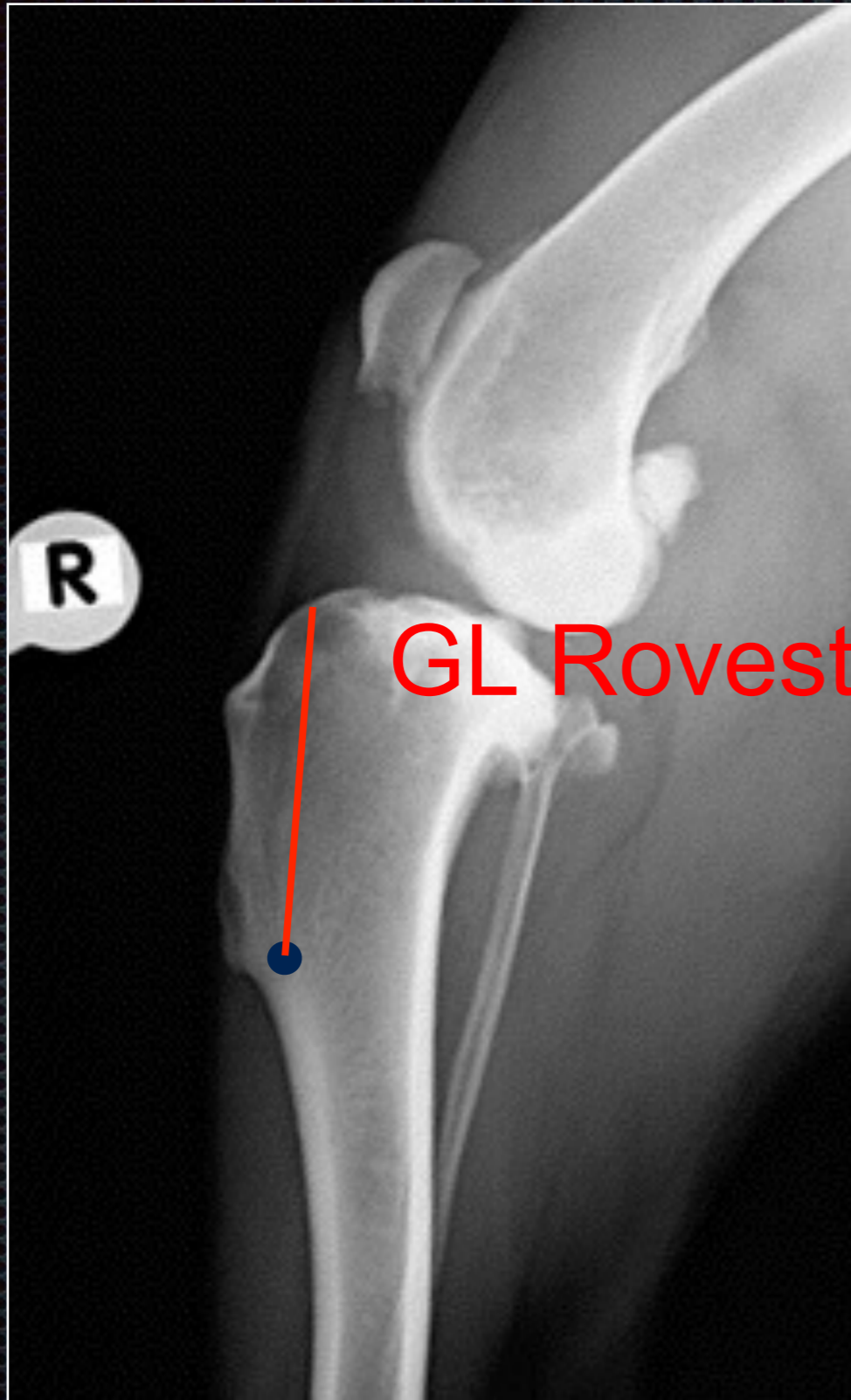


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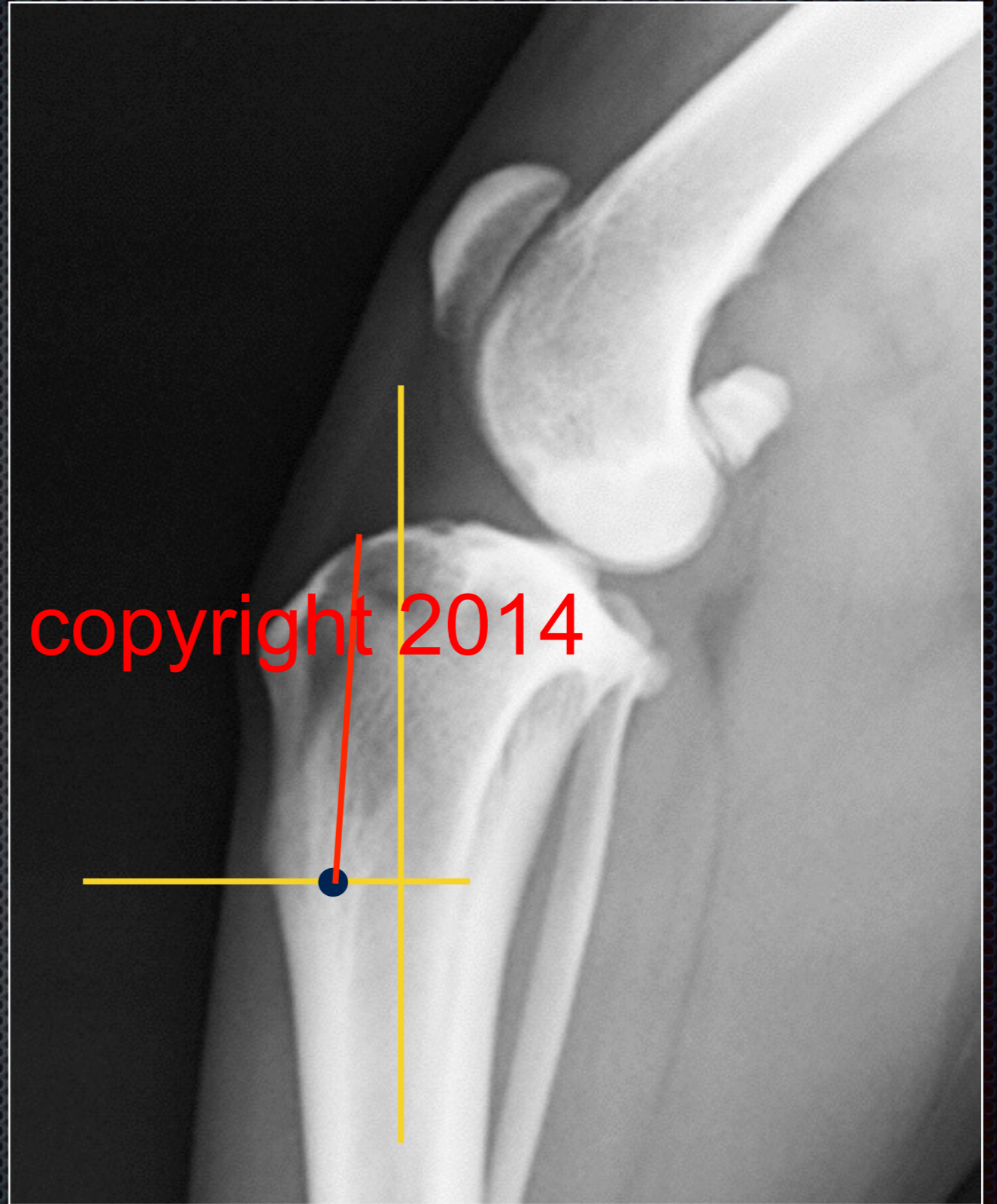


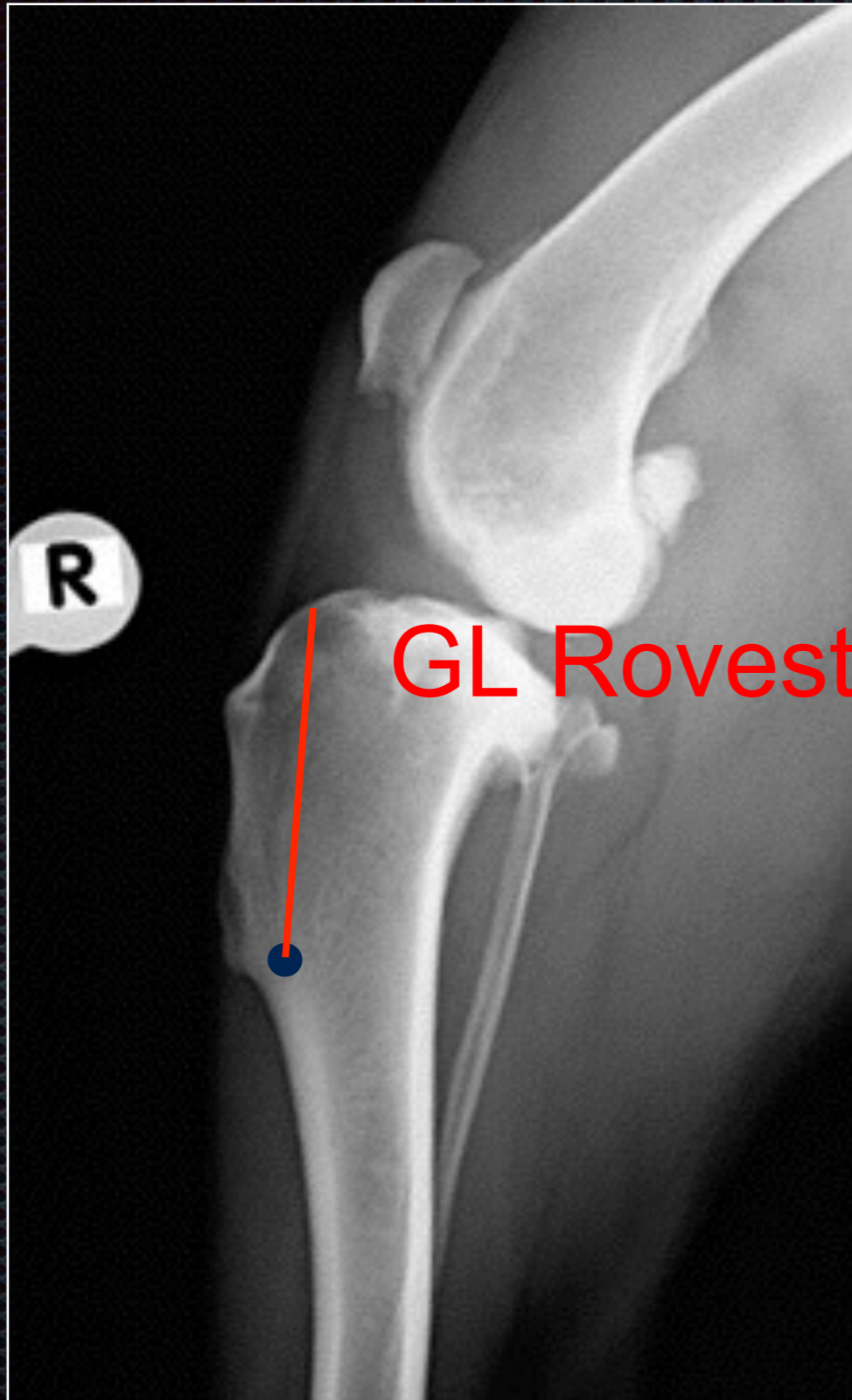
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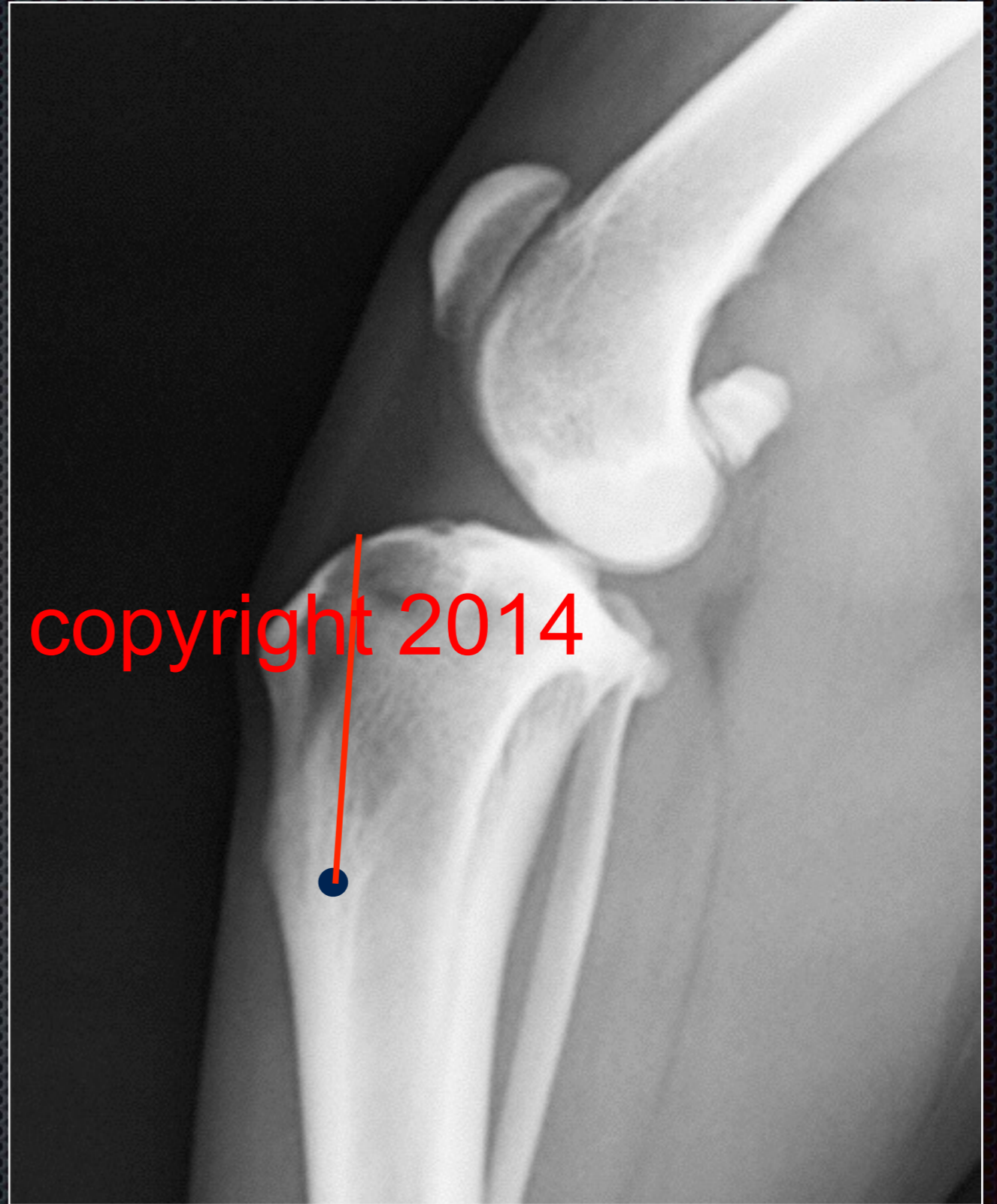


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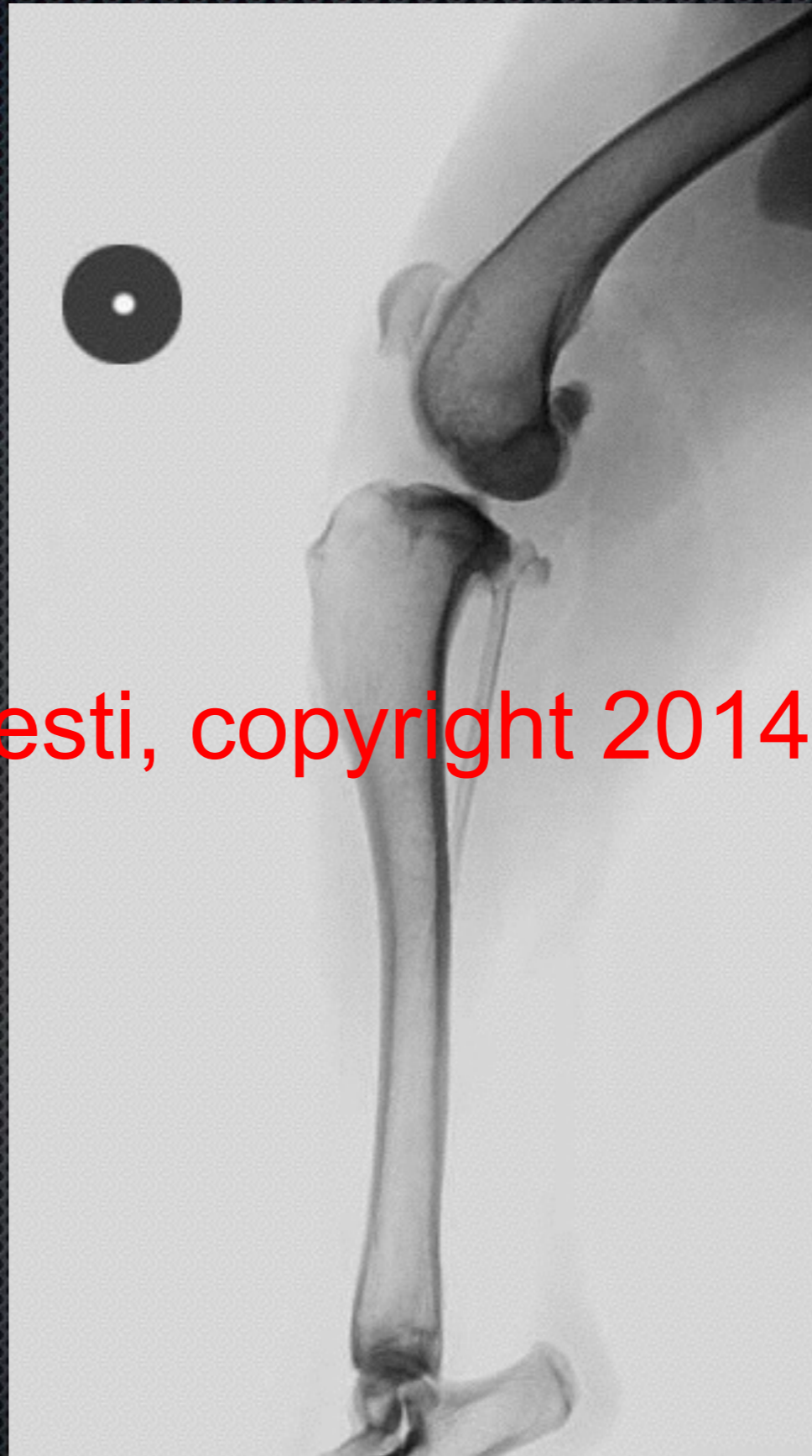


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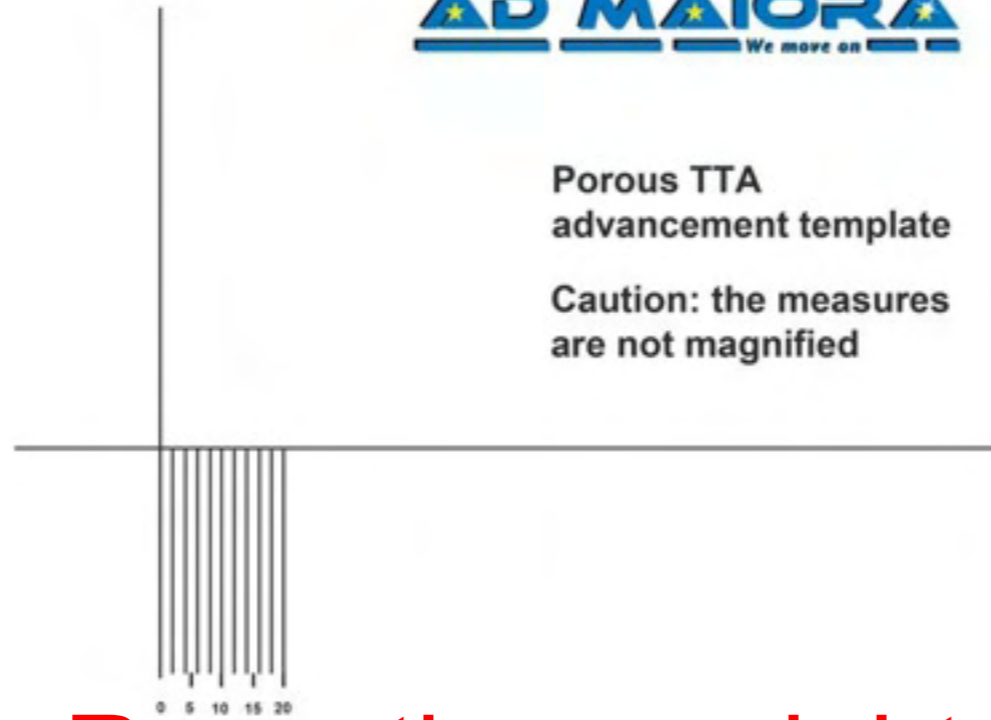
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Porous TTA  
advancement template

Caution: the measures  
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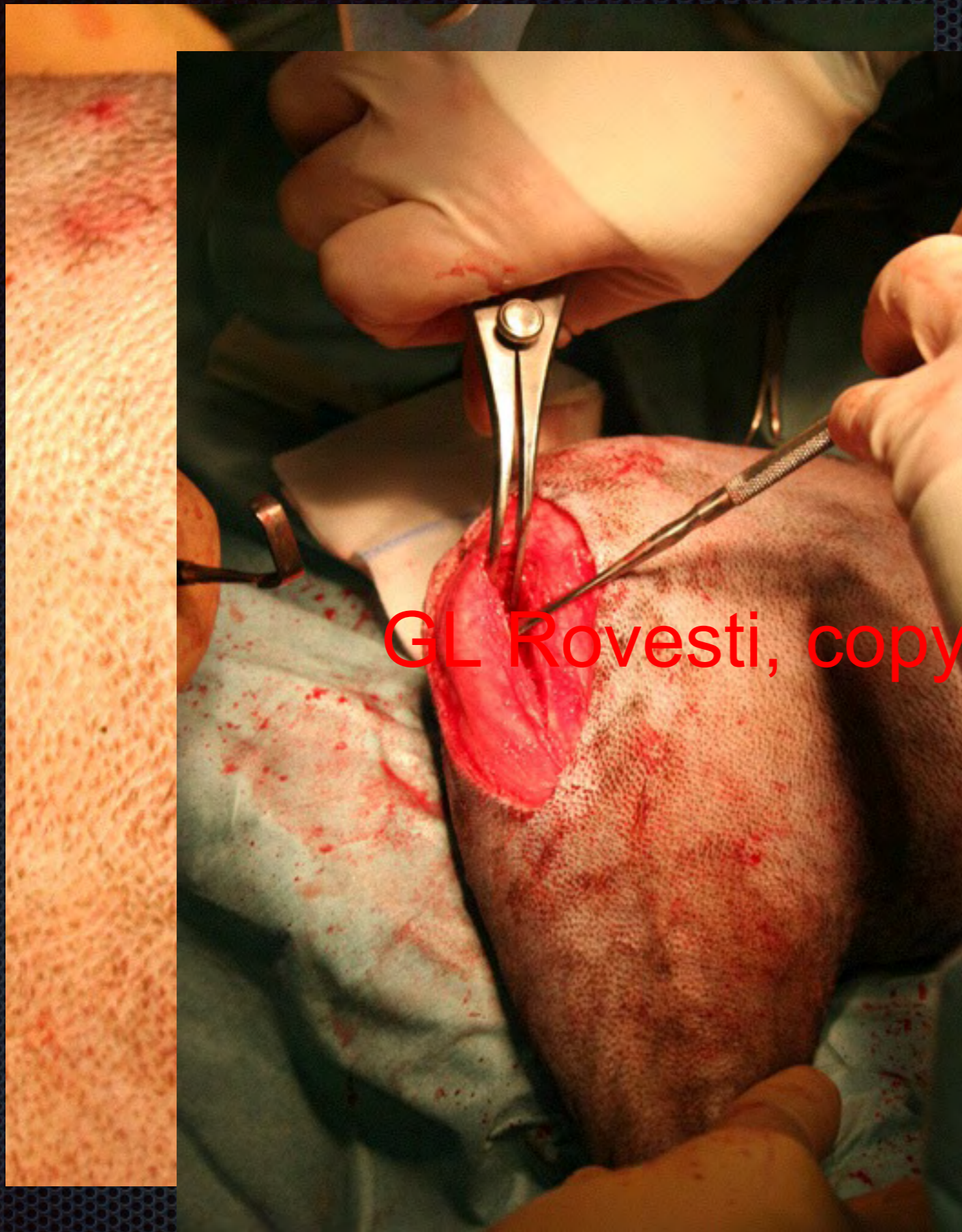
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# What are we expecting in standard cases?

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- ✦ Radiographic evaluation

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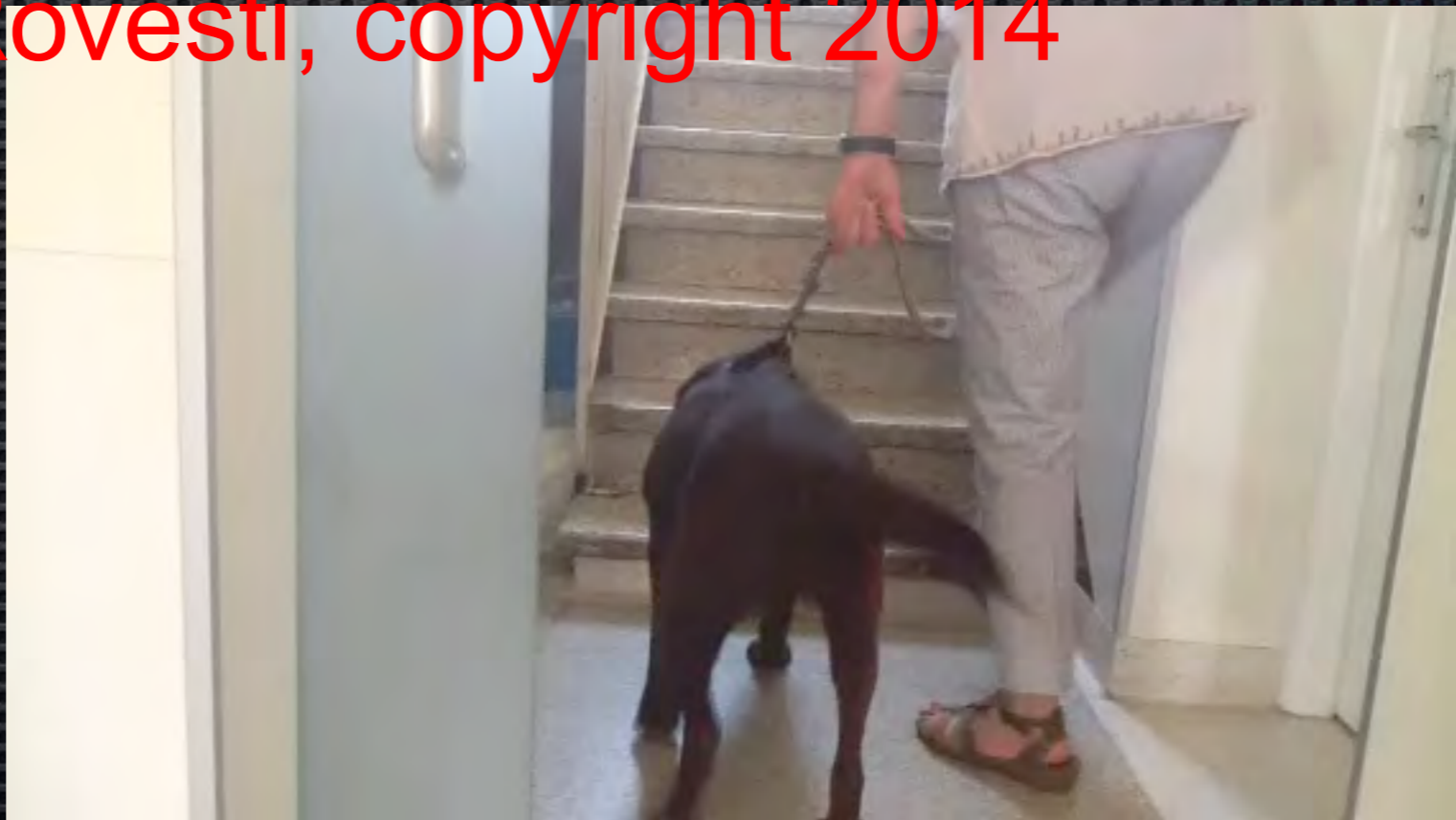
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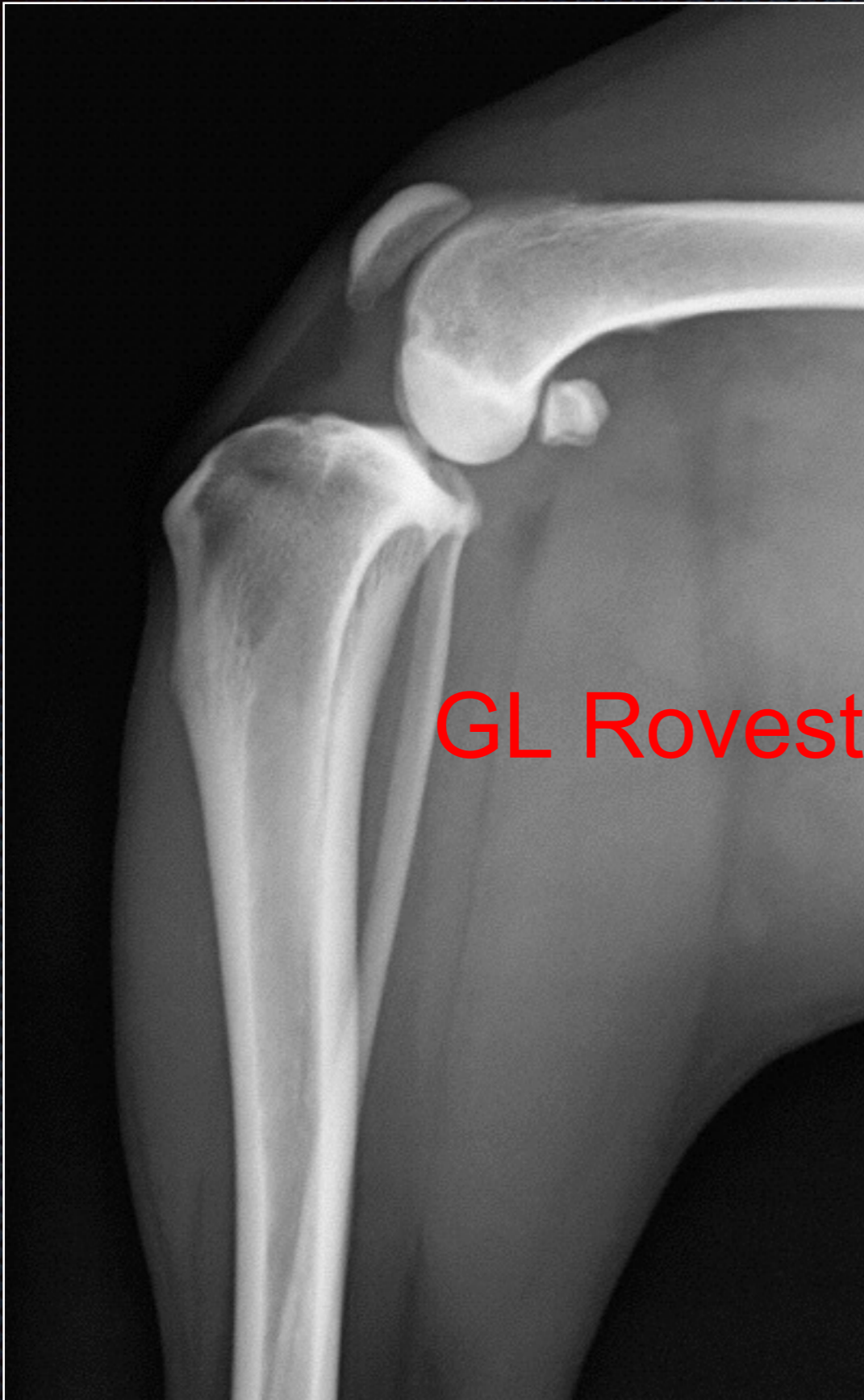


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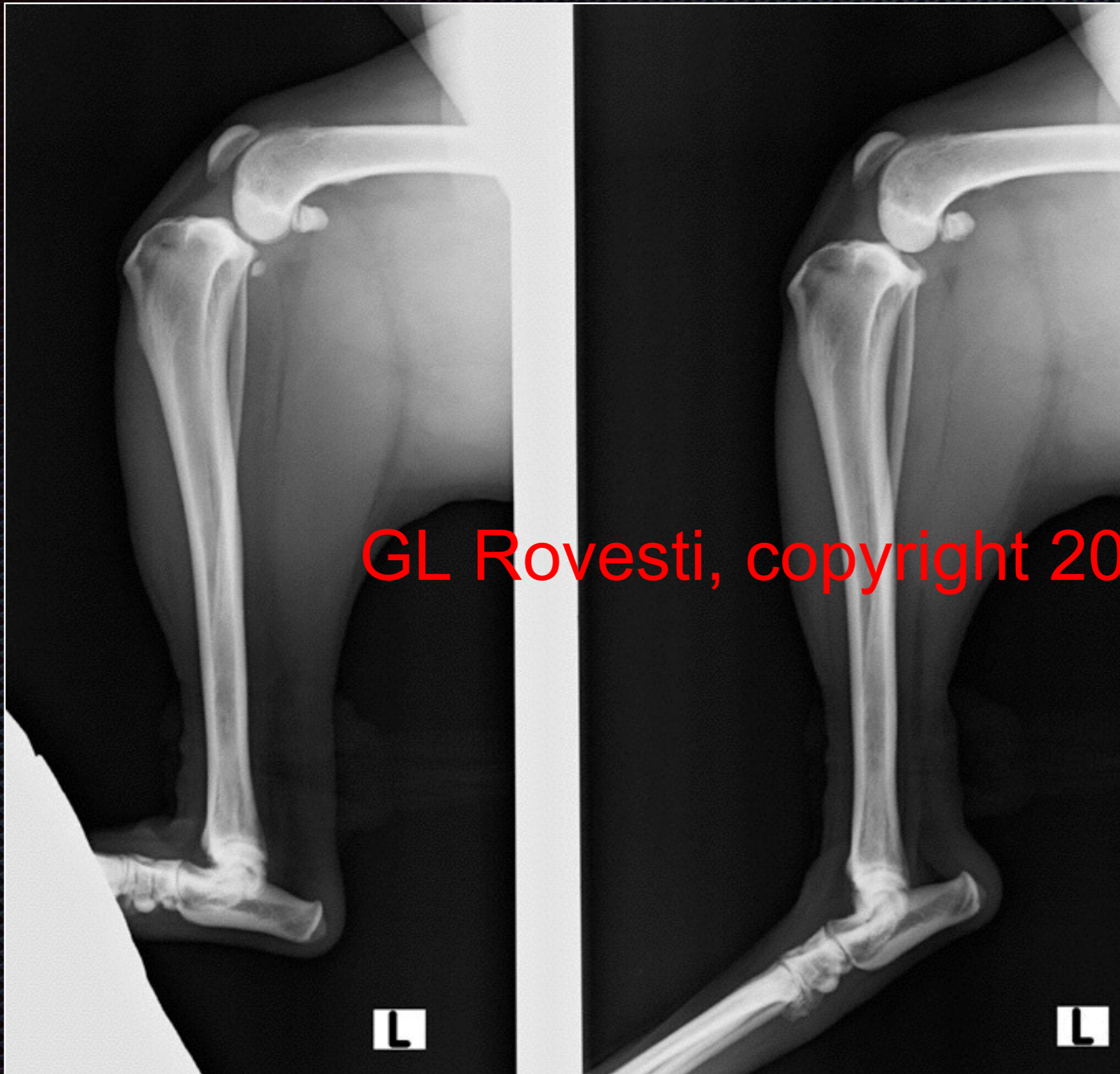


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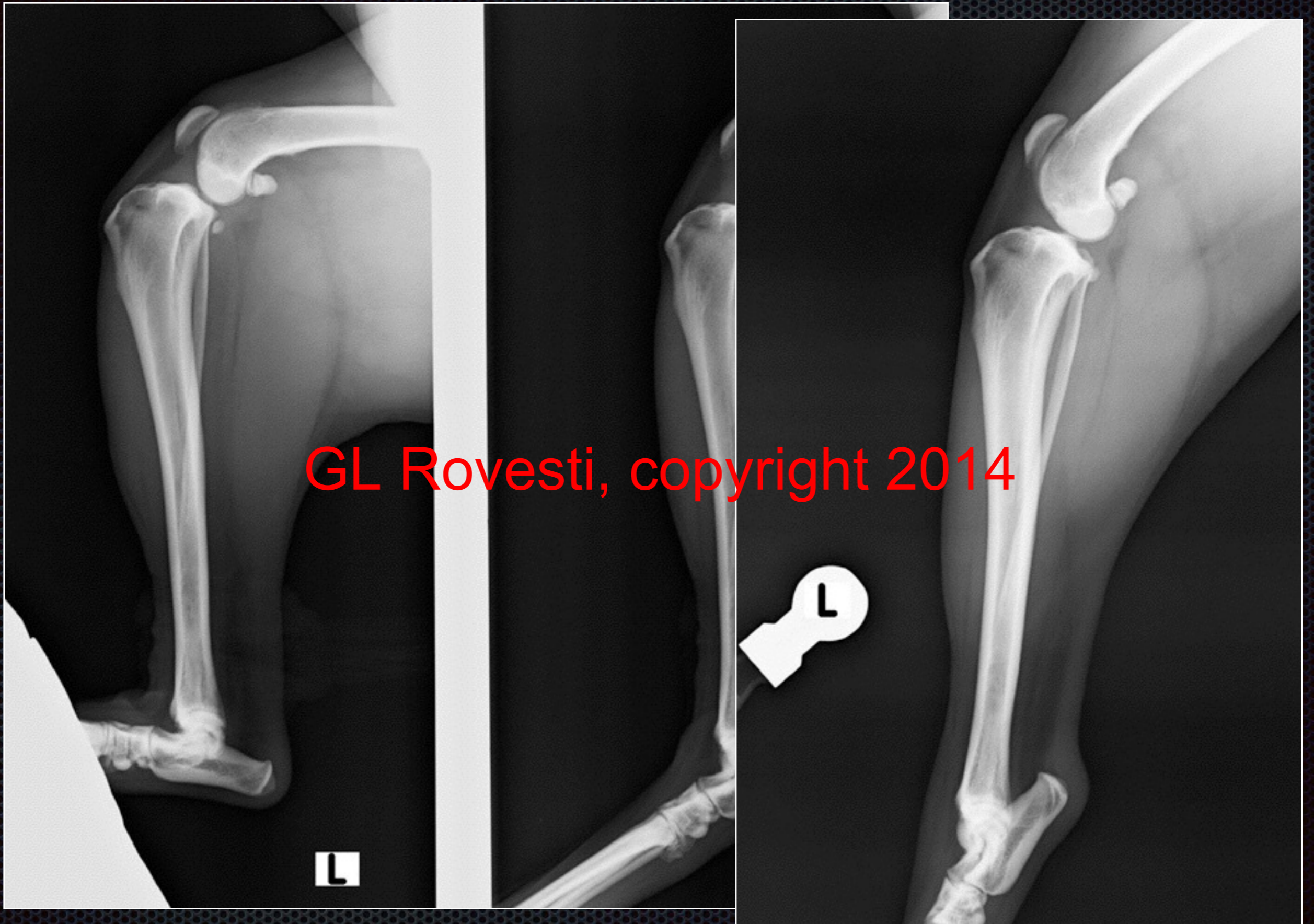




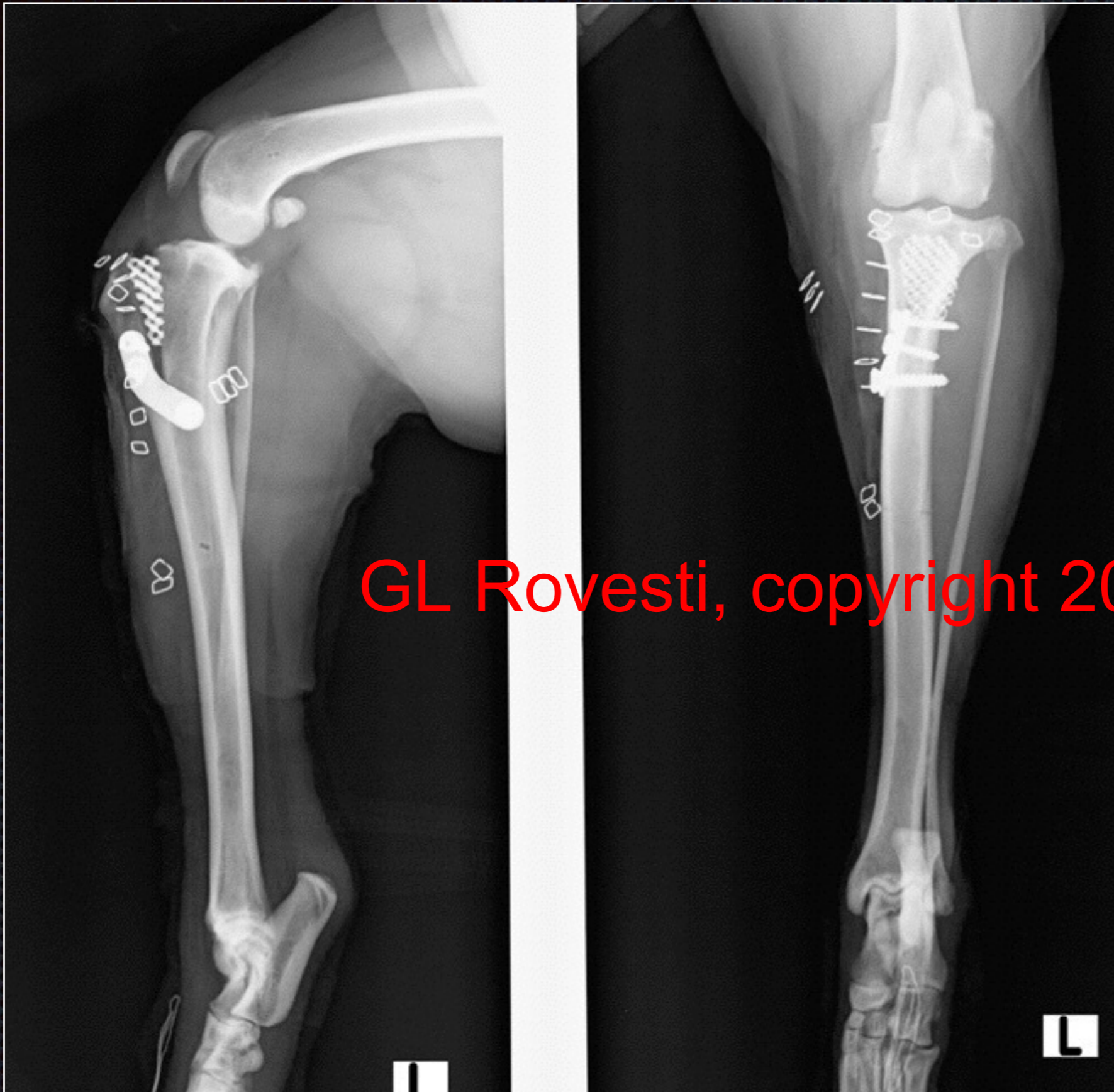
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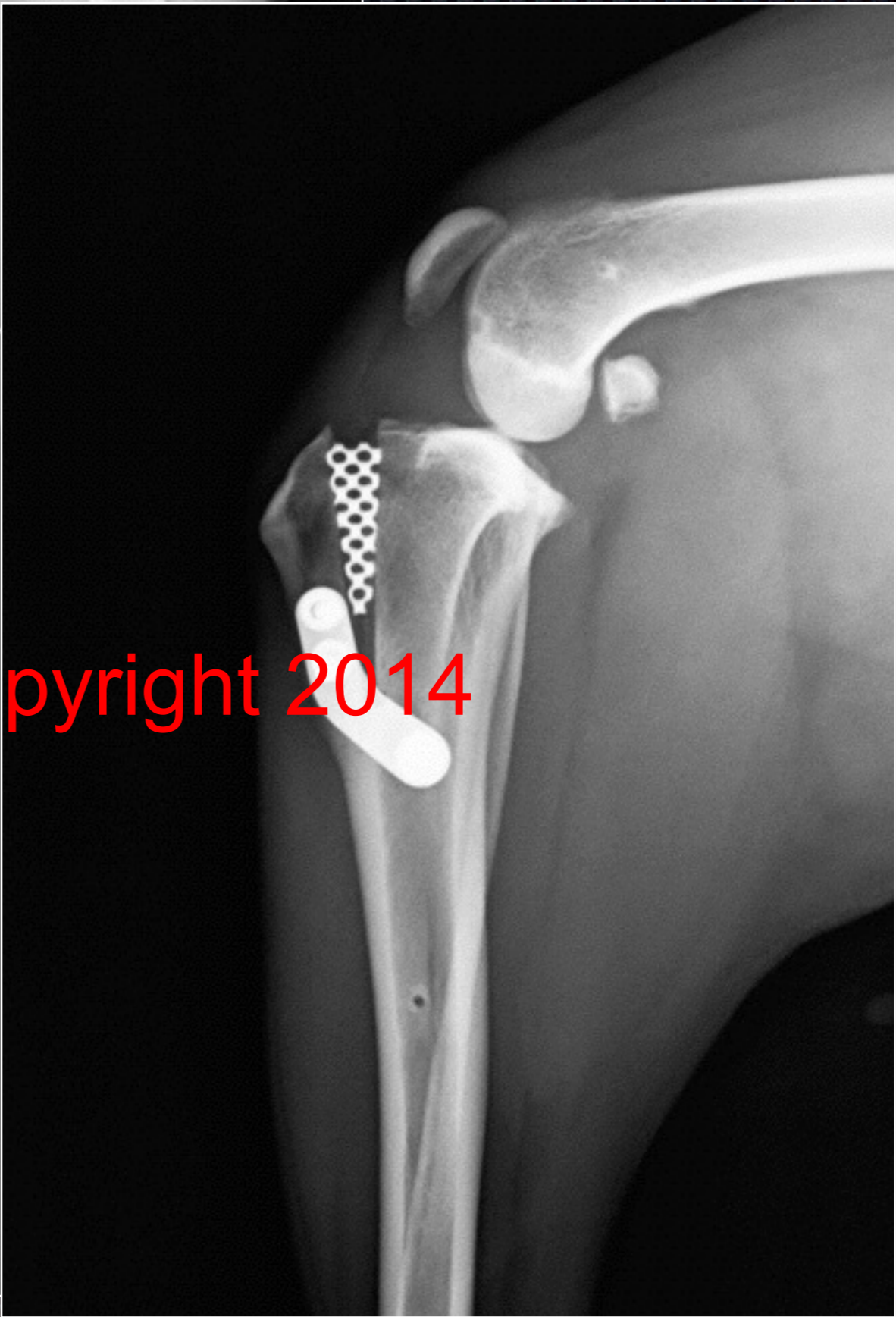
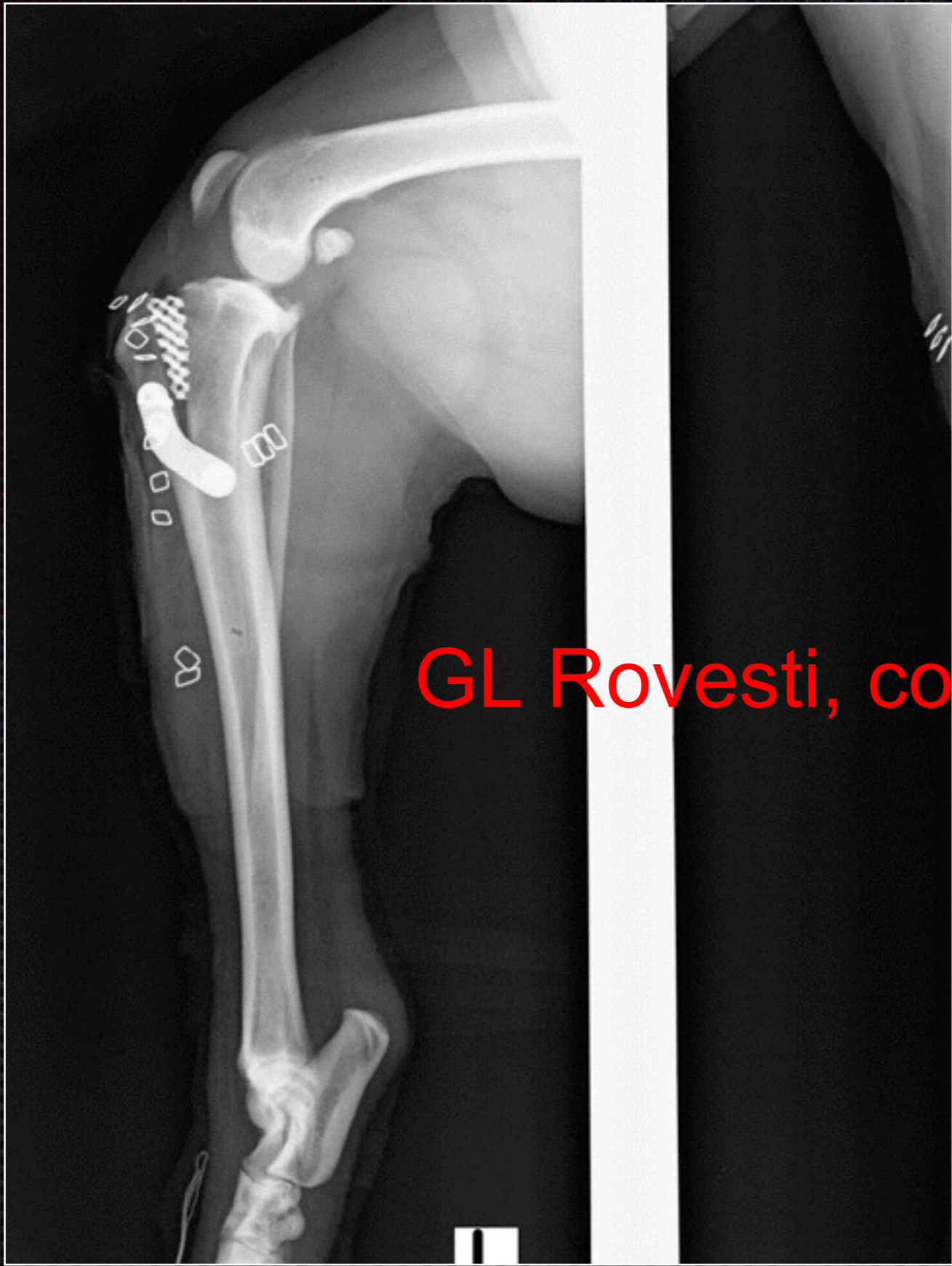


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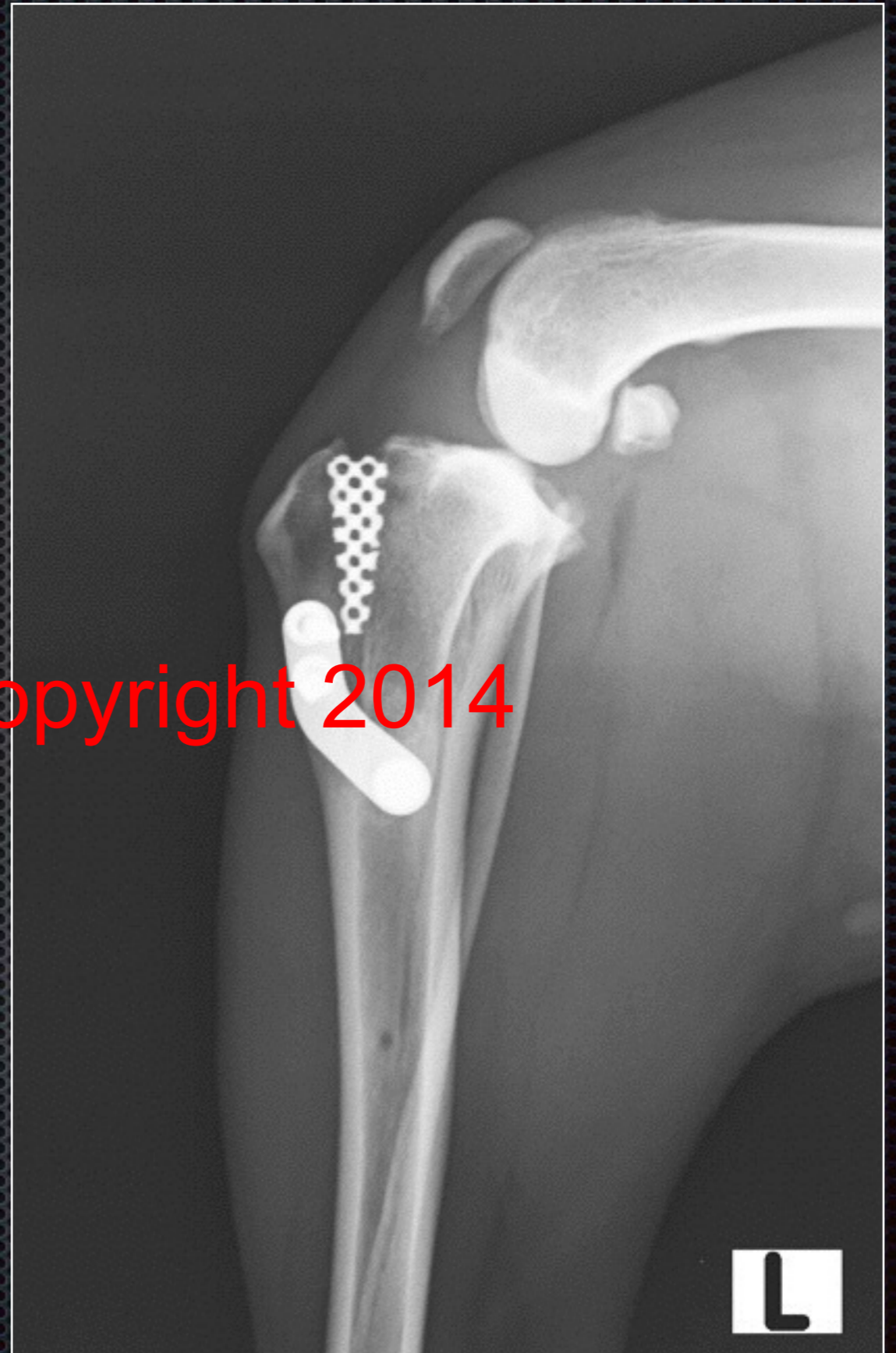








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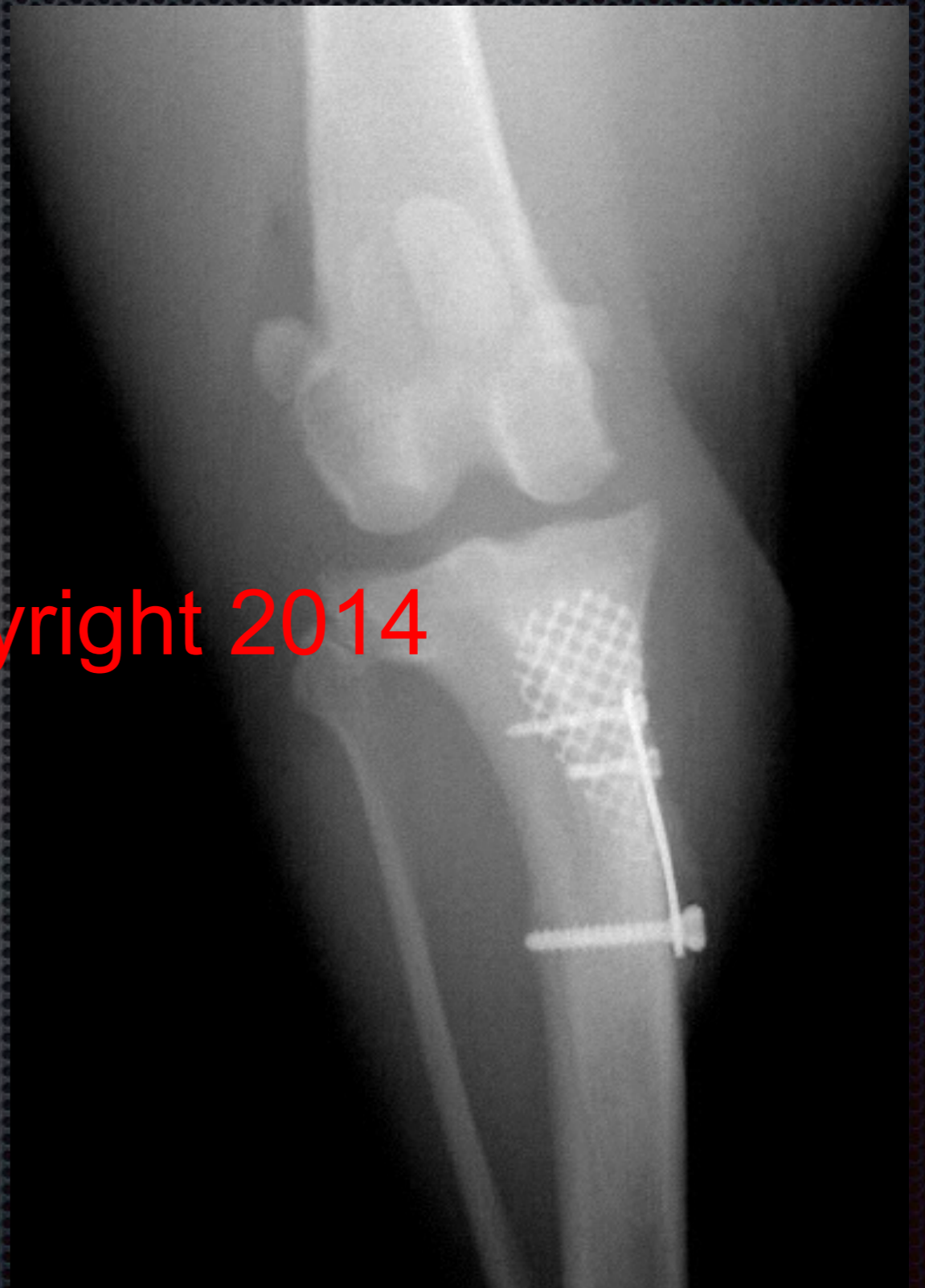
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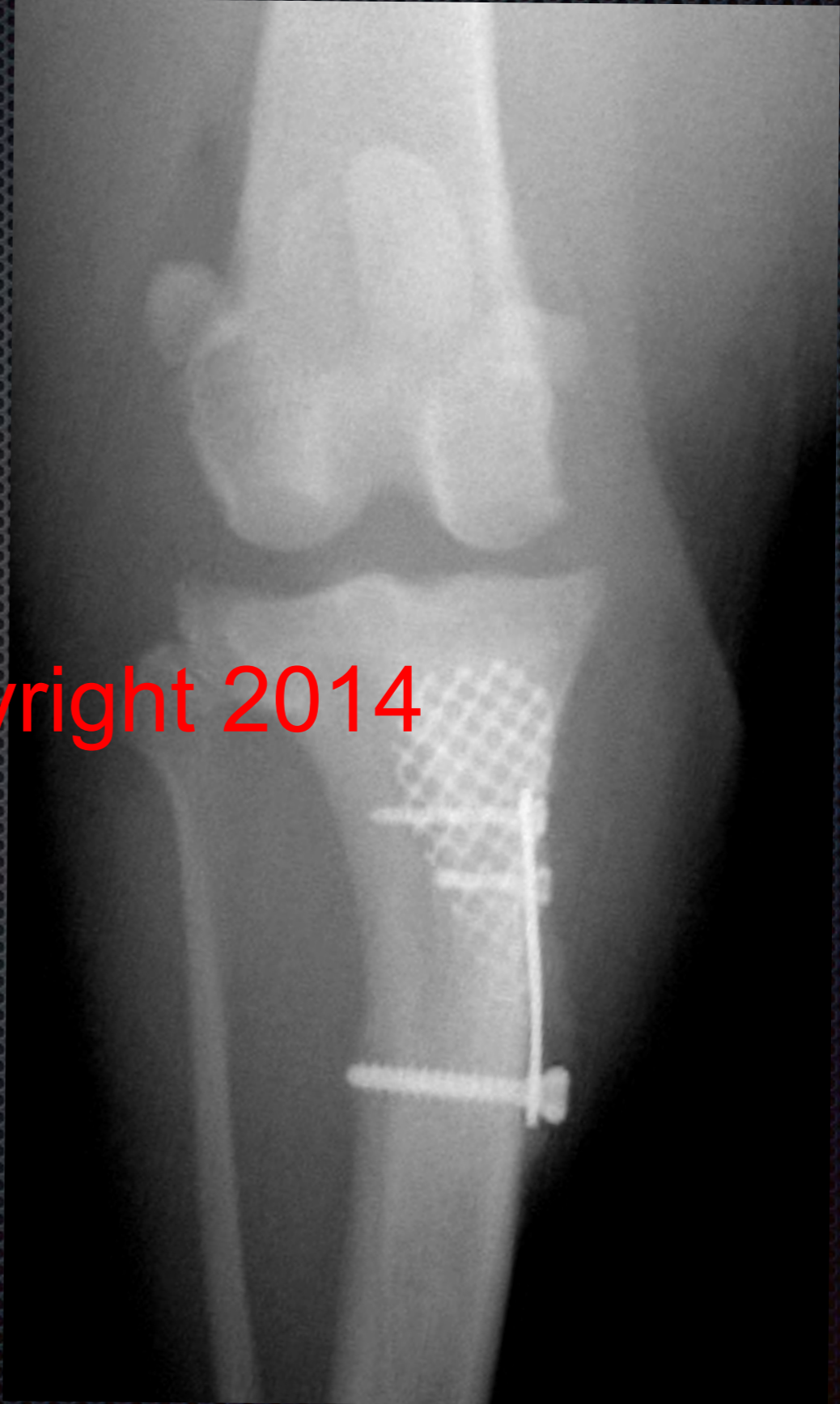
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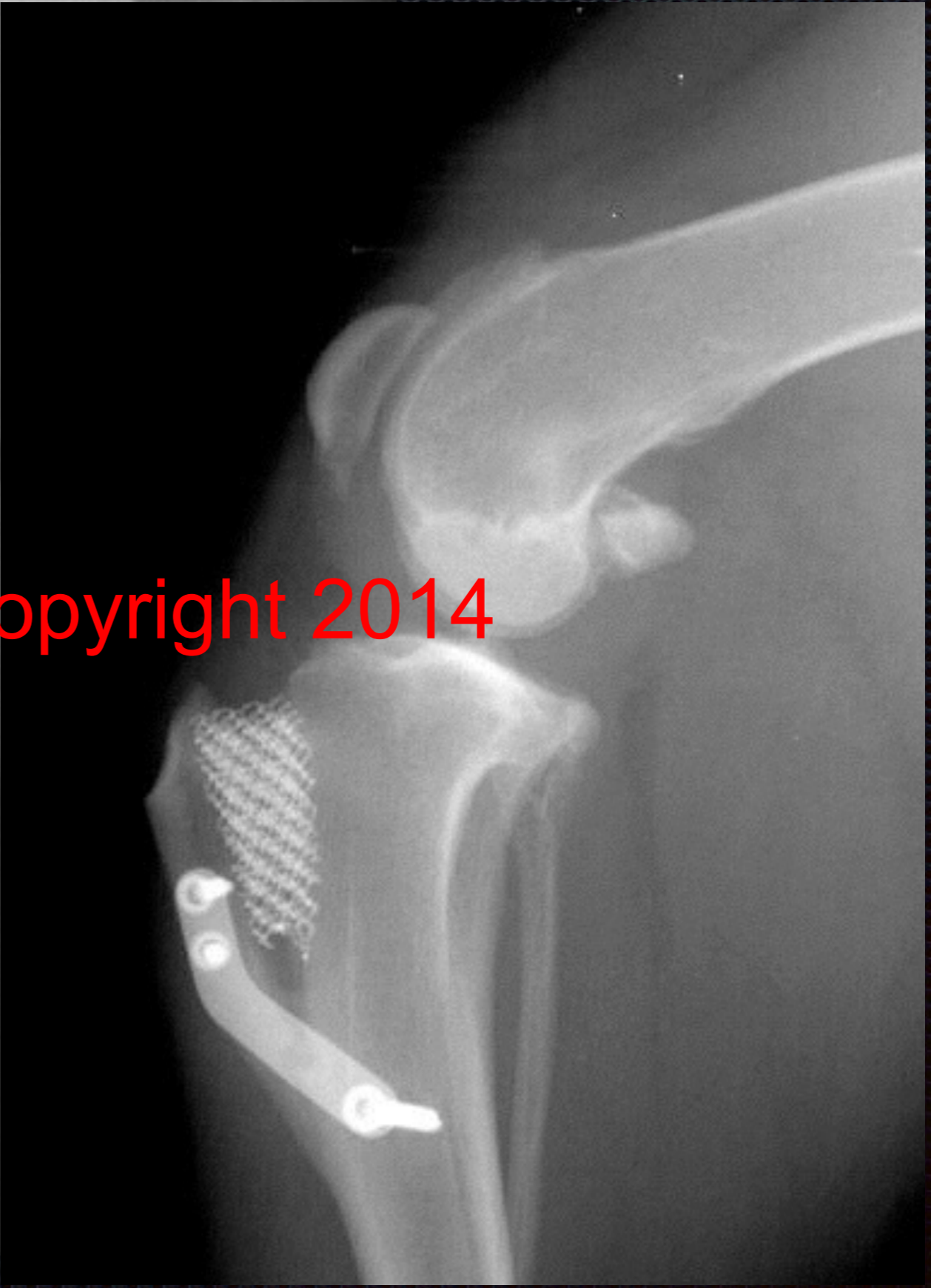


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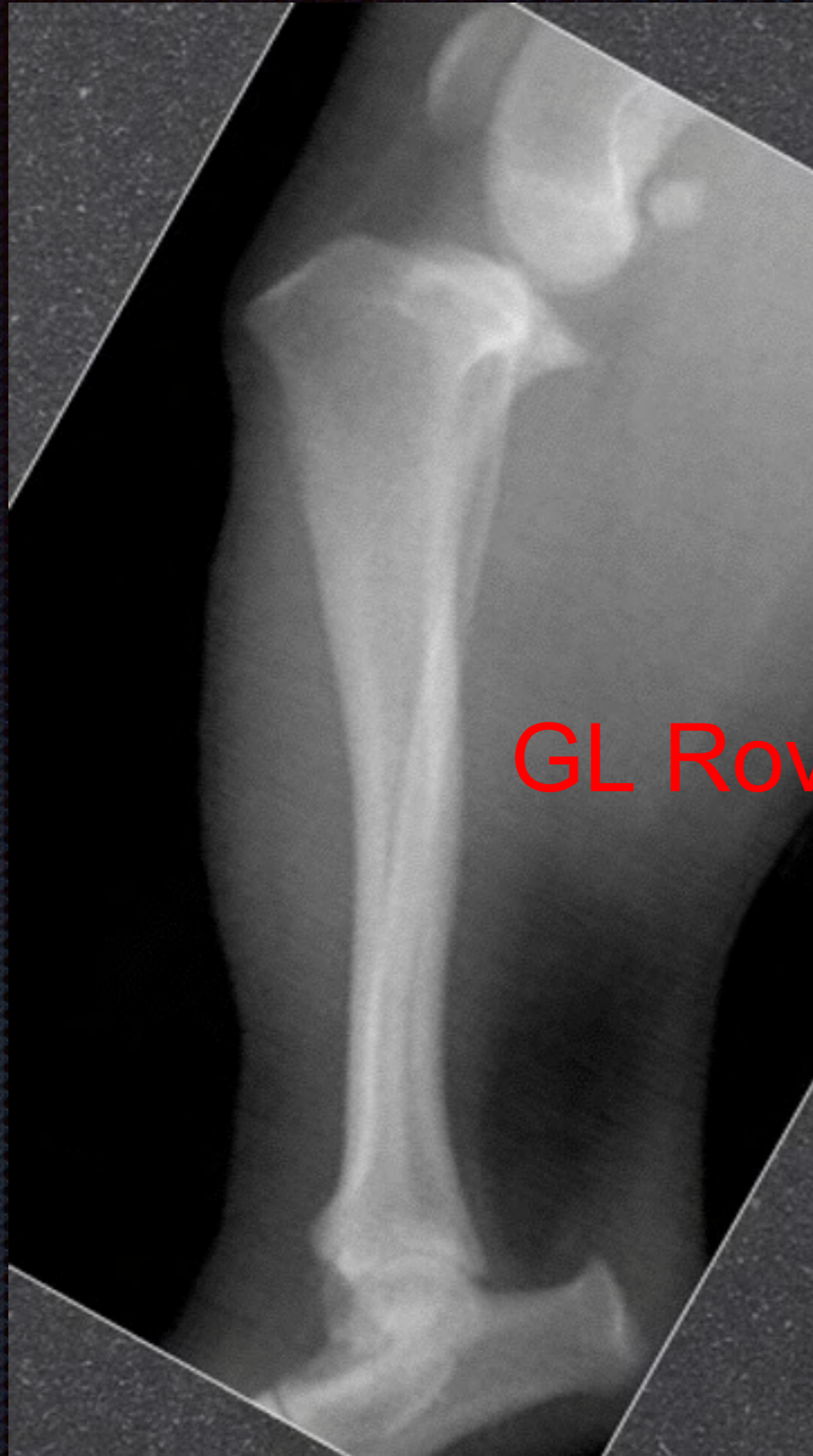




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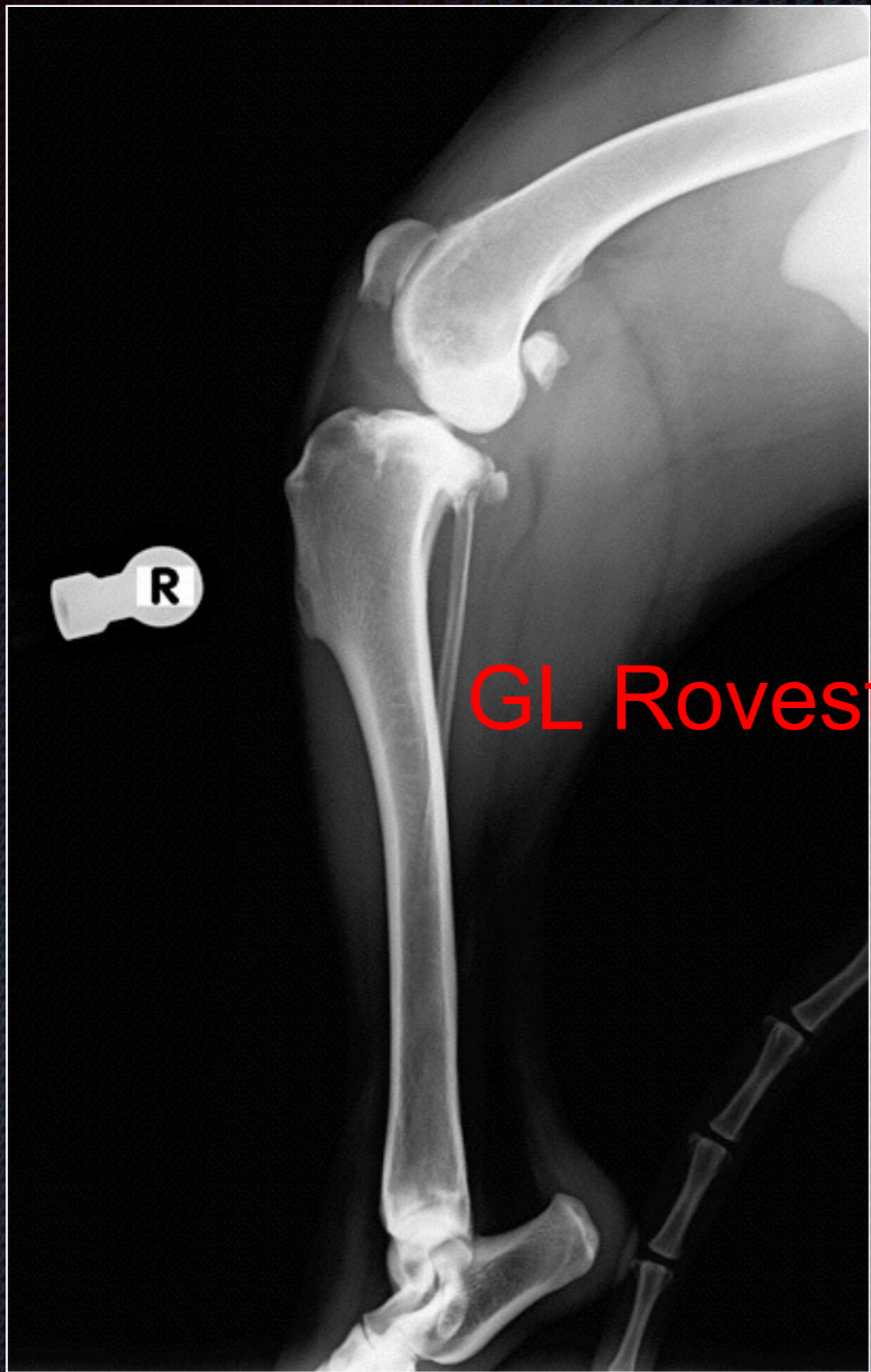
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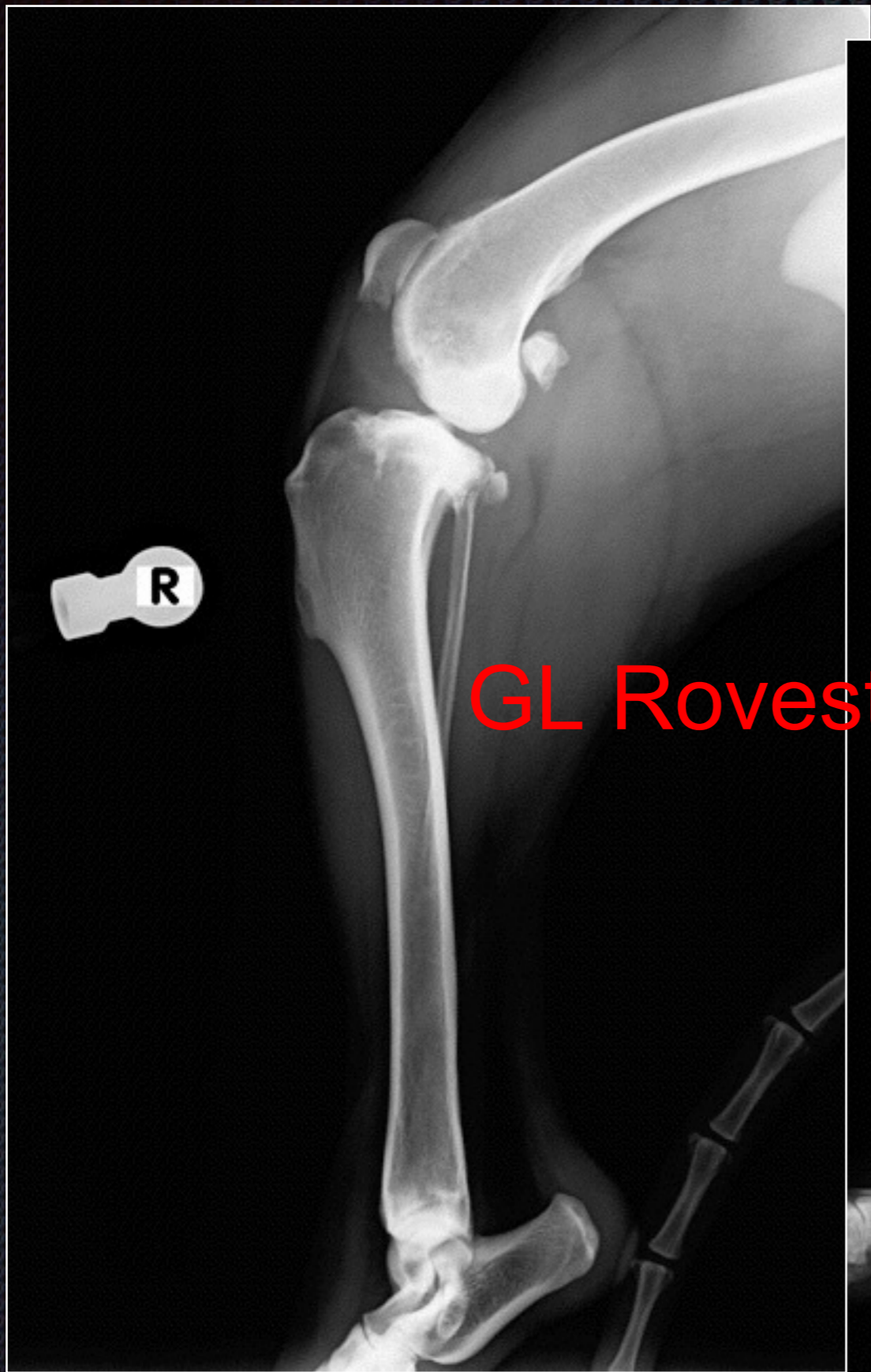
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German Shepherd, female, 8 yo, 31 kg  
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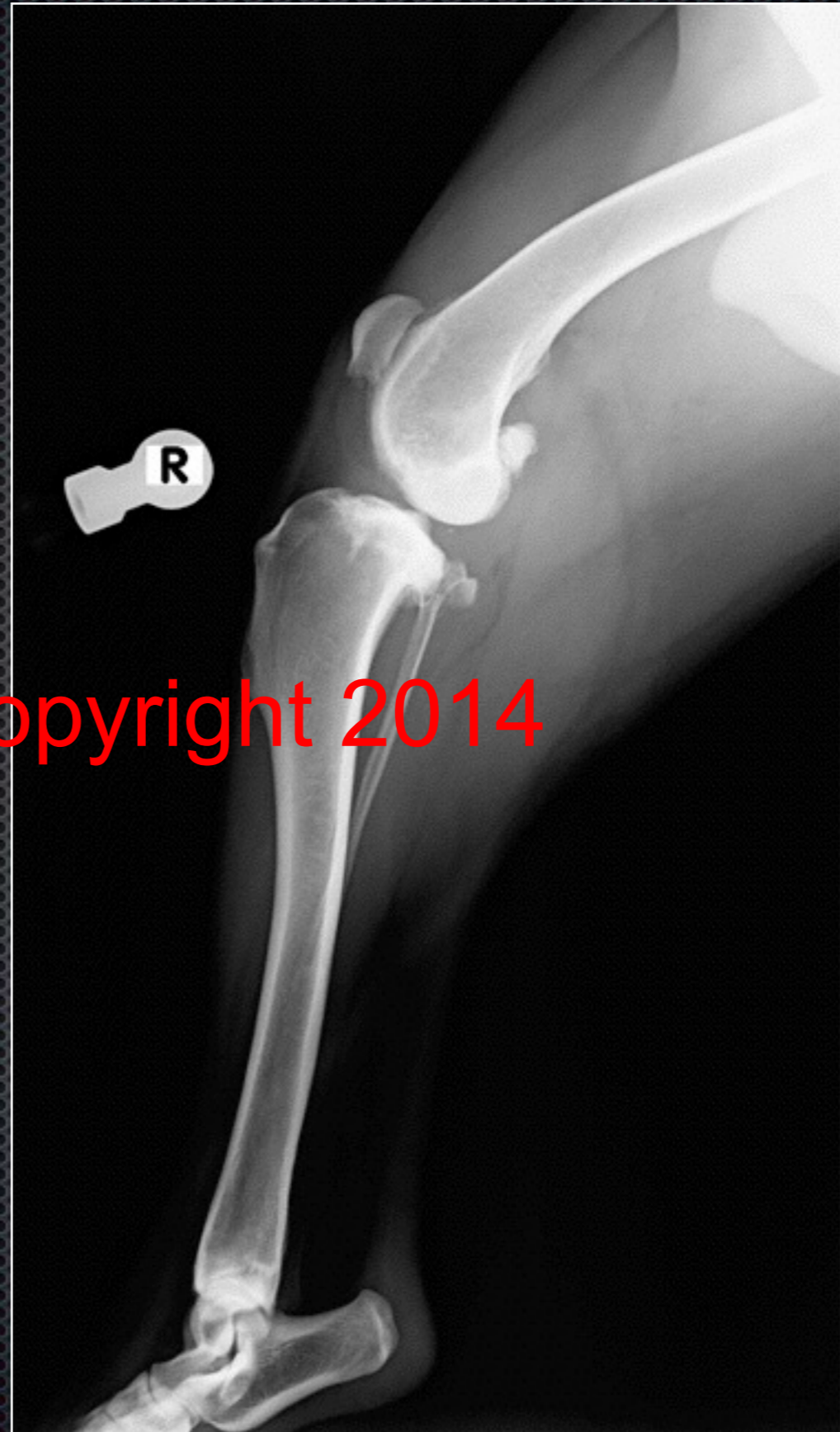
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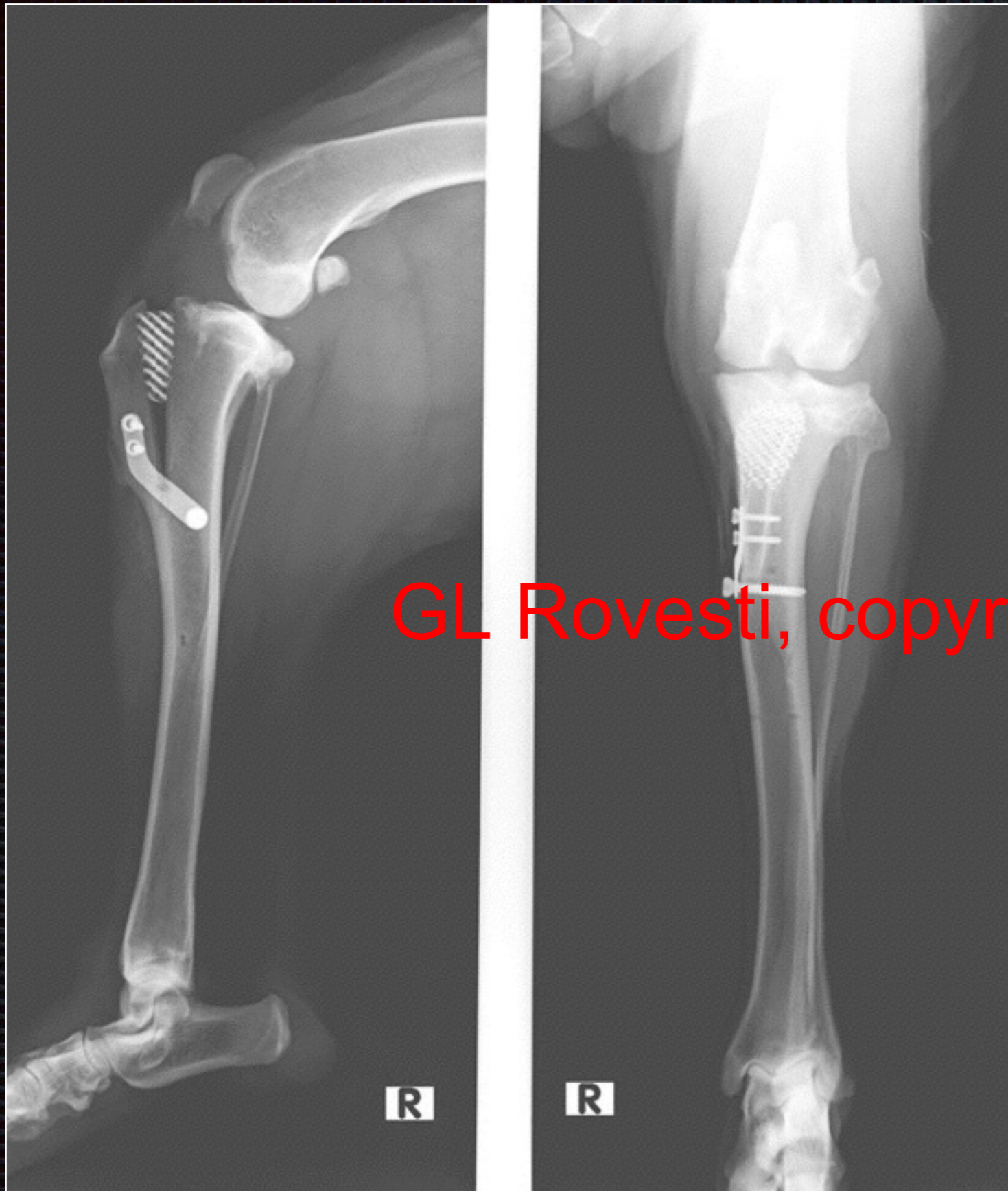


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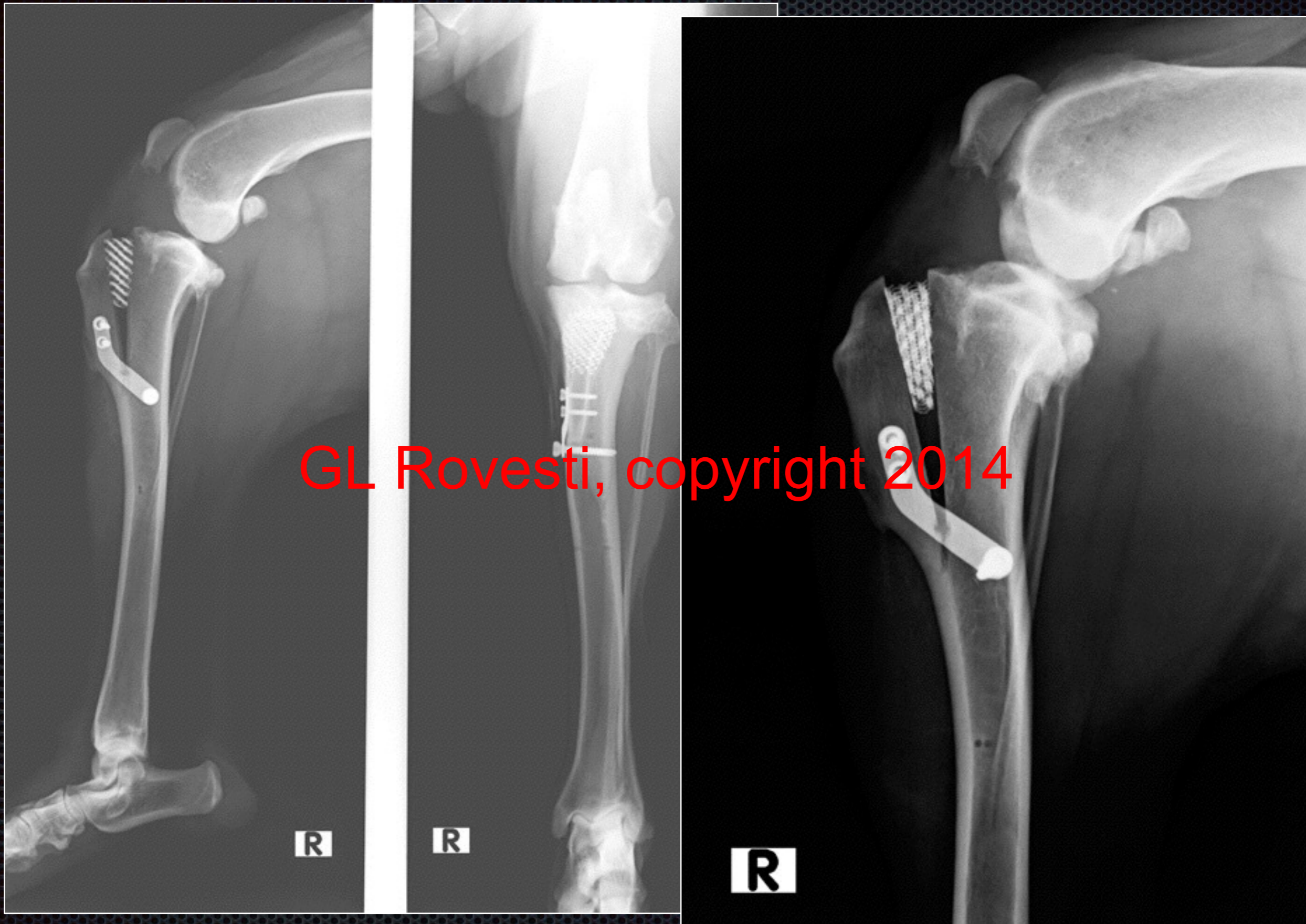




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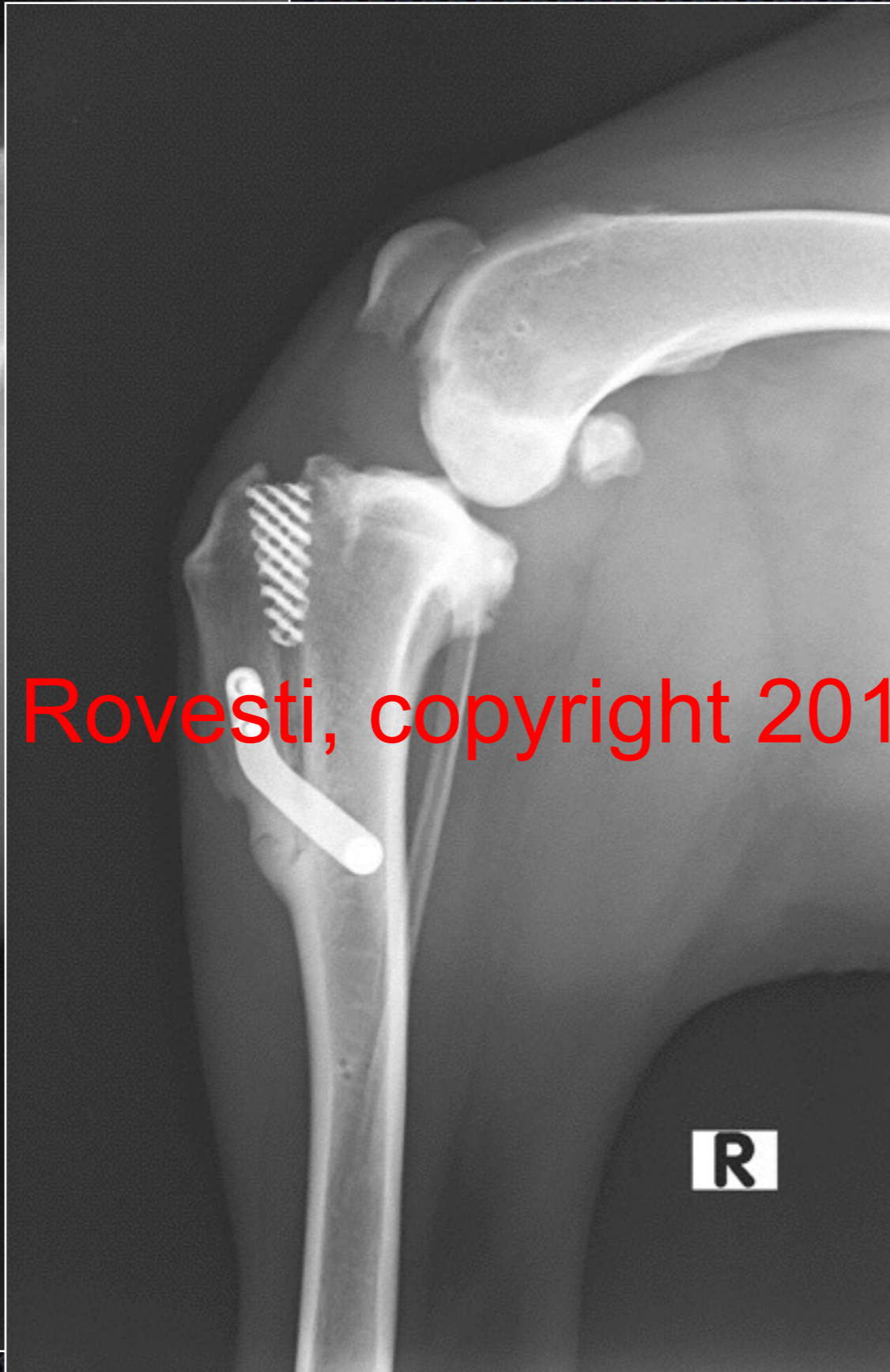


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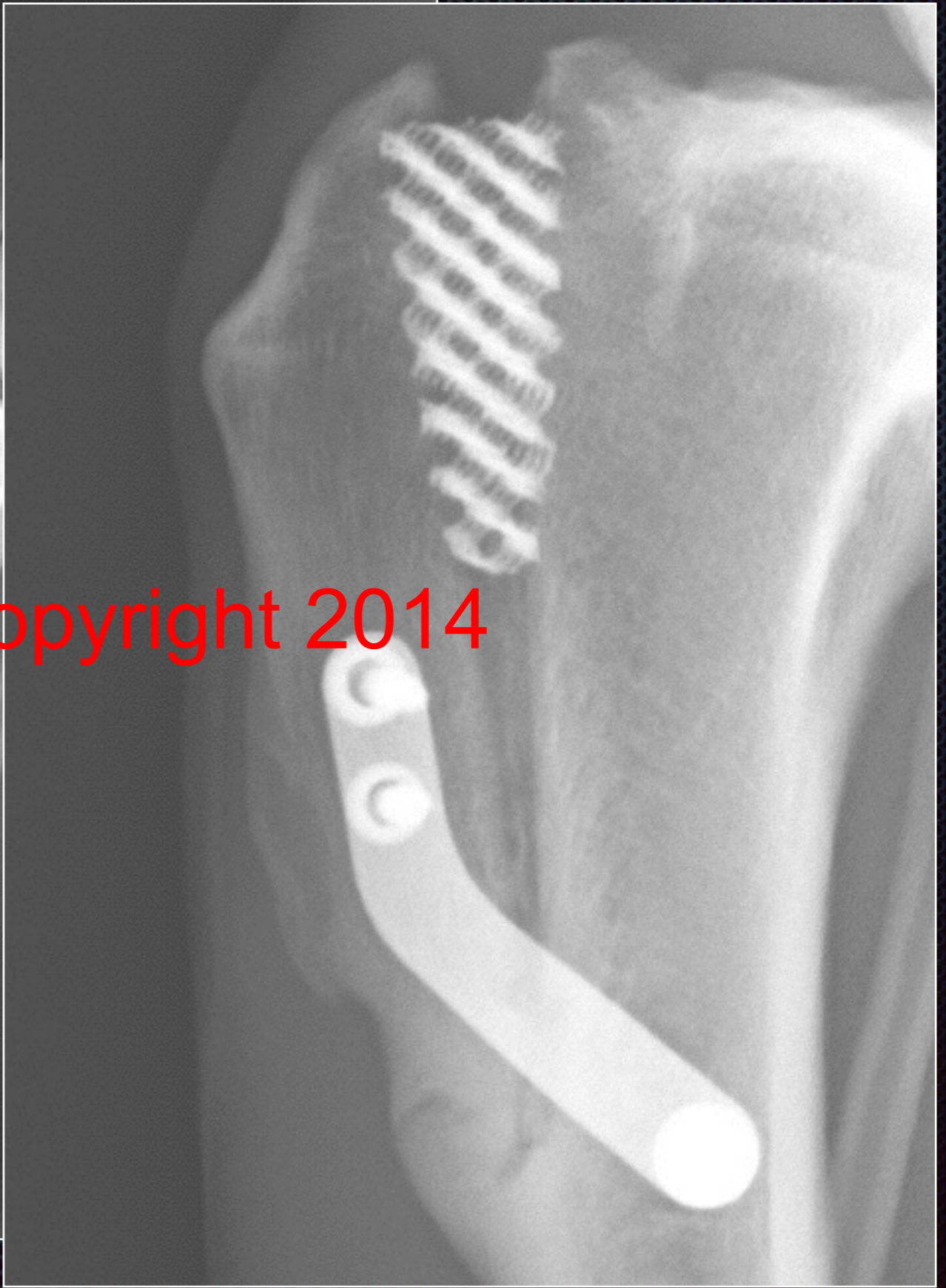
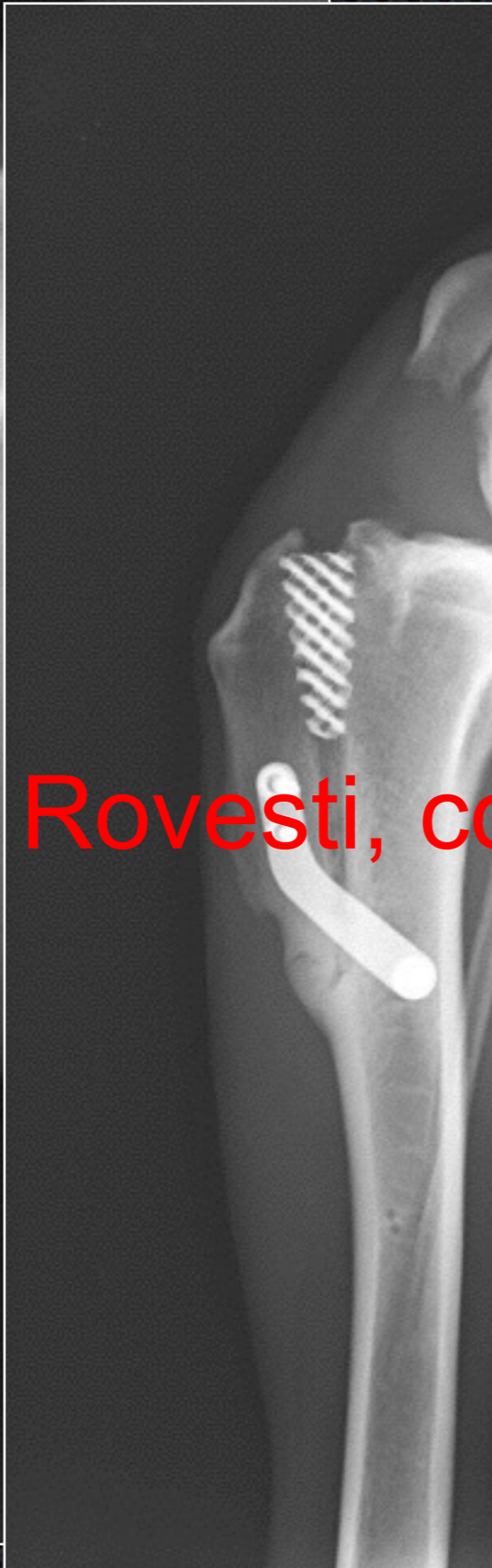




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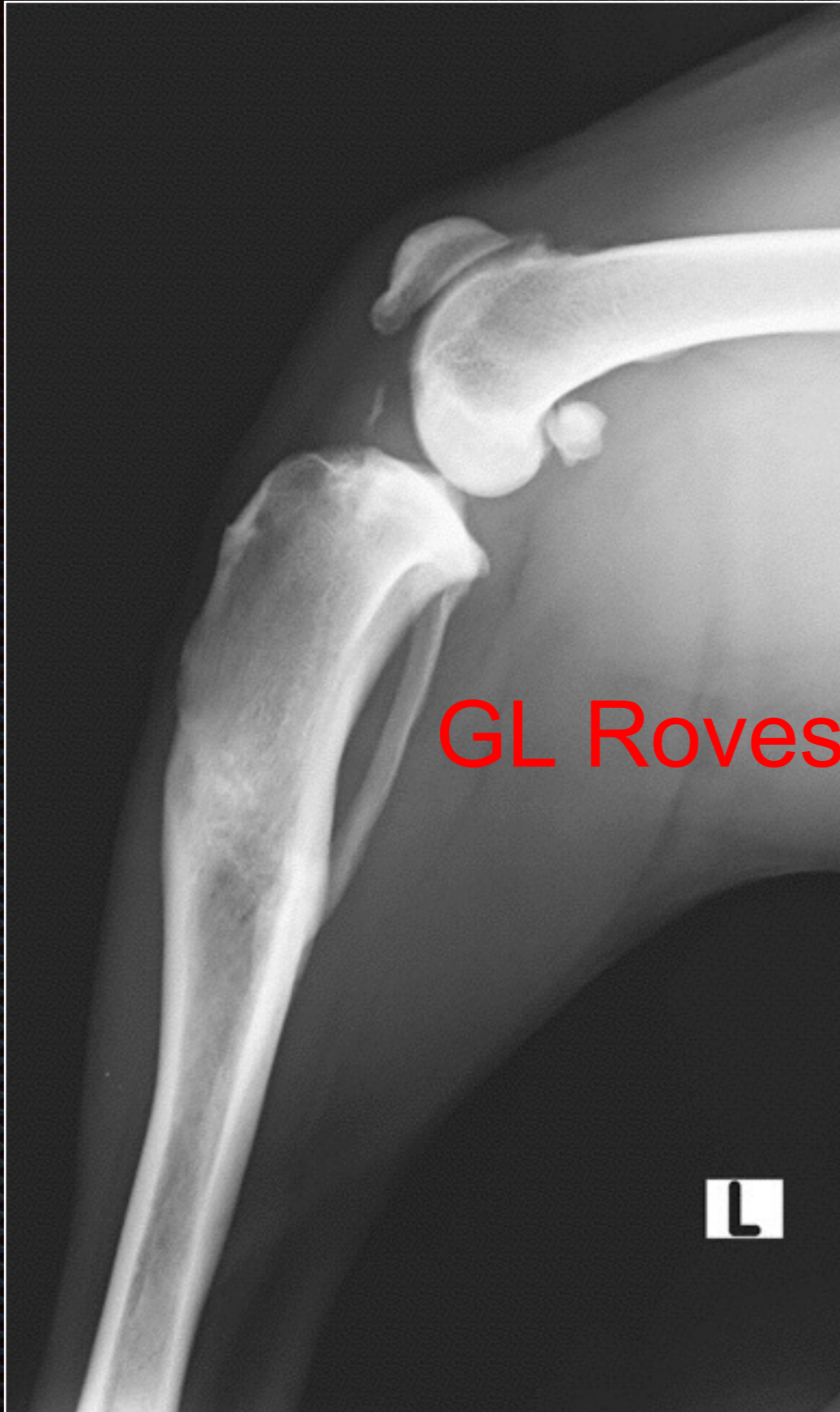


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Labrador, male, 7 yo, 32 kg

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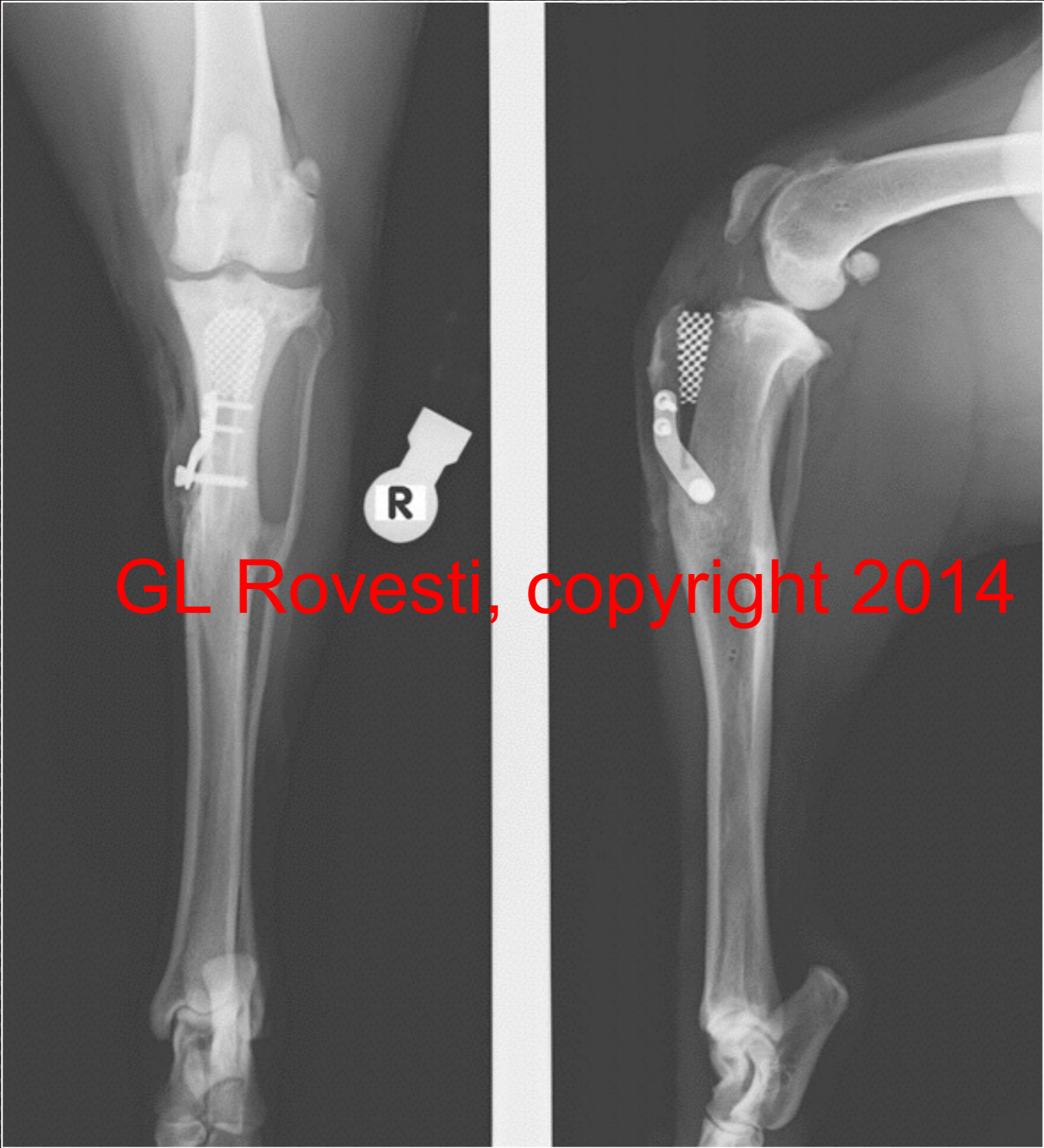


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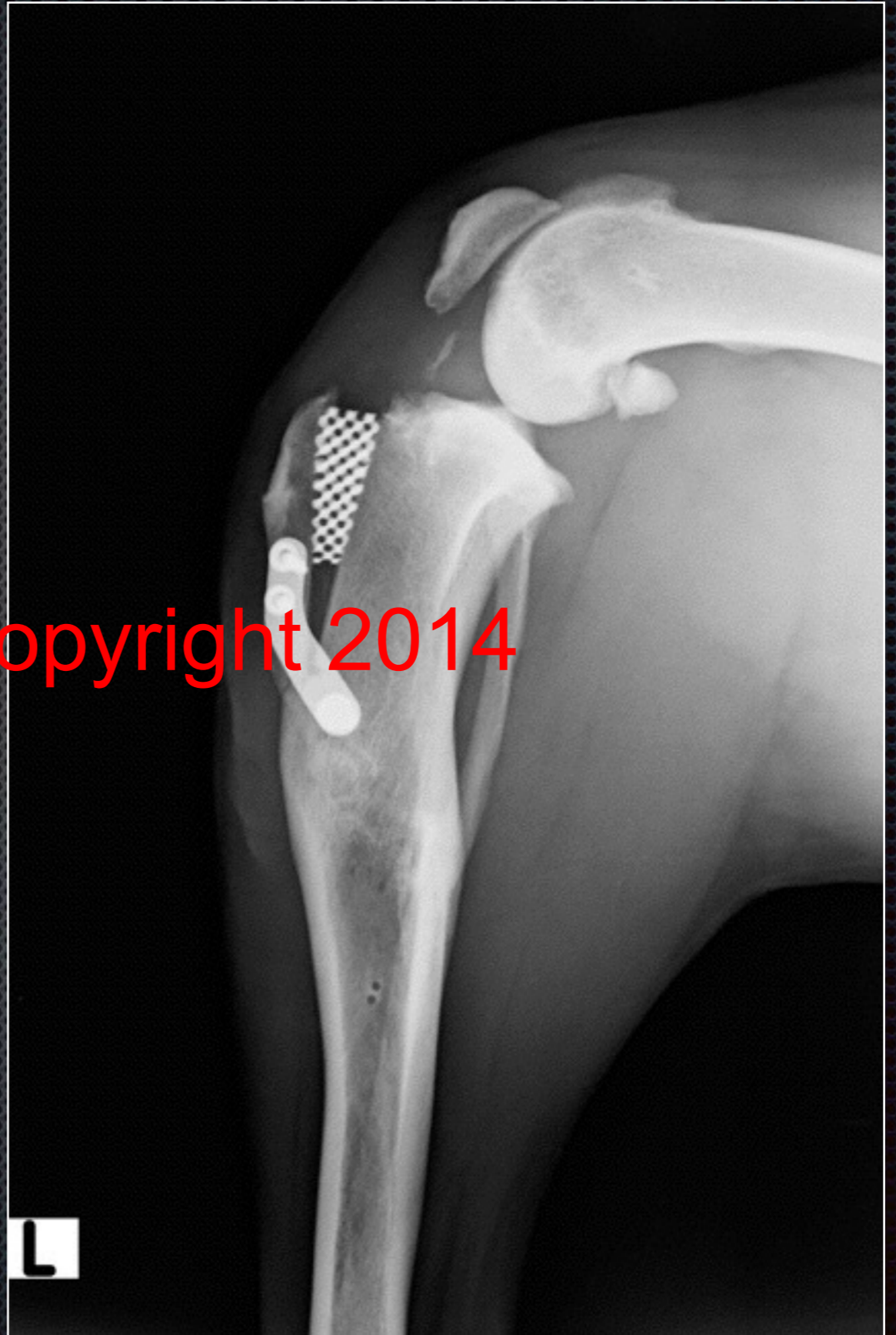




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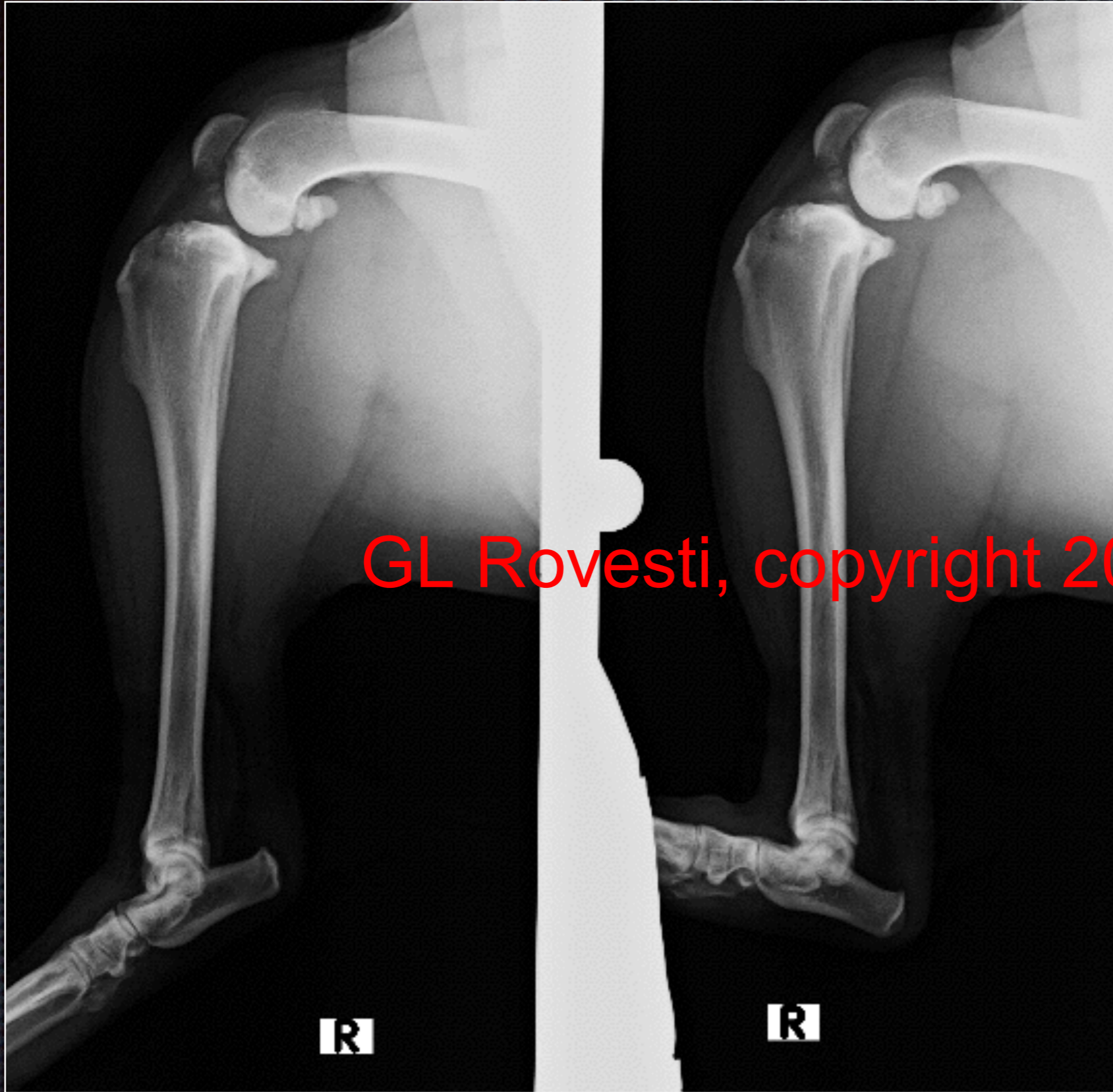


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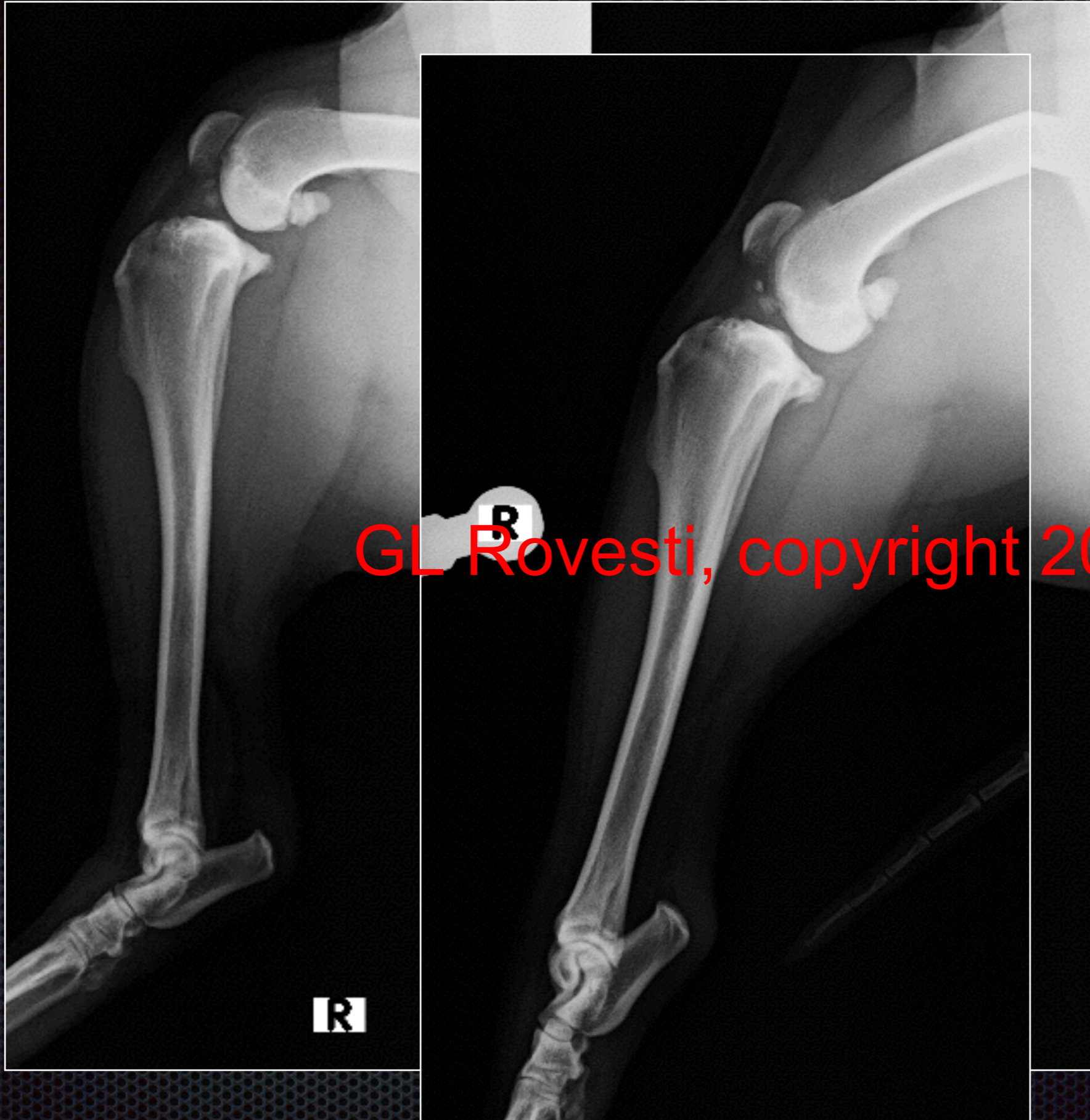


Labrador, female, 3 yo, 27 kg

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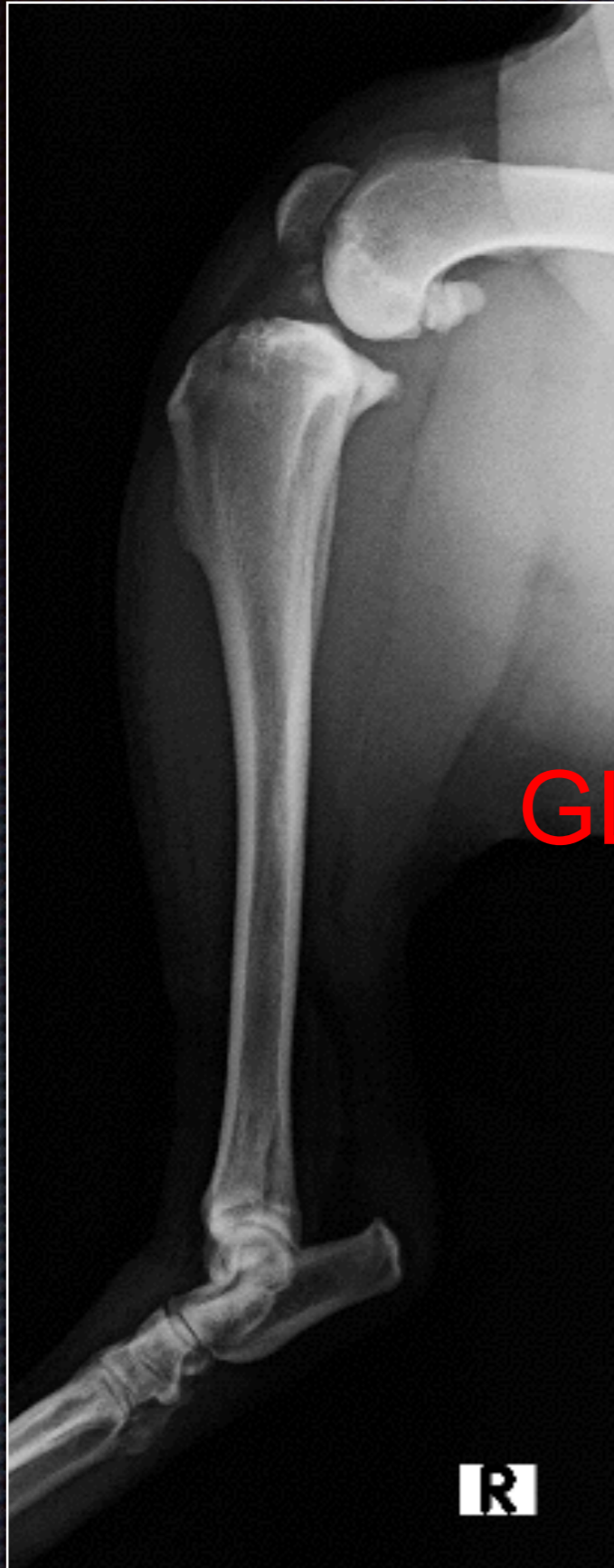


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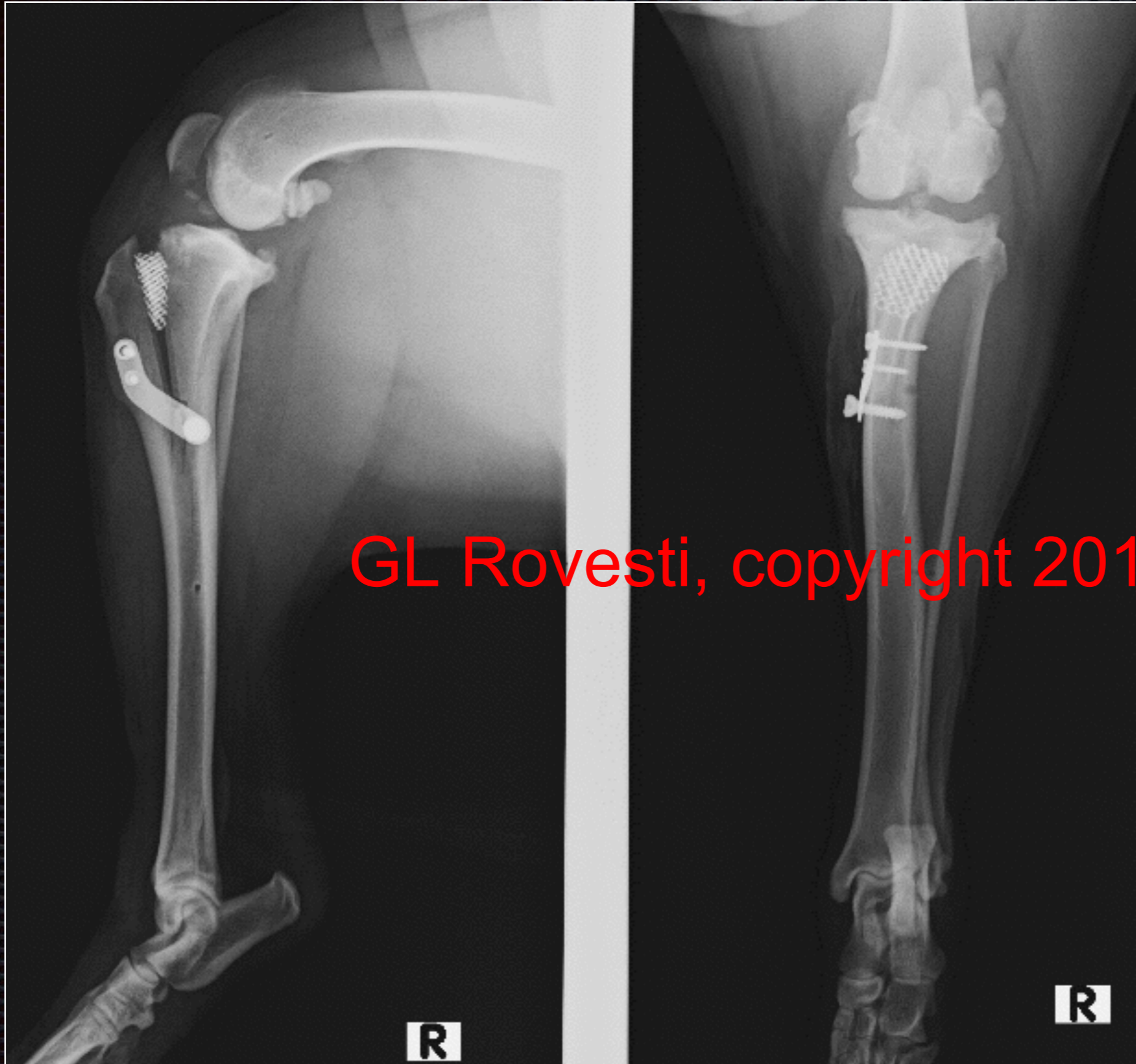


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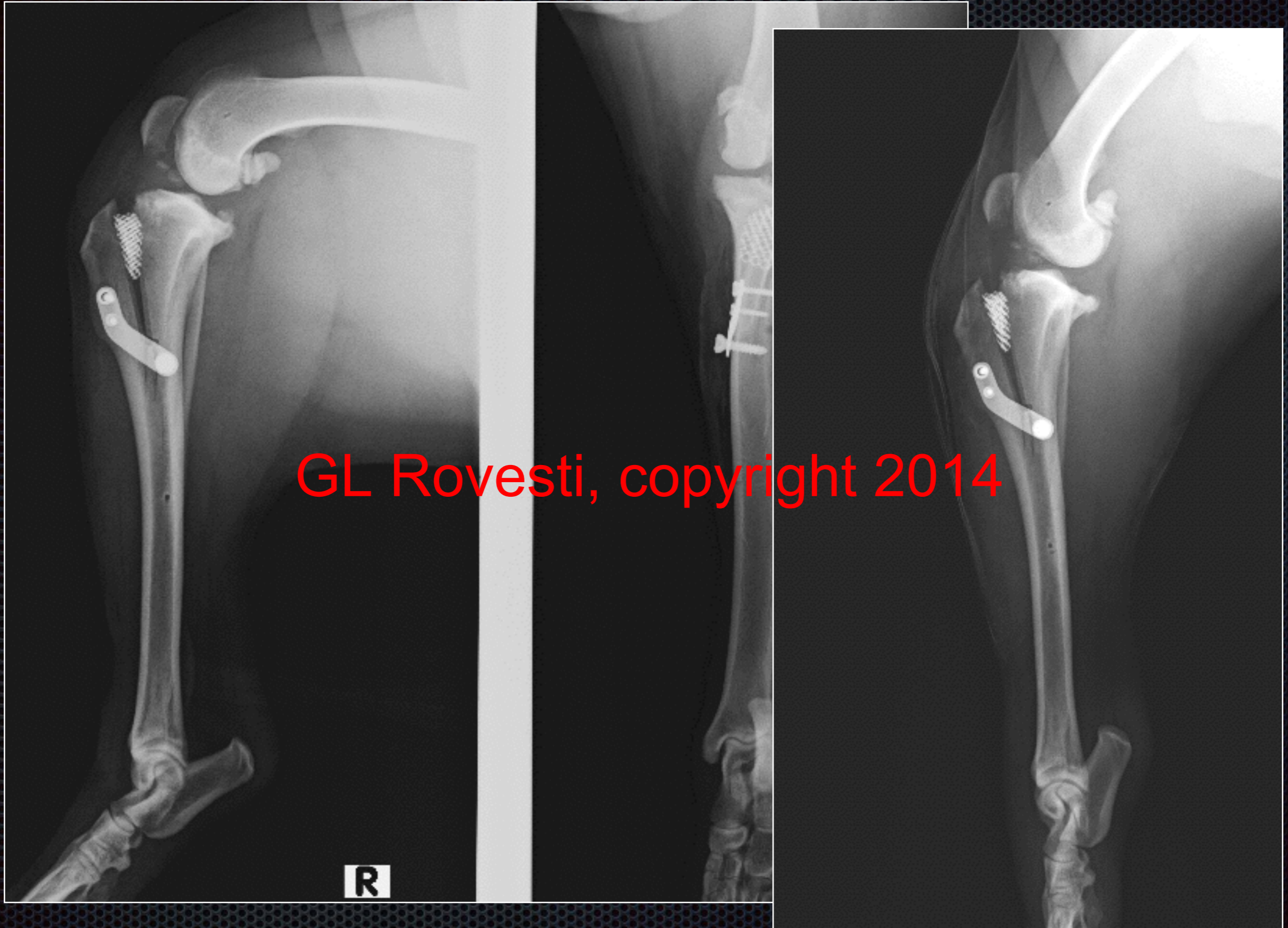




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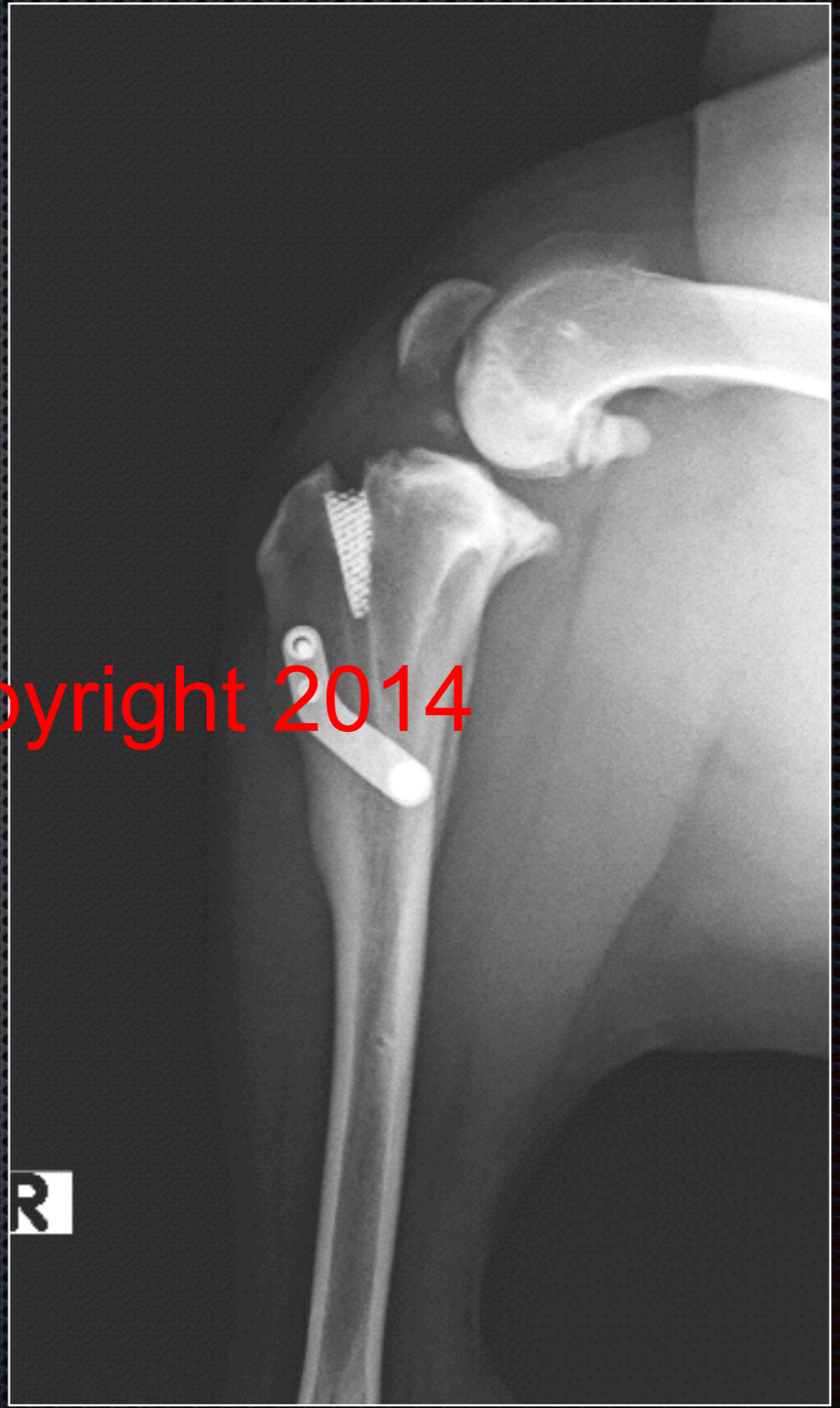
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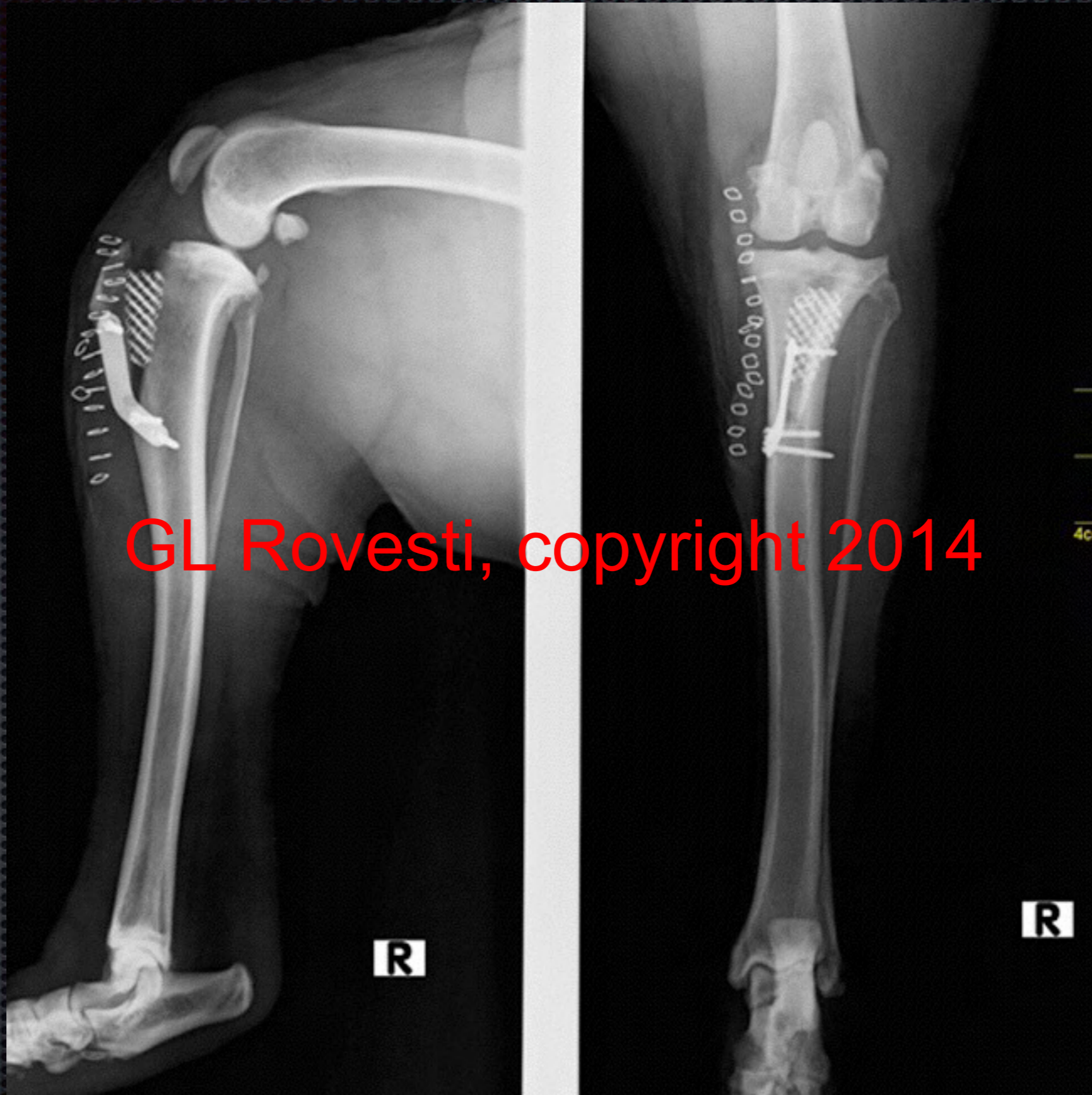


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Labrador, female, 5 yo, 29 kg

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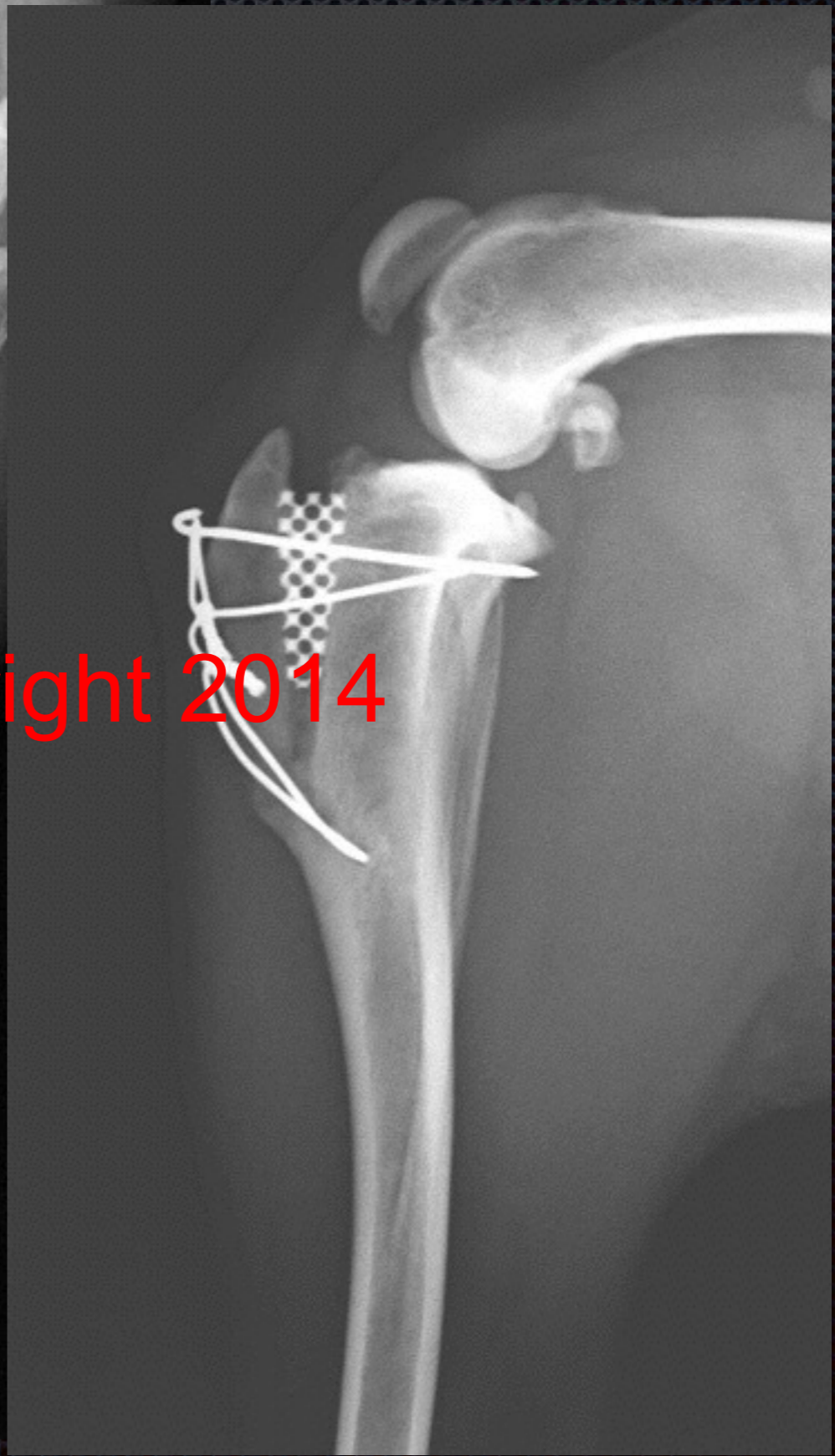


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Dobermann, female, 6 yo, 32 kg  
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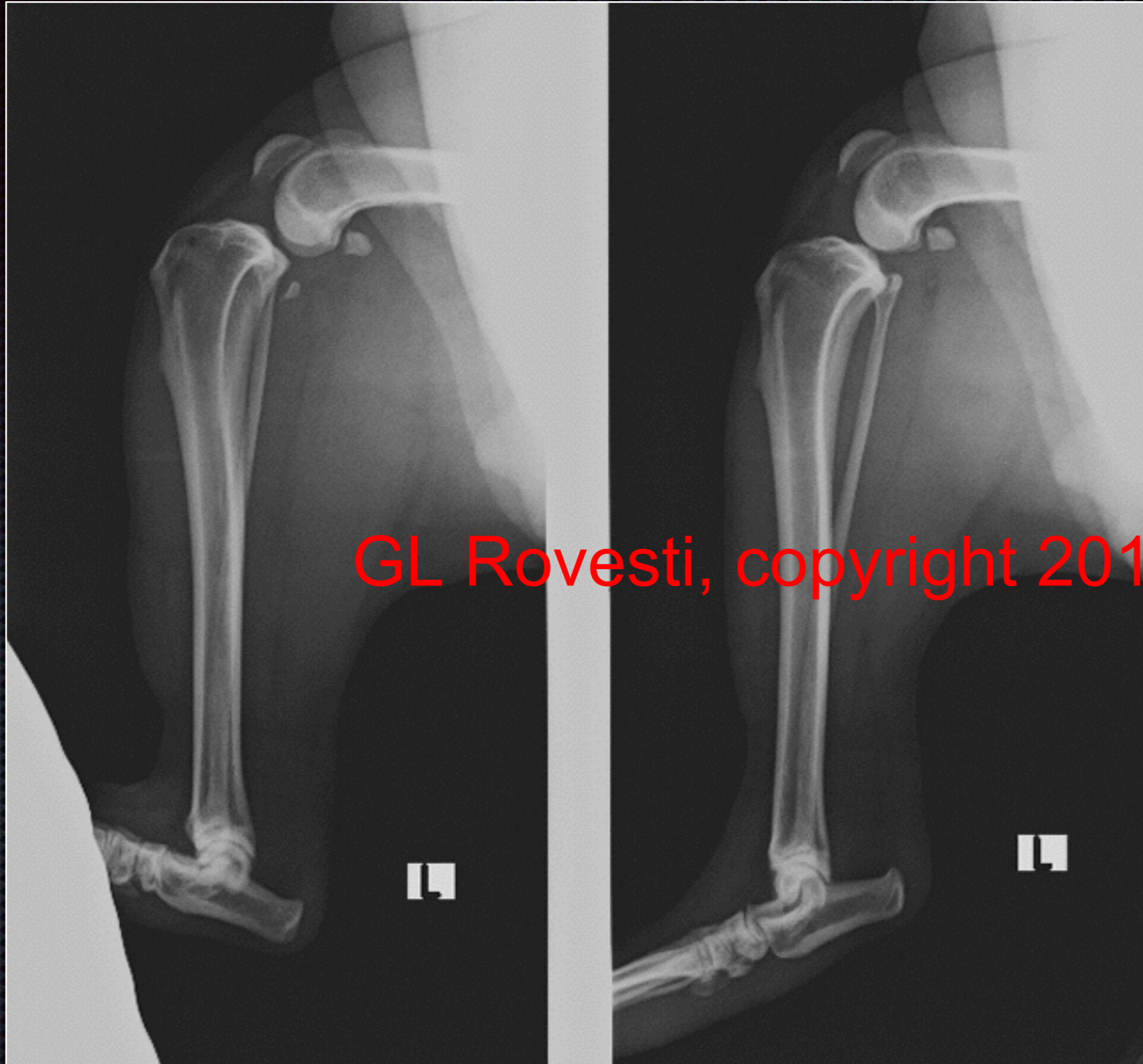


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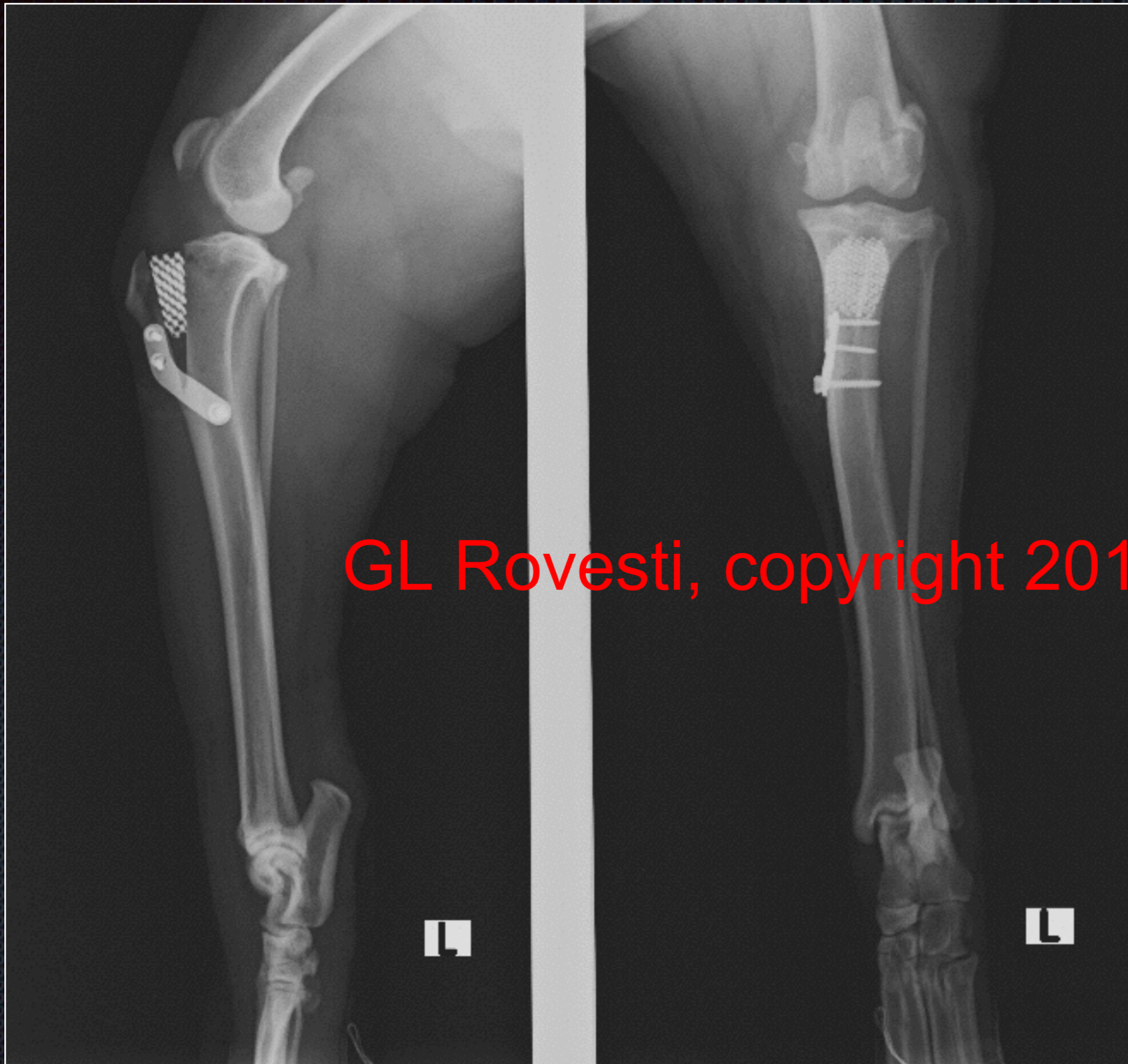
Labrador, female, 2 yo, 32 kg

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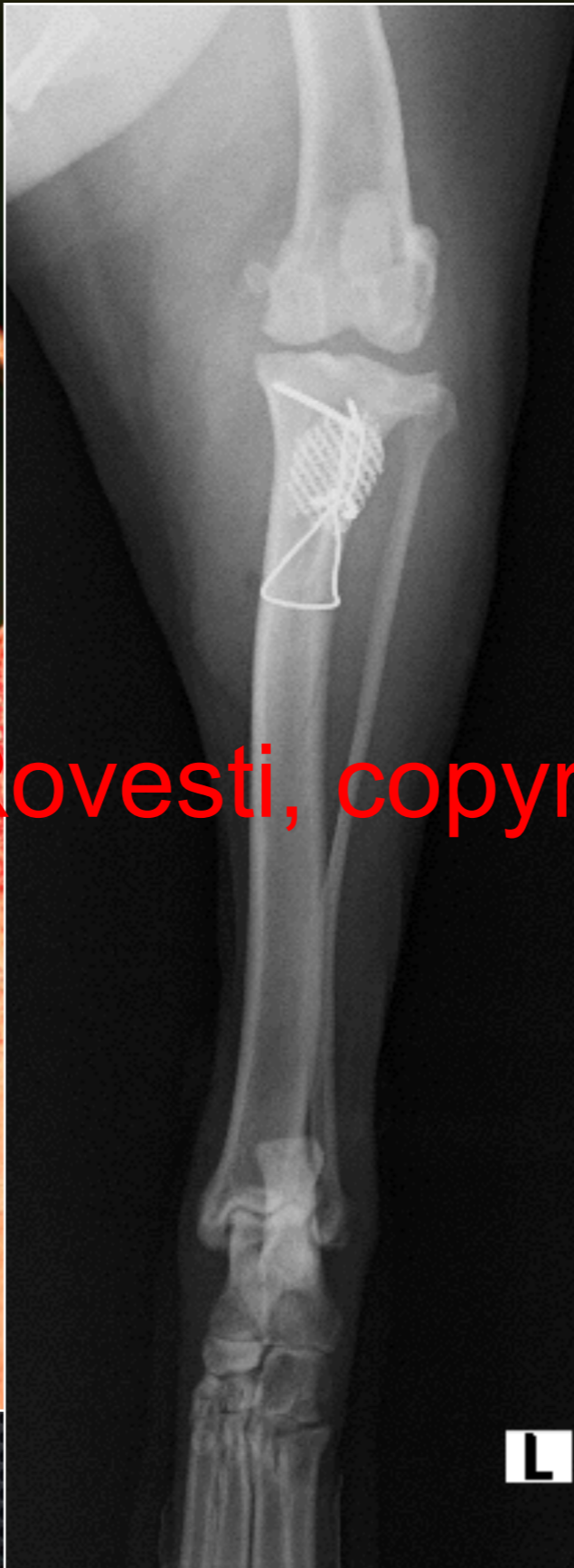


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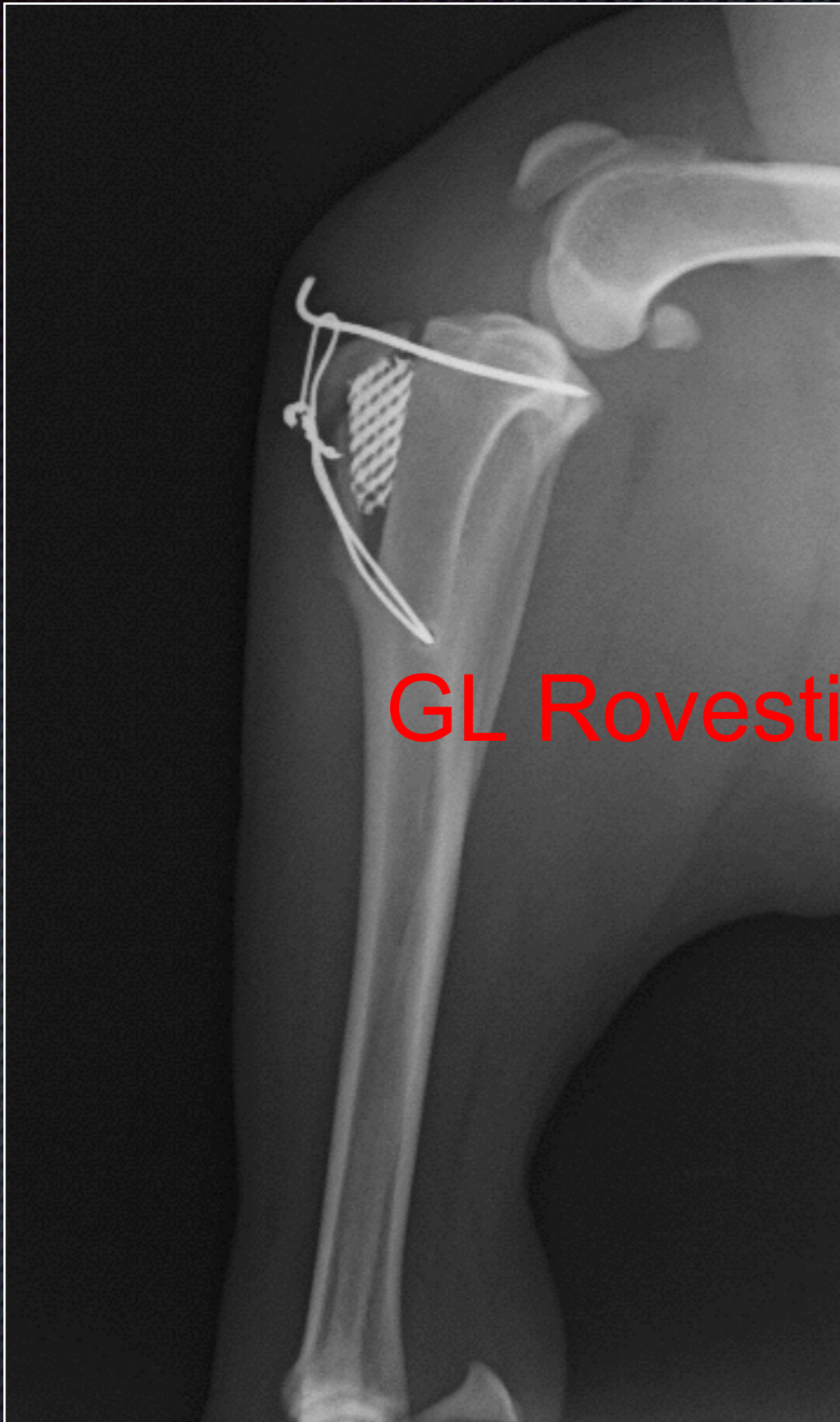


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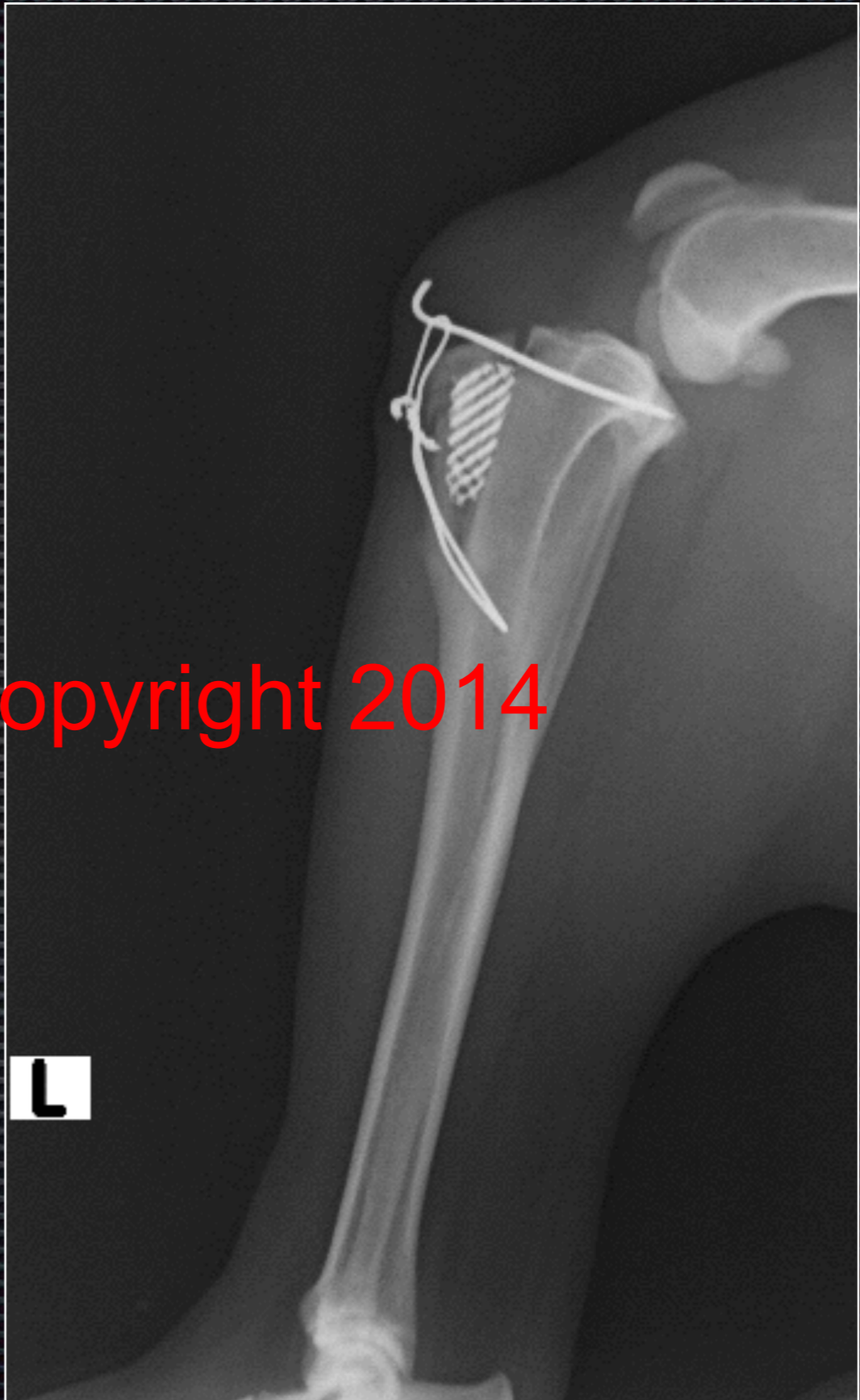


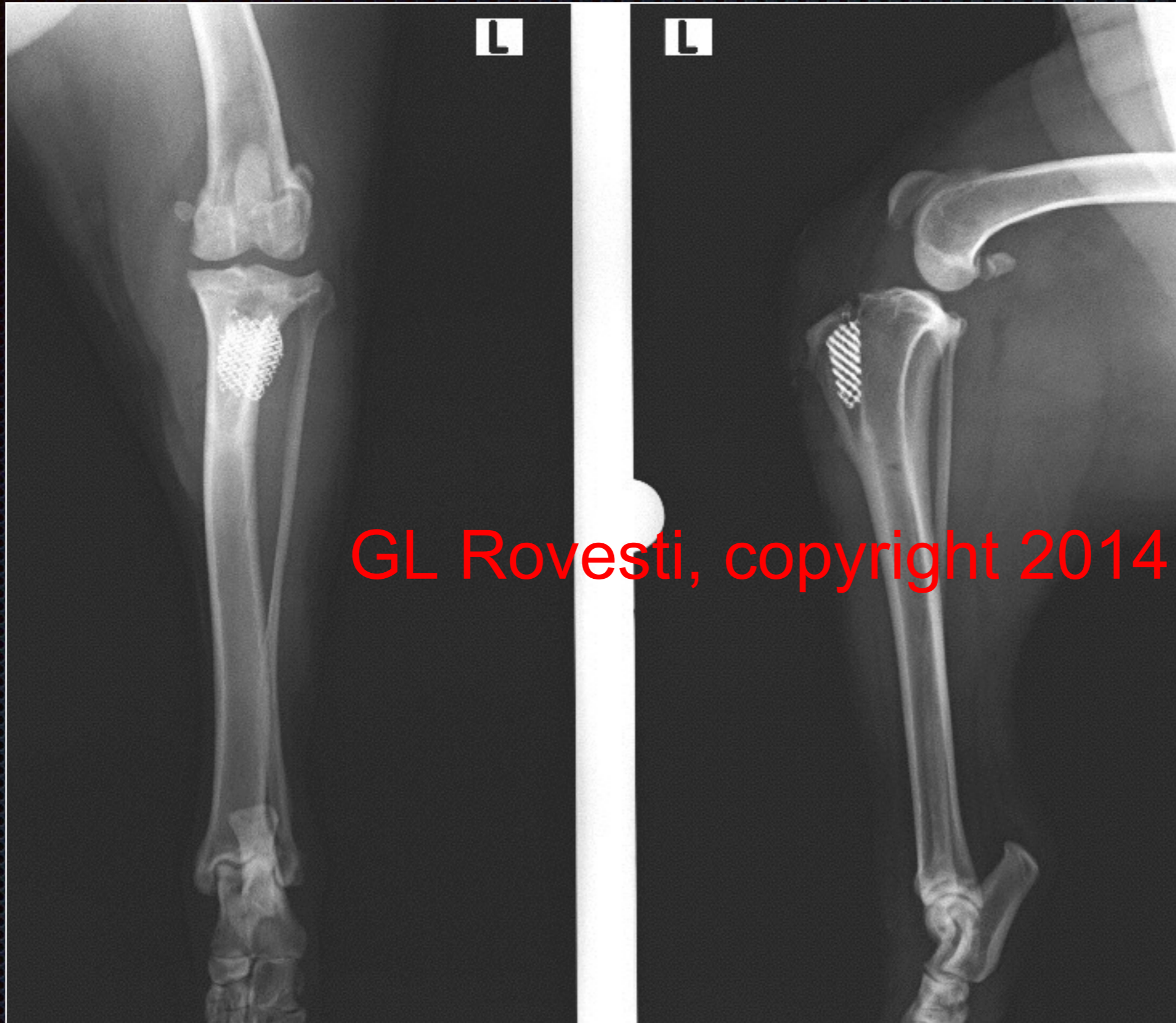
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English bulldog, male, 8 yo  
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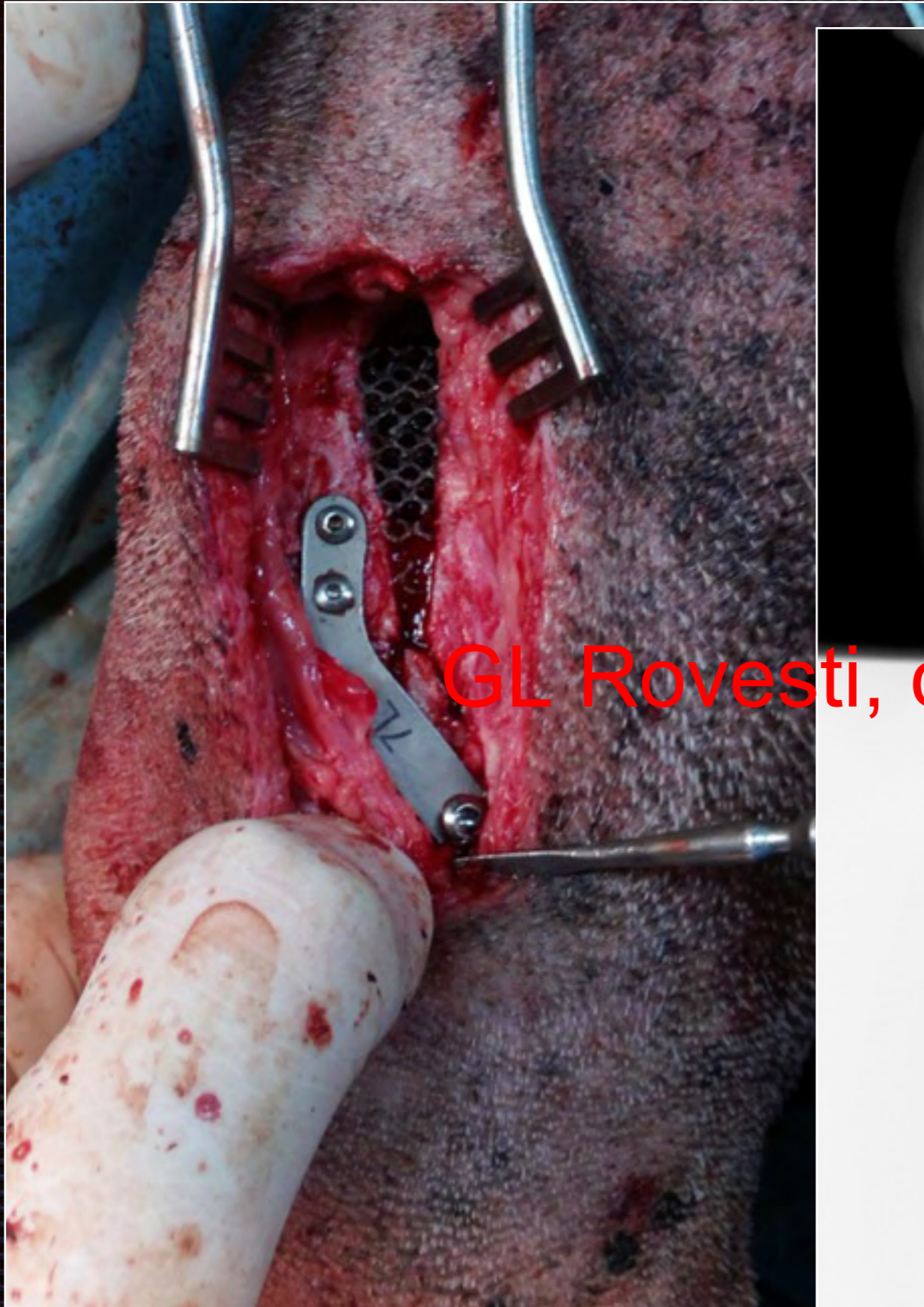
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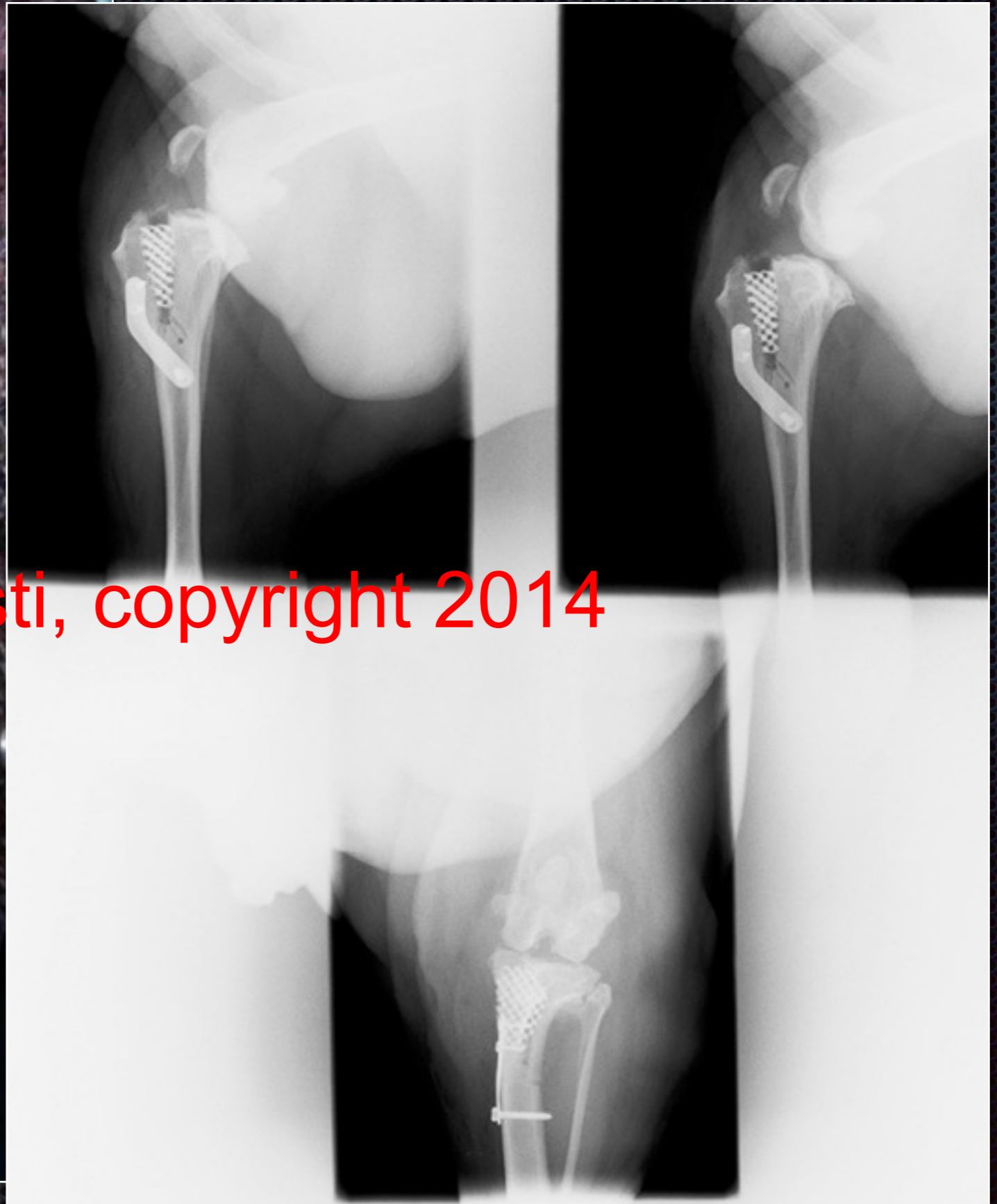
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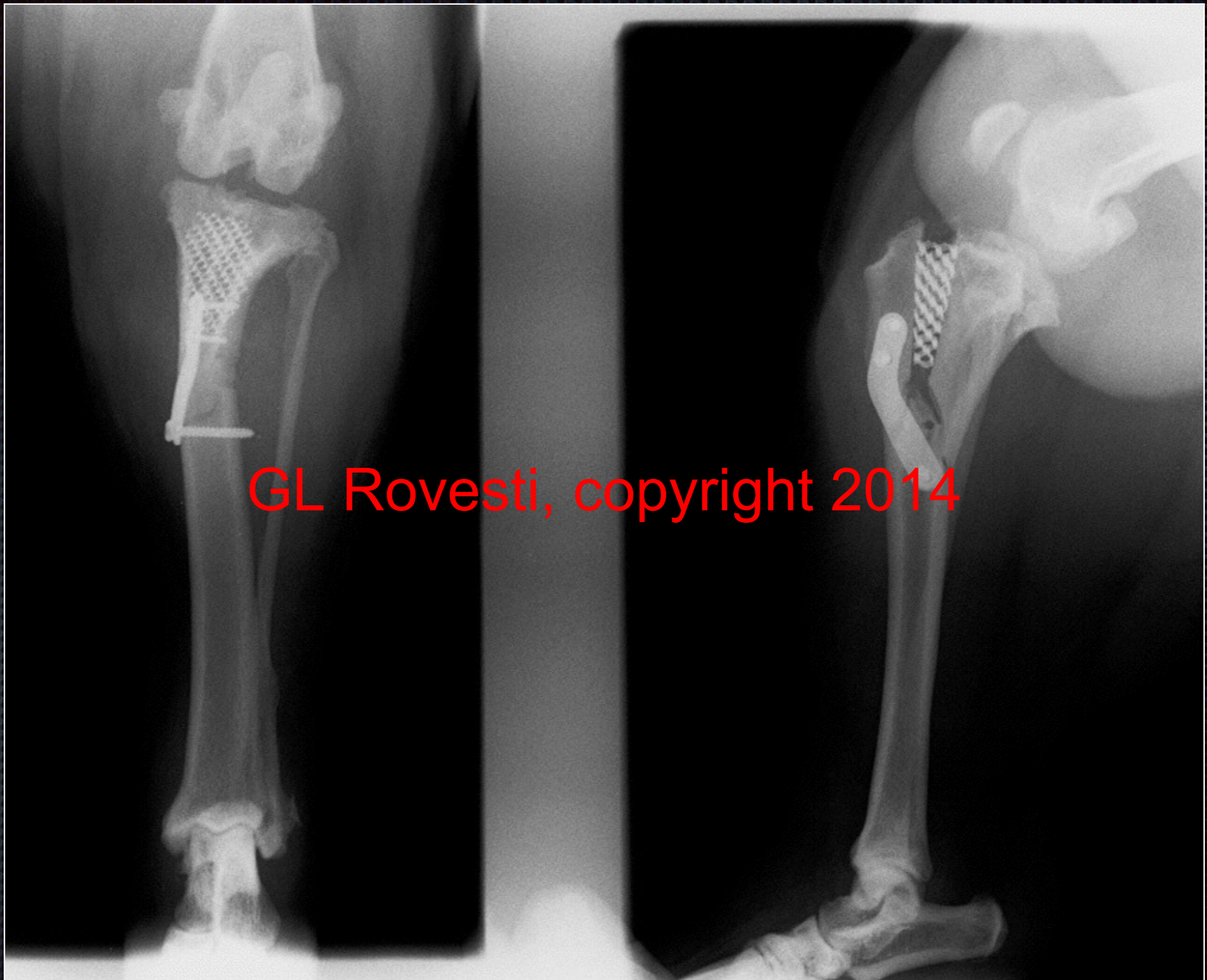


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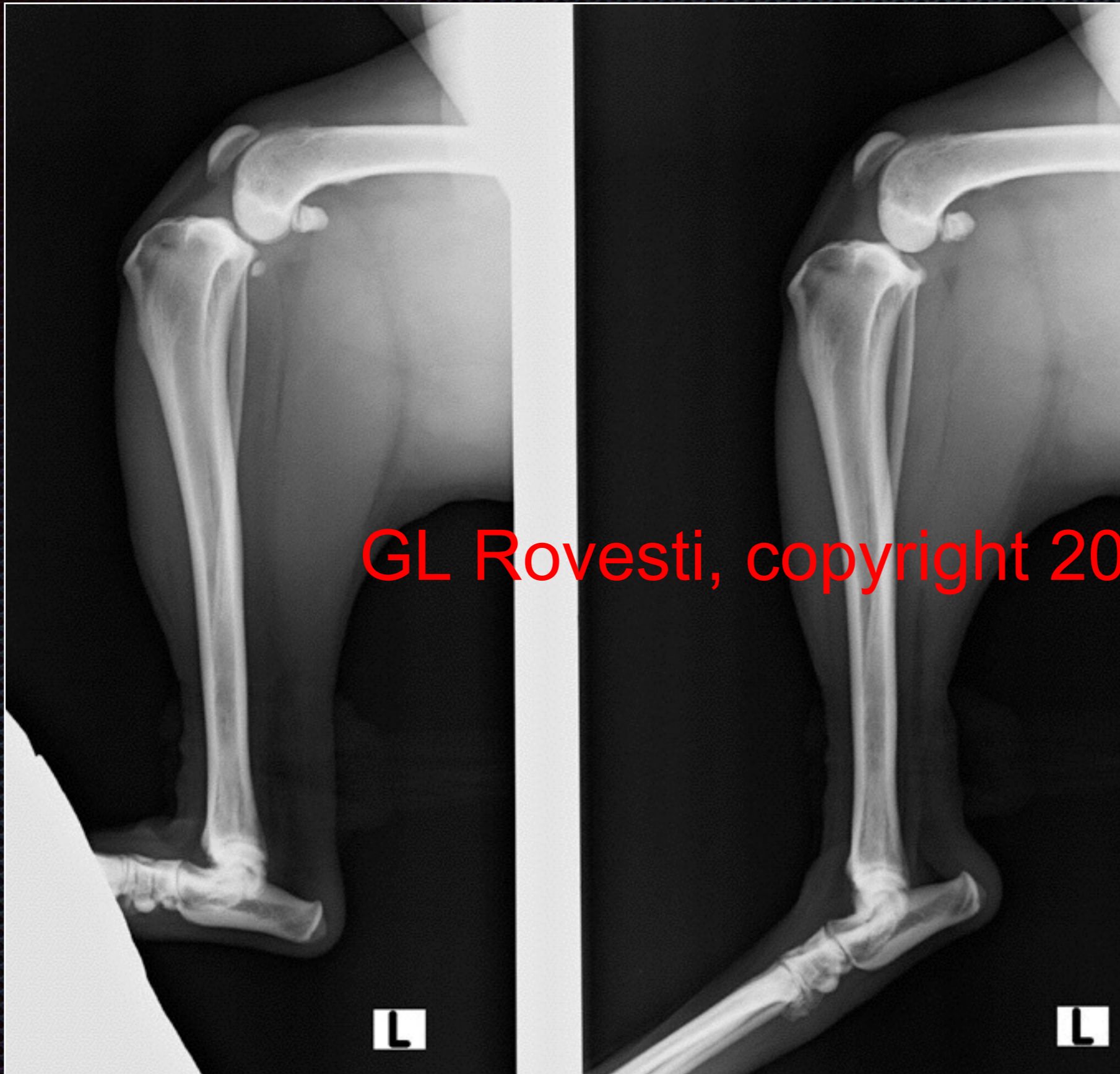
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Mongrel, female, 5 yo, 22 kg

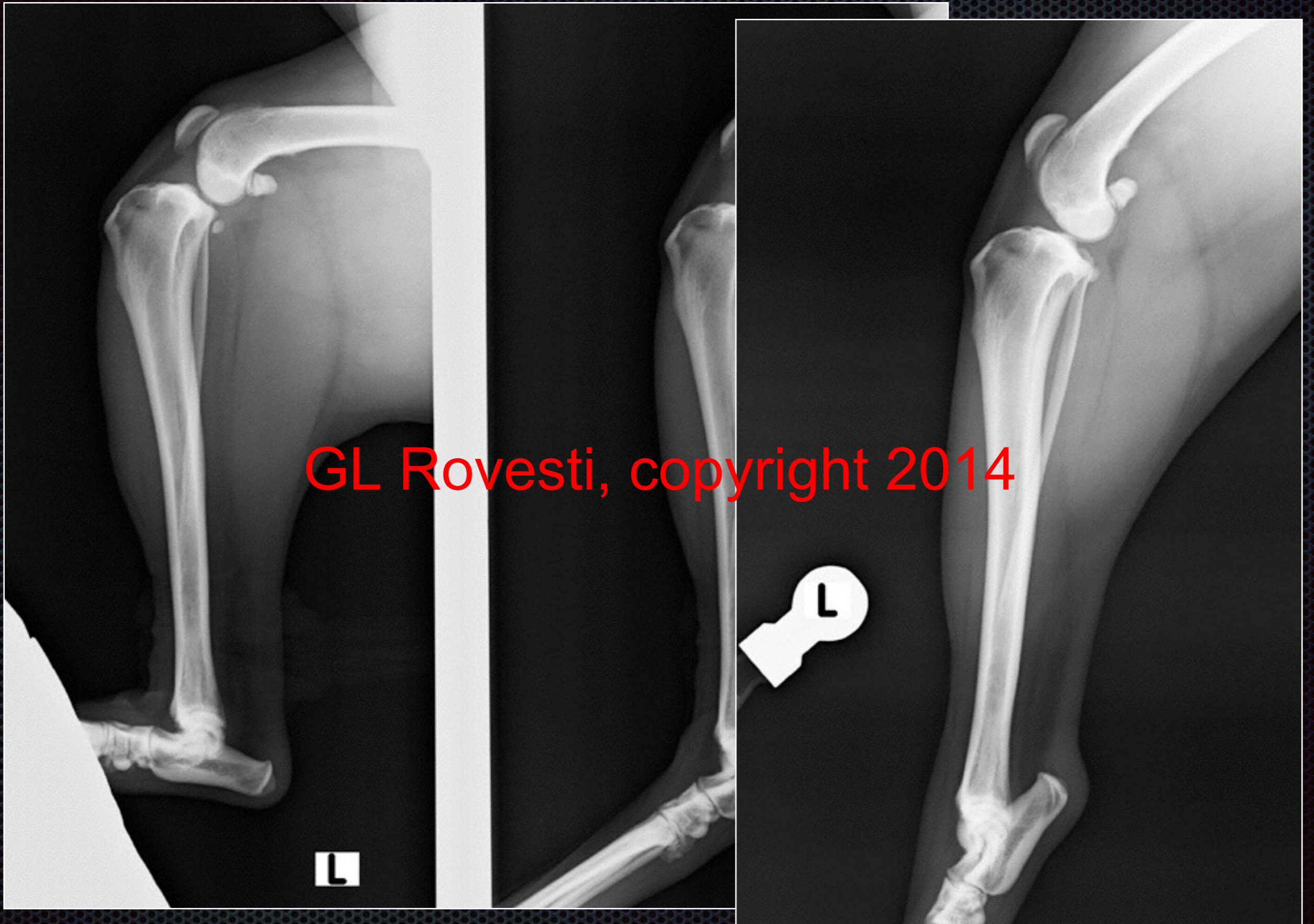
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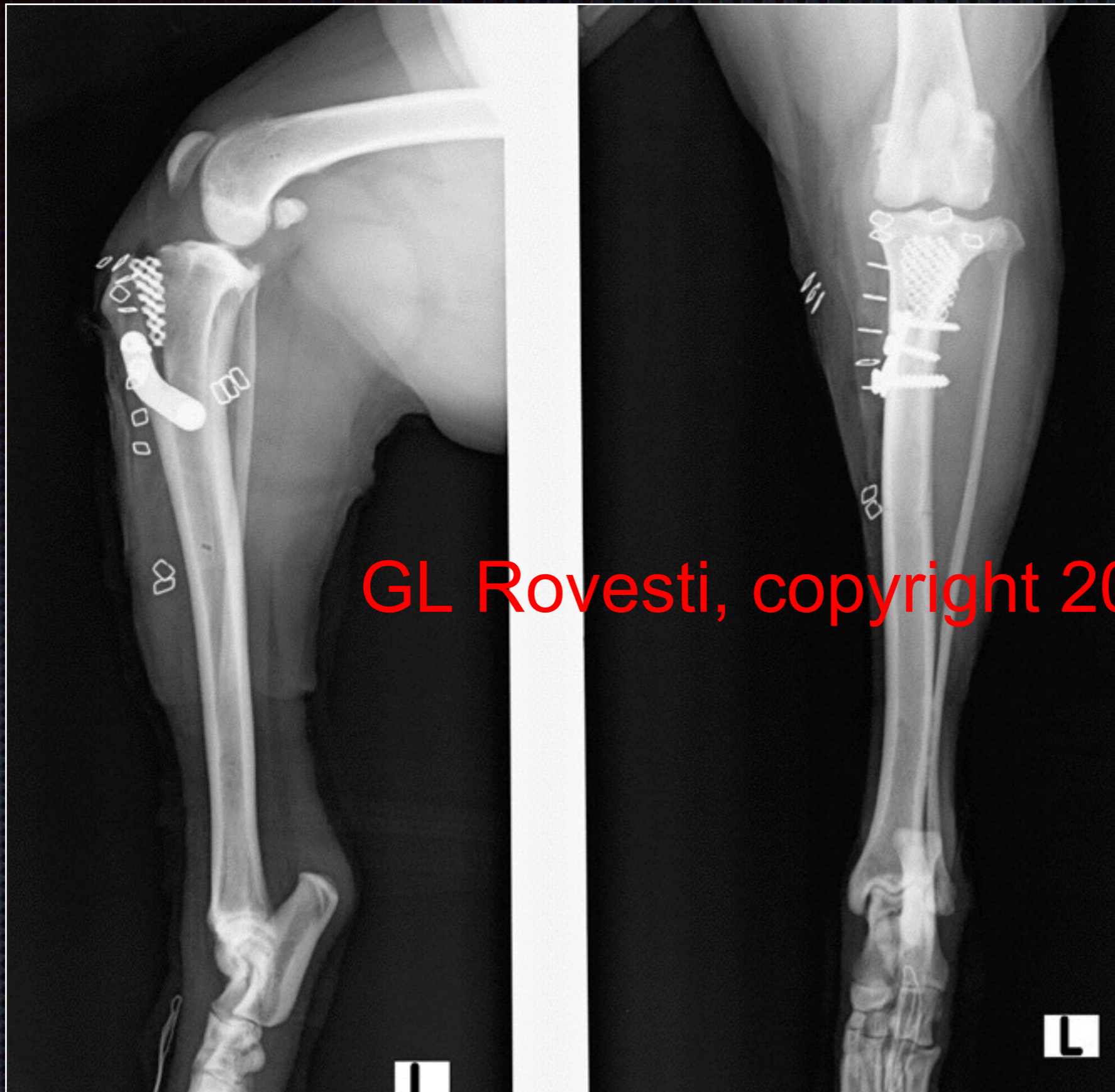


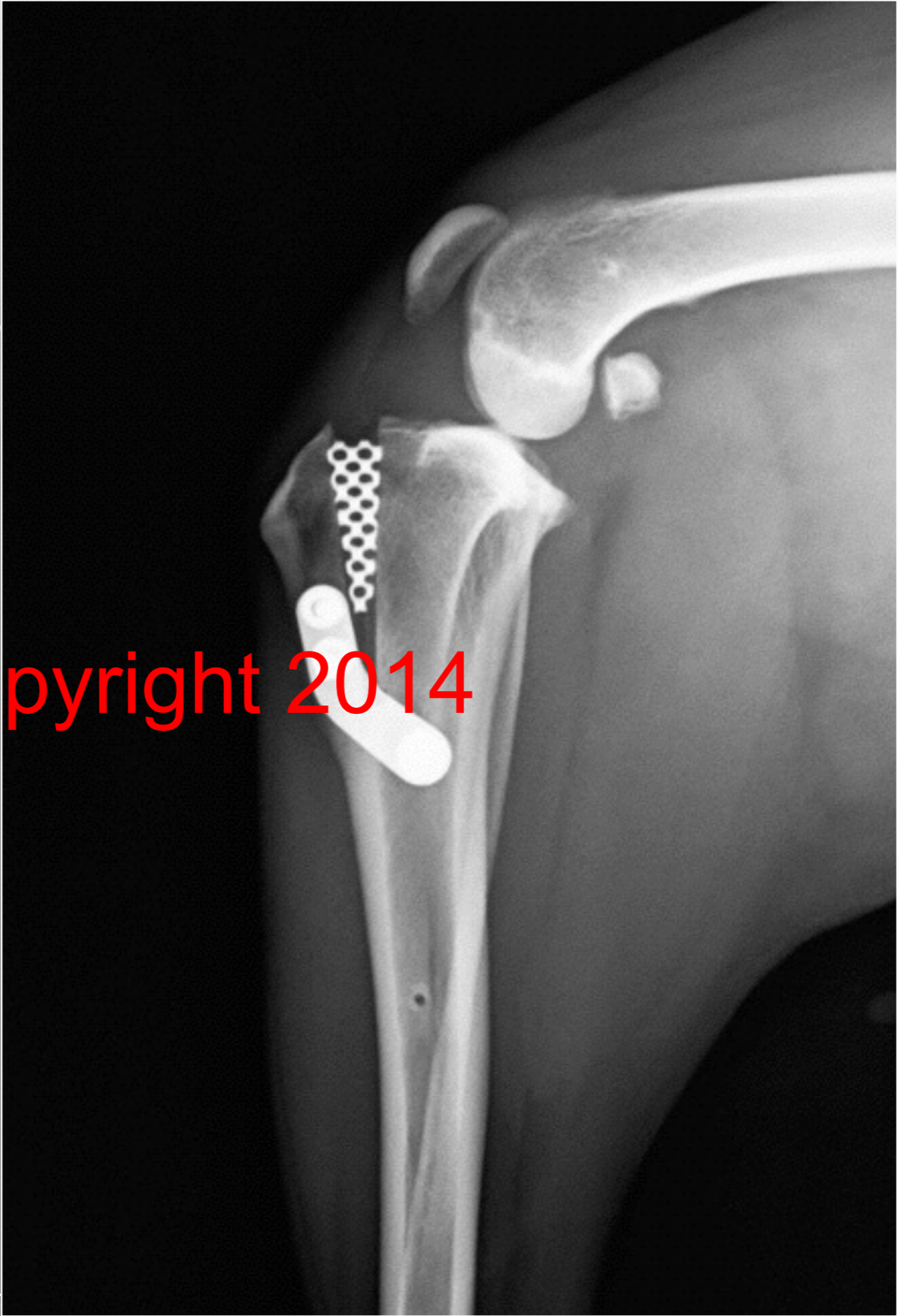
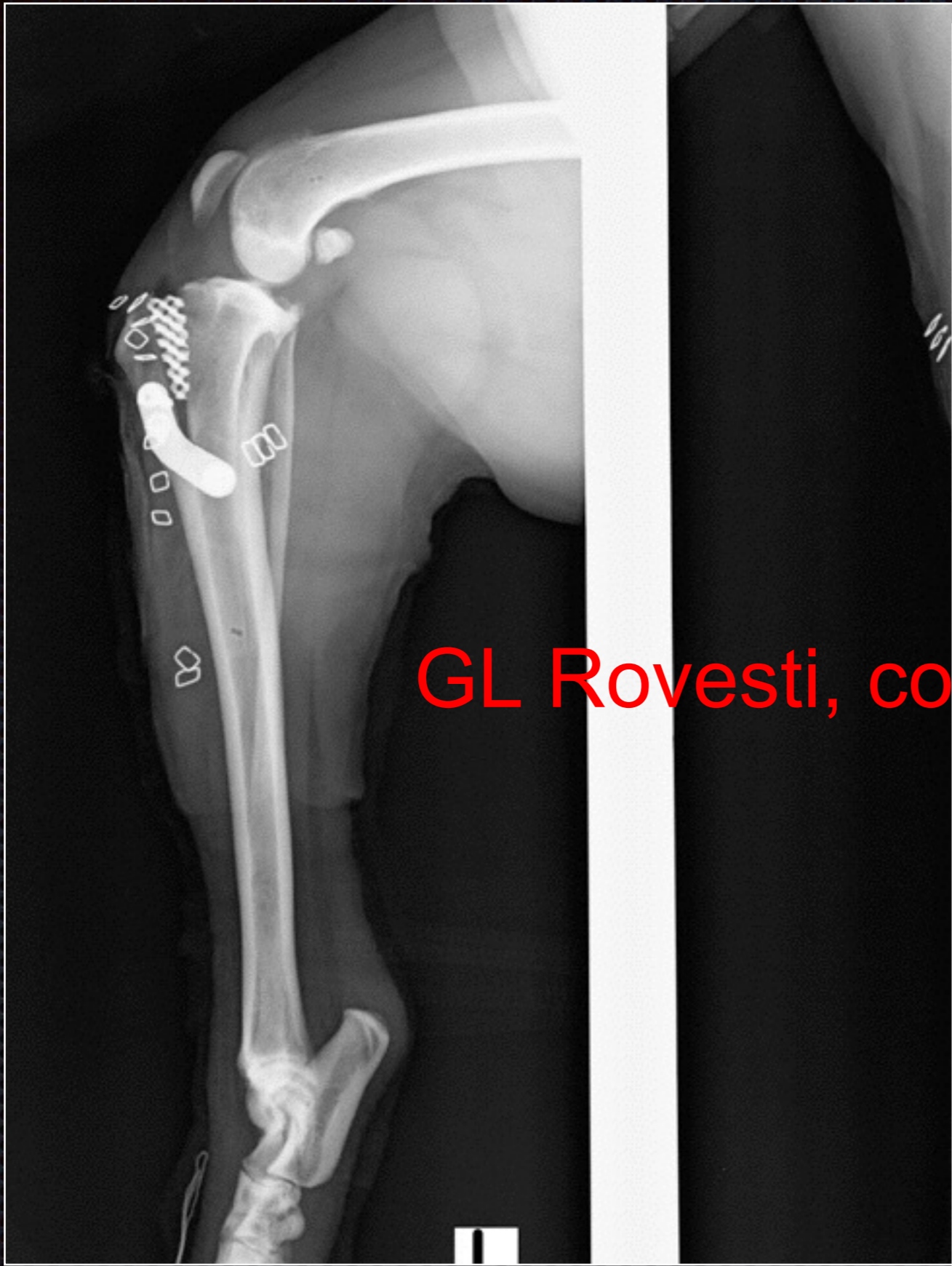
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