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METHODS: Eight cadaver heads underwent pre- and postintervention endoscopic wisualization and computed tomography (CT) of the frontal recess and frontal sinus outflow tract. Frontal recesses were assigned for either BCD or Draf I dissection.

RESULTS: Inter-rater reliability was strong for all measures (r > 0.77, p < 0.001). The sagittal and coronal dimensions of the frontal sinus outflow tract increased significantly after BCD and Draf I dissection (p < 0.028).

Mean change in the sagittal dimension was significantly less after BCD compared with Draf I dissection (1.0 ±/- 0.8 mm versus 4.0 ±/- 1.2 mm; p < 0.018). The anterior face of the ethmoid bulla was the most frequently fractured lamella after BCD (56%).

CONCLUSION: The sagittal and coronal dimensions of the frontal sinus outflow tract increased significantly after BCD and Draf I dissection. A significantly greater change in dimensions of the frontal sinus outflow tract increased significantly after BCD and Draf I dissection. A significantly greater change in dimensions of the frontal sinus outflow tract is observed after Draf I dissection compared with BCD. No orbital or skull base injury was noted with either technique.























































































