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= Abstract =

The Treatment of the displaced Distal Radius fractures. -Prospective study-

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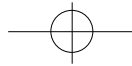
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Fractures of the distal end of the radius, including Colles' fractures, represent the most common fractures of the upper extremity. Over the past years, many clinicians had thought of fractures of the distal radius as being a group of injuries with a relatively good prognosis. Today, fractures of the distal radius are recognized as very complex injuries with variable prognosis that depend upon the fracture type and the treatment given. We performed a prospective study in 51 patients (52 cases), by using treatment protocol of Palmer, we treated each fracture according to physiological age, activity, X-ray findings and stability after closed reduction. Final outcomes were evaluated by modified clinical scoring system, criteria for anatomical results and combined functional and anatomical results. Results by using modified clinical scoring system were excellent; 8 cases, good; 16 cases, fair; 22 cases, and poor; 6 cases. Results by using criteria for

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anatomical results were excellent; 8 cases, good; 26 cases, fair; 10 cases; and poor; 8 cases. In wrist rating scales of New York Orthopaedic Hospital, excellent; 7 cases, good; 32 cases, fair; 6 cases, and poor; 7 cases. In our study, fractures of the distal radius were occurred frequently in active young male with high energy injuries. Criteria about acceptable range of reduction in treatment protocol of Palmer were too wide to obtain satisfactory results. Results from many assessment systems did not matched with each other because of differences of point of views. The results of this study proposed that even acceptable reduction is obtained, better outcomes will be brought by operative modality due to decreased frequency of reduction loss and radial shortening. And also, physical therapy after fracture treatment is considered as one of the important factors influencing functional results and the satisfaction of patients themselves.

Key Word : Fracture, Distal radius, Prospective study.

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**Table 1.** Modified clinical scoring scale system of Green and O'Brien.

Category	Score(points)	Findings
Pain(25 points)	25	None
	20	Mild, occasional
	15	Moderate, tolerable
	0	Severe or intolerable
Functional status(25 points)	25	Return to regular employment
	20	Restricted Employment
	15	Able to work but unemployed
	0	Unable to work because of pain
Range of motion(25 points)	25	100
	15	75 -99
	10	50-74
	5	25-49
	0	0-24
		Dorsiflexion-palmar flexion
		Arc(injured hand only)
	25	120 'or more
	15	91 - 119
	10	61 - 90
Grip strength(25 points)	5	31 - 60
	0	30 or less
		Percentage of normal
	25	100
	15	75 -99
	10	50-74
	5	25 -49
	0	0-24
Final results		
Excellent	90- 100	
Good	80-89	
Fair	65-79	
Poor	< 65	

, young/active group

2mm 가 15, 2mm 51 Colles 12 , (Steinman pin K-wire) 16 , (Steinman pin K-wire) 11 , 9 , 4 .

**Table 2.** Criteria for anatomical results.

Result	Criteria(degree)
Excellent	No or insignificant deformity Dorsal angulation < 0 Shortening < 3 mm Loss of radial deviation < 4
Good	Slight deformity Dorsal angulation 1 - 10 Shortening 3 - 6 mm Loss of radial deviation 5 - 9
Fair	Moderate Deformity Dorsal angulation 11 - 14 Shortening 7 - 11 mm Loss of radial deviation 10 - 14
Poor	Severe deformity Dorsal angulation > 15 Shortening > 12 mm Loss of radial deviation > 15

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(radial shortening)
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poor 8 (Table 4).
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scale⁵³ 가
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58.3%(7/12),
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62.5%(10/16), pin
90.9%(10/11), pin
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88.9%(8/9) pin
plate
100%(4/4) .(Table 5)
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100 , 90 excellent, 80
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excellent 8 , good 16 ,
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46.15% .(Table 4)

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**Table 3.** New York Orthopaedic Hospital wrist scoring scale.**A. Objective**

1. Motion(percentage of normal motion) : 0 - 15 points.

Dorsi/ulnar flexion + radioulnar deviation + supination/pronation

2. Grip strength : 0 - 15 points

Percentage of " normal "6.7%

3. Roent-enogram : 0 - 20 points

a. Length

Maintained 7

Loss of 0 - 2 mm 5

Loss of 2 - 3 mm 3

Loss of > 5 mm 0

b. Articular surface

Congruent 7

Incongruity of 0 - 1 mm 5

Incongruity of 1 - 2 mm 3

Incongruity of > 2 mm 0

c. Joint space

Normal 4

Decreased 2

Not apparent 0

d. Lateral alignment

< 20 dorsal tilt 2

> 20 dorsal tilt 0

B. Subjective

1. Pain : 0 - 20 points

a. None 20

b. Only with heavy activities(e.g., contact construction) 16

c. Occurs with moderate activity(e.g., swimming, heavy housework) 12

d. Frequent with light activity(desk work, washing dishes) 8

e. Present at all times but does not require analgesics 4

f. Present at all times requiring analgesics 0

2. Function : 0 - 30 points

a. Unlimited 30

b. Can no longer participate in heavy activity 25

c. Can no longer participate in moderate activity 20

d. Has difficulty with light activity 15

e. Uses injured hand only as a helper 10

f. Cannot use hand 0

Sum total (1 - 100)

Results : Excellent, 90 - 100 ; good, 70 - 89 ; fair, 55 - 69 ; poor <55.

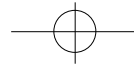


Table 4. Results according to assessment using by modified clinical scoring scale(Green & O'Brien), criteria for anatomical results(Salmiento et al.), New York Orthopaedic Hospital wrist rating scale.

	Modified clinical Scoring scale	Criteria for Anatomical results	New York Orthopaedic Hospital wrist ratingscale.
Excellent	8	8	7
Good	16	26	32
Fair	22	10	6
Poor	6	6	7

Table 5. Results according to treatment modality using by New York Orthopaedic Hospital wrist rating scale.

	CR & Cast	CRIF	ORIF	ORIF & Bone Graft	ORIF & External fixator
Excellent	4/12(33.3%)	2/16(12.5%)	1/11(9.1%)		
Good	3/12(25.0%)	8/16(50.0%)	9/11(81.8%)	8/9(88.9%)	4/4 (100.0%)
Fair	4/12(33.3%)	1/16(6.3%)	1/11 (9.1%)		
Poor	1/12(9.4%)	5/16(15.5%)		1/9(11.1%)	



Fig 1. A 54 year-old female patient had a slip injury.

- A.** Initial, a distal radial fracture which is situated within radio-carpal joint and displacement which is about 10 % can be observed.
- B.** The distal radius was treated by open reduction and internal fixation with T-plate and k-wire.
- C.** Post-op 16 months, This was an excellent result clinically.

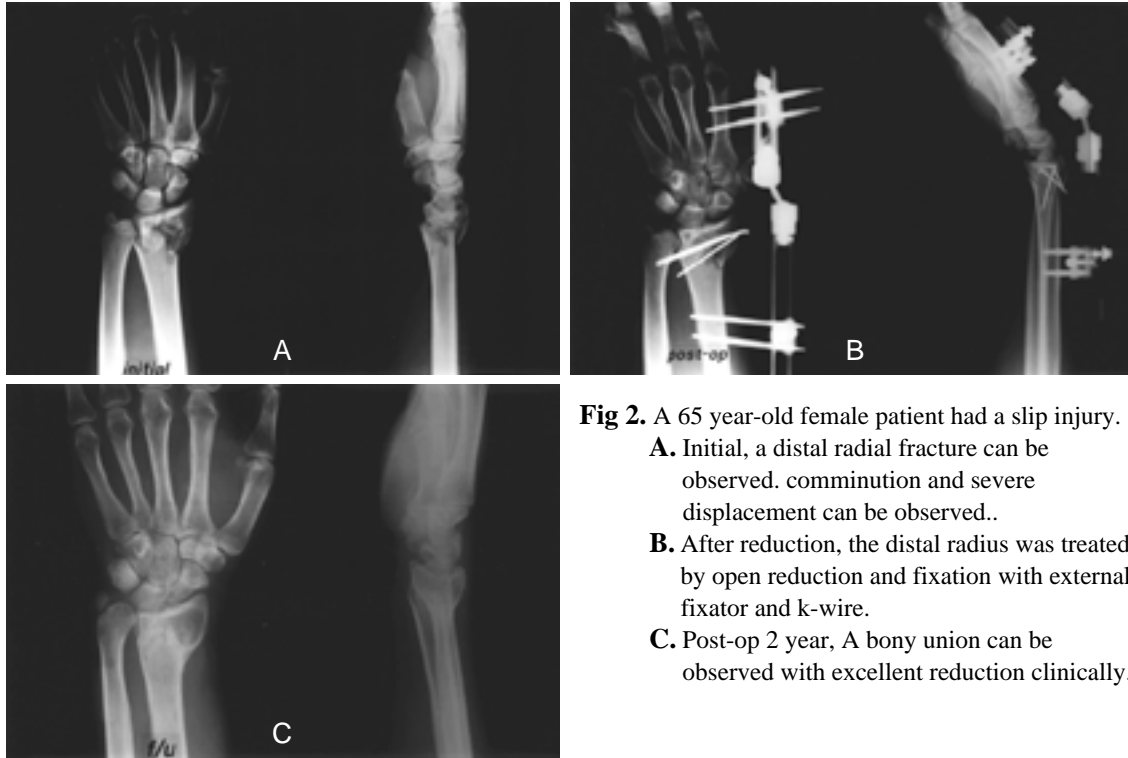


Fig 2. A 65 year-old female patient had a slip injury.

A. Initial, a distal radial fracture can be observed. comminution and severe displacement can be observed..

B. After reduction, the distal radius was treated by open reduction and fixation with external fixator and k-wire.

C. Post-op 2 year, A bony union can be observed with excellent reduction clinically.

33 (64.7%)

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Colles

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Golden²⁷⁾, Morris³²⁾

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Horsman³³⁾,

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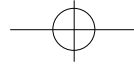
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(56.9%),



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Fernandez²¹⁾

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10mm, 20.

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Palmer treatment protocol⁴⁴⁾

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6 plate

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Frykman²⁵⁾ & Lidstrom³⁹⁾

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system , Green & O'Brien²⁸⁾ modified clinical scoring

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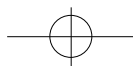
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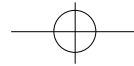
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