Supplementary Table 1. Results Data of the Patients

| Case no. | GutiloAnderson | Wound location | Sander type | Operative procedure | Time to operation (hr/day) | Soft tissue complications | Wound culture |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | IIIA | Lateral | IV | Steinmann pin | 9 | Op site infection | MRSA |
| 2 | 1 | Lateral | IIIAB | Steinmann pin \& cannulated screw | 9 | - |  |
| 3 | II | Medial | IIA | 5.0 cannulated screw \& 4.0 cannulated screw | 8 | - |  |
| 4 | IIIA | Medial | IIIAB | I \& D/6.5 cannulated screw, 3.2 Steinmann pin | 16/19 | Op site infection | MRSE |
| 5 | IIIA | Posterolateral | 0 | I \& D/Steinmann pin | 4/17 | Op site infection | GPB |
| 6 | 11 | Posterior | IIIAB | $1 \& D /$ Steinman pin | 13/5 | - |  |
| 7 | 1 | Medial | IIB | 6.5 cannulated screw, 5.0 cannulated screw, 4.0 cannulated screw | 21 | - |  |
| 8 | II | Medial | IIIAB | I \& $\mathrm{D} / 4.0$ cannulated screw \& 6.5 cannulated screw | 9/11 | - |  |
| 9 | 1 | Medial | IV | 6.5 cannulated screw \& 4.0 cannulated screw, K-wire | 11 | Op site infection | MRSA |
| 10 | IIIA | Medial | IIIAB | Steinmann pin, K-wire | 15 | - |  |
| 11 | IIIA | Medial | IIA | Steinmann pin | 4 | - |  |
| 12 | IIIA | Medial | IIB | Steinmann pin | 5 | - |  |
| 13 | 11 | Medial | 0 | Conservative | 5 | - |  |
| 14 | 11 | Medial | 0 | 5.0 cannulated screw | 4 | Op site infection | MRSA |
| 15 | I | Posterior | IIIAB | 6.5 cannulated screw | 14 | - |  |
| 16 | 11 | Medial | IIIAB | K-wire | 20 | Op site infection | S. epidermidis |
| 17 | IIIA | Posterolateral | 0 | 4.0 cannulated screw | 4 | - |  |
| 18 | IIIA | Medial | IIIAB | 6.5 cannulated screw, 4.0 cannulated screw | 15 | Op site infection | Aeromonas hydrophila |
| 19 | IIIC | Medial | IV | Steinmann pin, K-wire | 12 | - |  |
| 20 | IIIA | Medial | IIIAB | Steinmann pin, K-wire, 4.0 cannulated screw | 12 | - |  |
| 21 | IIIB | Medial | IIIAB | Steinmann pin, allogenous B/G | 5 | Op site infection | Pseudomonas putida |
| 22 | IIIA | Medial | IIIAB | Steinmann pin | 6 | - |  |

Op: operation, MRSA: methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, MRSE: methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus epidermidis, GPB: gram positive bacilli, I \& D: Incision \& drainage, B/G: Bone graft.

Supplementary Table 2. AOFAS ankle hindfoot scale

| Variable | Point |
| :---: | :---: |
| Pain (40 points) |  |
| None | 40 |
| Mild: occasional | 30 |
| Moderate: daily | 20 |
| Severe: almost always present | 10 |
| Function (50 points) |  |
| Activity limitations, support requirement |  |
| No limitations, no support | 10 |
| No limitation of daily activities, limitation of recreational activities, no support | 7 |
| Limited daily and recreational activities, cane | 4 |
| Severe limitations of daily and recreational activities, walker, crutches, wheel chair, brace | 0 |
| Maximum walking distance (blocks) |  |
| Greater than 6 | 5 |
| 4~6 | 4 |
| 1~3 | 2 |
| Less than 1 | 0 |
| Walking surfaces |  |
| No difficulty on any surface | 5 |
| Some difficulty on uneven terrain, stairs, inclines, ladders | 3 |
| Severe difficulty on uneven terrain, stairs, inclines, ladders | 0 |
| Gait abnormality |  |
| None, slight | 8 |
| Obvious | 4 |
| Marked | 0 |
| Sagittal motion (flexion plus extension) |  |
| Normal or mild restriction (30 or more) | 8 |
| Moderate restriction ( $15^{\circ} \sim 29^{\circ}$ ) | 4 |
| Severe restriction (less than $15^{\circ}$ ) | 0 |
| Hindfoot motion (inversion plus eversion) |  |
| Normal or mild restriction ( $75 \% \sim 100 \%$ normal) | 6 |
| Moderate restriction (25\% ~74\% normal) | 3 |
| Severe restriction (less than $25 \%$ normal) | 0 |
| Ankle-hindfoot stability |  |
| Stable | 8 |
| Definitely unstable | 0 |
| Alignment (10 points) |  |
| Good: plantigrade foot, midfoot well aligned | 15 |
| Fair: plantigrade foot, some degree of midfoot malalignment observed, no symptoms | 8 |
| Poor: nonplantigrade foot, severe malalignment, symptoms | 0 |
| Total | 100 |

AOFAS: American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society.
This clinical rating system combines subjective scores of pain and function provided by the patient and objective scores based on the physician's physical examination (i.e., gait, sagittal motion, hindfoot motion, anklehindfoot stability and alignment of the ankle-hindfoot). The questionnaire includes nine items that can be divided into three subscales (pain, function, and alignment). Each of the nine items is scored, accumulating to a total score ranging from 0 points (indicating severe pain and impairment) to 100 points (no symptoms or impairment).

