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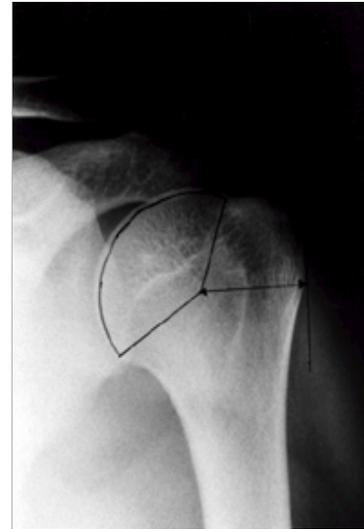


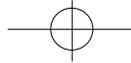
Fig 1. Humeral offset measured from geometric center of humeral head to lateral margin of the greater tuberosity.



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**Table 1.** Classification of the fractures.

Type	No.* of cases
Three part Fracture	15
Fracture/dislocation	12
Four part Fracture	4
Fracture/dislocation	2
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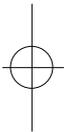
\* No.= Number

**Table 2.** Treatment methods according to the fracture type.

	3 part Fx*		4 part Fx	
	Fx	Fx/DL †	Fx	Fx/DL
Surgical(14)				
plate(7)	5	2	1	
tension band(5)	3	1		
S-pin(1)				1
hemiarthroplasty(1)				1
Conservative(5)	4		1	
	12	3	2	2

\* Fx = Fracture

† DL = Dislocation

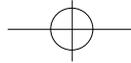


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**Table 3.** Range of motion and functional scores in relation to the fracture type

	ROM*		Constant score
	flexion	abduction	
3 part			
Fracture	141.6	123.8	80.2
Fx †/DL ‡	126.7	126.7	79
mean	138.6	124.3	60.3
4 part			
Fracture	85	65	33
Fx/DL	70	55	26
mean	77.5	60	29.5

\* ROM = Range of motion

† Fx = Fracture

‡ DL = Dislocation

**Table 5.** Clinical results according to the degree of differences of humeral offset compared with healthy side.

Distance difference	ROM*		Constant score
	flexion	abduction	
< 4mm	150	140.3	67.3
4mm	84.3	58.6	30.9

\* ROM = Range of motion

**Table 4.** Clinical results according to the methods of internal fixation

	ROM*		Constant score
	flexion	abduction	
Surgical(14)	122.1	106.1	51.6
plate(7)	150	134.3	64.7
tension band(5)	104	87	43.6
S-pin(1)	80	70	31
hemiarthroplasty(1)	60	40	21
Conservative(5)	136	124	60

\* ROM = Range of motion

**Table 6.** Complications.

	Total	3 part Fx*		4 part Fx	
		Fx	Fx/DL †	Fx	Fx/DL
Limitation of motion	5	1	1	1	2
AVN ‡	3	1	1	1	
Nonunion	2	1		1	
Malunion	2		1	1	

\* Fx = Fracture

† DL = Dislocation

‡ AVN = avascular necrosis of humeral head

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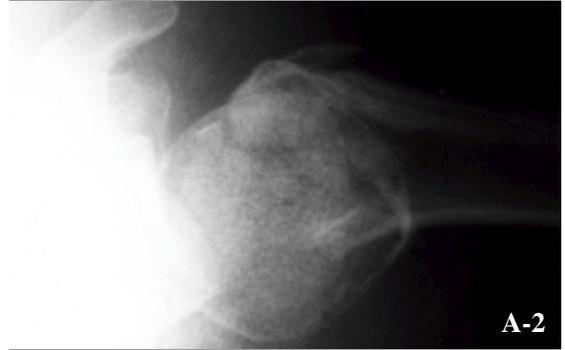
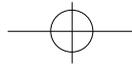
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<sup>10)</sup> 19.2%



**Fig 2A.** Preoperative X-ray of 38 year old woman with 4 part fracture and dislocation.  
**2B.** Closed Steinmann pin fixation was performed.  
**2C.** Humeral head showed avascular necrosis after 2 years of surgery.

26.3%

Robert<sup>18)</sup>

Moda<sup>12)</sup>

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Kristiansen<sup>11)</sup>

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<sup>1)</sup> Neer

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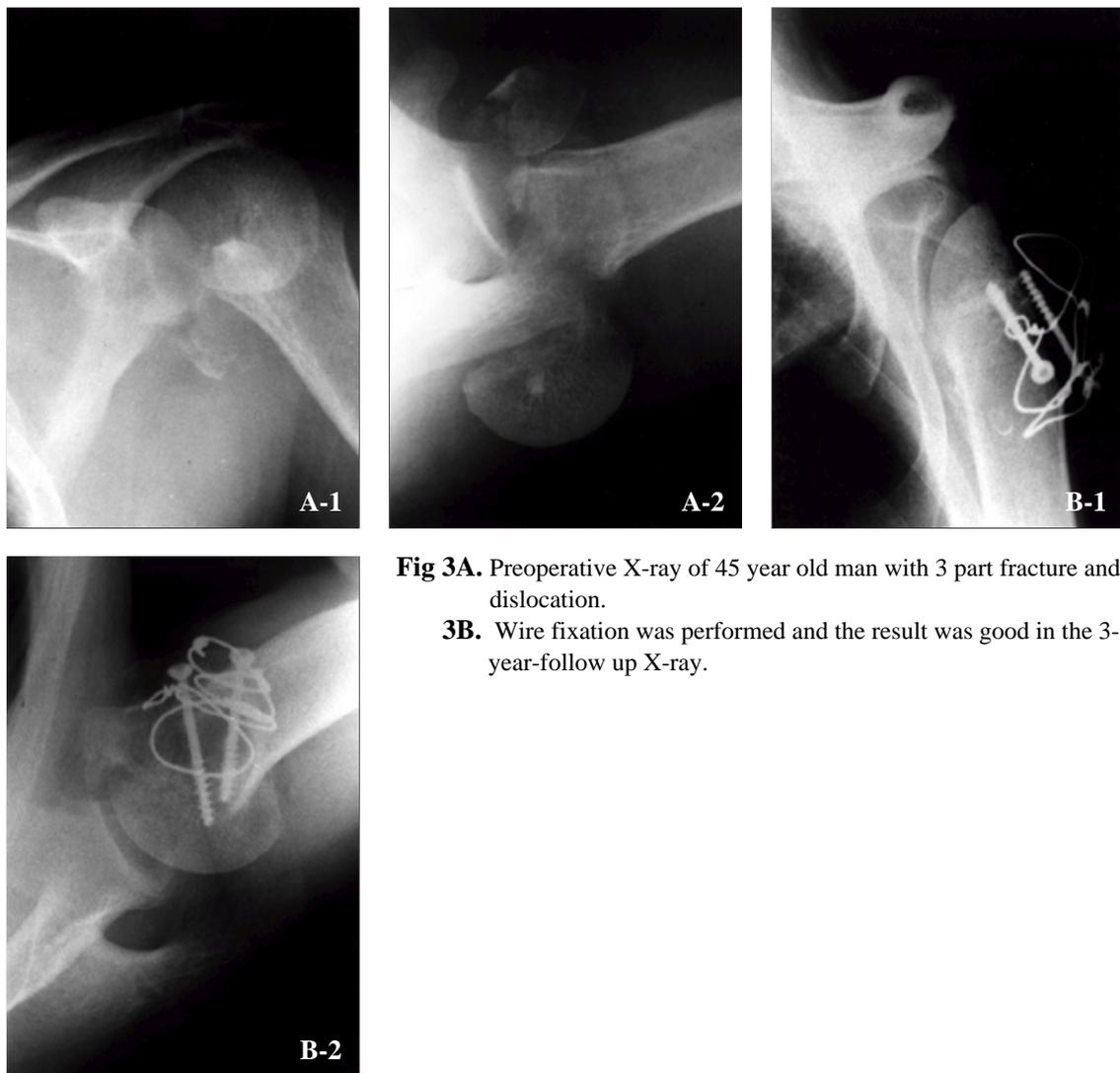
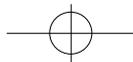
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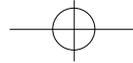
**Fig 3A.** Preoperative X-ray of 45 year old man with 3 part fracture and dislocation.

**3B.** Wire fixation was performed and the result was good in the 3-year-follow up X-ray.



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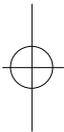


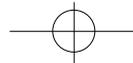


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## Abstract

## Treatment and Functional Results of the Three and Four Part Fractures of Proximal Humerus

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**Purpose** : The current study was performed to evaluate the treatment and functional results of the three and four part fractures of proximal humerus.

**Materials and Methods** : Nineteen patients with displaced 3 part and 4 part fractures and fractures-dislocation were followed for more than one year and analyzed. The causes of injuries, classification of fracture, associated injuries, functions, results of treatment and complications were investigated.

**Results** : According to Neer 's classification, there were 15 cases of 3 part fracture and 4 cases of 4 part fractures. The range of motion and functional results of the shoulder in 3 part fractures (flexion 138.6°, abduction 124.3°, Constant score 60.3) were better than 4 part fractures (flexion 77.5°, abduction 60°, Constant score 29.5). We compared the humeral offset of injured side with the healthy one. In the cases of less than 4mm difference, the range of motion was 150° in flexion and 40.3° in abduction, and the constant score was 67.3. But in the cases of more than 4mm difference, the range of motion was 84.3° in flexion and 58.6° in abduction, and constant score was 30.9 points. Clinical results was better in the cases of less than 4mm difference.

**Conclusion** : Range of motion and functional results of 3 part fractures were better than 4 part fractures and restoration of humeral offset resulted in better clinical results.

**Key Word** ; Humerus, Proximal 3 part and 4 part fractures, Functional results.