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Ilizarov

carbon/graphite ring external fixator)

(KRCRF, Korean radiolucent

Ilizarov

(Smith-Nephew carbon fiber circular external

fixator)

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, Instron model No. 8500

90° - 90° 135° - 45°

(anteroposterior and mediolateral bending)

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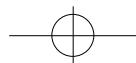
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Ilizarov
, (外製)
(Smith-Nephew 's carbon fiber circular external fixator)

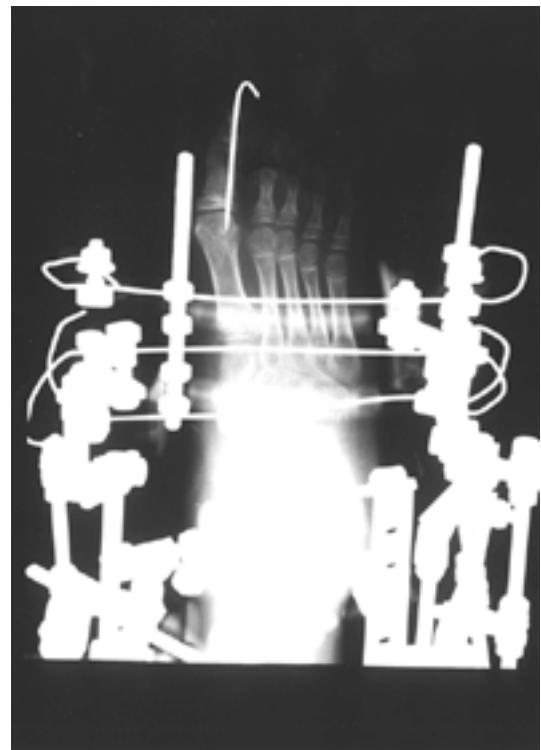


Fig 1. Clinical use of Korean Radiolucent Carbon/Graphite Ring Fixator(KRCRF). Anteroposterior radiograph of the foot with application of KRCRF for deformity correction in a 12-year-old patient shows excellent radiolucency.

1. - (fixator-pylon complex model test)

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1.1.1.

cell)	13mm	406mm, 38mm ,	(load 2	200mm	140mm, 180mm, ,
	1.8mm	8			
1.1.2.		(KRCRF, Korean Radiolucent Carbon/Graphite Ring Fixator, , DKM)		.300mm	Ilizarov (Richards, Texas, USA) (threaded rod)
KRCRF	carbon/graphite	Dow epoxy resin		127mm	
3-dimensional reinforcement	,			60mm	(Fig. 3).
continuous fiber)	가	(3-dimensional cross-woven	1.1.3.	Ilizarov	
50 60%	가		200mm	140mm,	
		(Fig. 2),		(Richards, Texas, USA) 2	

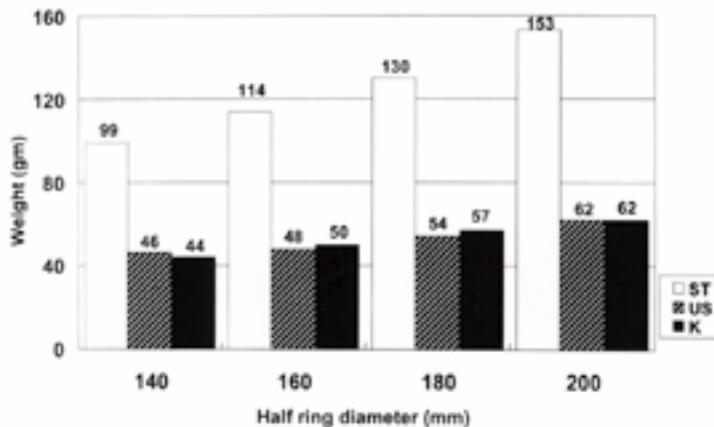
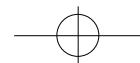
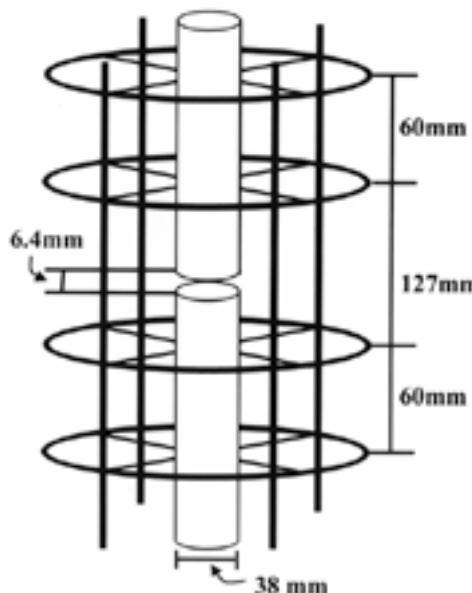


Fig 2. Comparison of the weight half rings between of Korean radiolucent carbon/graphite ring fixator(K), stainless steel Ilizarov system(ST) and Smith-Nephew carbon fiber circular external fixator(US).



fixator-pylon model assembly

Fig 3. Schematic drawing of ring fixator-pylon complex.

, KRCRF	1.2.	KRCRF, Ilizarov Nephew	1.2. (dial gauge) (concentricity)
			.4 1.8mm
			olive
wire tensioner)		1300 Newton	2 , 8
		olive	(dynametric
			90° - 90°
			135° - 45°
			(fixator-pylon model)
		Instron model 8500	,
			axial compression, anteroposterior
1.1.4.			and mediolateral bending stiffness)
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Nephew 's carbon fiber circular external			
fixator, Richards, Texas, USA)			
Richards	140mm, 180mm Smith-Nephew		90° - 90°
	(Smith-Nephew 's carbon		2
fiber circular external fixator) 2			
			, 135° - 45°,
			, 45°

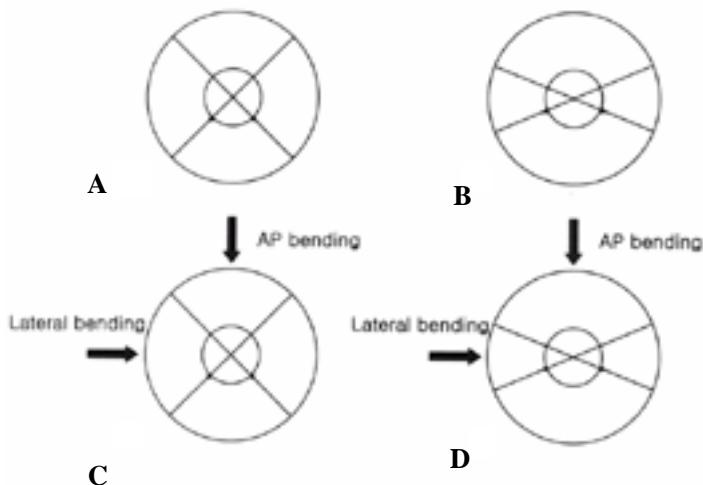
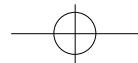


Fig 4. Schematic drawings showing the directions for anteroposterior and mediolateral bending tests. **A :** 90° - 90° configuration fixator-pylon complex model. **B :** 135° - 45° configuration fixator-pylon complex model. **C :** The direction of anteroposterior and mediolateral bending tests in 90° - 90° configuration fixator-pylon complex model. **D :** The direction of anteroposterior and mediolateral bending tests in 135° - 45° configuration fixator-pylon complex model.

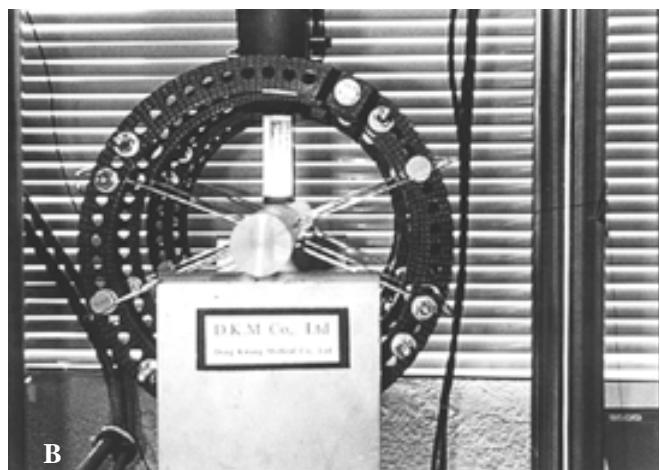
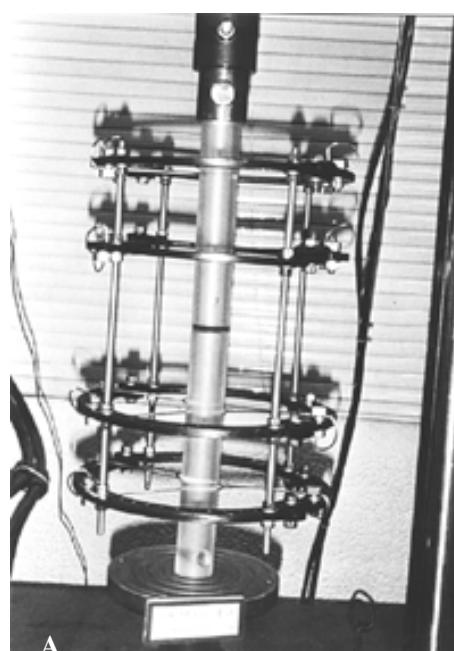


Fig 5. Korean radiolucent carbon/graphite ring fixator(KRCRF)-pylon model under test with Instron model No. 8500 **A :** axial compression test on 200mm diameter KRCRF in 135° - 45° configuration. **B :** anteroposterior(AP) compression test on 200mm KRCRF in 135° - 45° configuration.

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1mm/sec
curve)

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1300 Newton
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(load-deflection
curve)

2.
(half ring axial compression test)
KRCRF Smith-Nephew
140mm, 160mm, 180mm
Instron model 8500
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(load-displacement curve)
(failed load)
(Fig. 6). 3

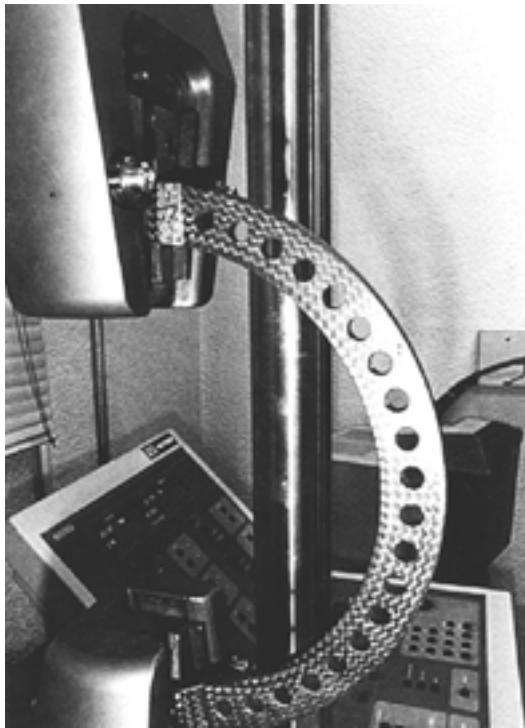
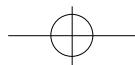


Fig 6. Axial compression test on Korean radiolucent carbon/graphite half ring.

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		Student t-test, Wilcoxon rank sum test, ANOVA test	, p-value \neq
0.05			.
1.	-	(fixator-pylon complex model test)	
1.1. KRCRF	Ilizarov		
140mm	KRCRF \neq	(axial compression stiffness)	
	Ilizarov		
	90° - 90°		
18.8% (p=0.000), 135° - 45°			

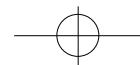
164% (p=0.000)	, 200mm	
90° - 90°	19.5% (p=0.000),	
135° - 45°	1.9% (p=0.002)	
	(Fig. 7-A).	
	sterior bending stiffness)	(anteropo
	Ilizarov	Ilizarov \neq KRCRF
90° - 90°	21.4% (p=0.000), 135° - 45°	
	13.3% (p=0.002)	
	, 200mm	90° - 90°
	17.2% (p=0.000), 135° - 45°	
15.9% (p=0.000)	(Fig. 7-B).	
	(mediolateral bending stiffness)	140mm
	Ilizarov	Ilizarov \neq KRCRF
90° - 90°	8.7% (p=0.001),	
135° - 45°	17.5% (p=0.000)	
	. 200mm	KRCRF \neq
	90° - 90°	
	2.5% (p=0.591), 135° - 45°	
9.2% (p=0.068)	(Fig. 7-C).	

1.2. KRCRF

(Smith-Nephew's carbon fiber circular external fixator)

(axial compression stiffness)

140mm	KRCRF \neq	Smith-Nephew	90° - 90°
			7.3% (p=0.000), 135° - 45°
	3.4% (p=0.002)		, 180mm
	90° - 90°		25.5% (p=0.000), 135° -
45°		10.7% (p=0.000)	
	(Fig. 8-A).		(anteroposterior
	bending stiffness)	140mm	KRCRF \neq
	Smith-Nephew		
	90° - 90°		10.5% (p=0.001), 135° -
45°		39.1% (p=0.002)	
	, 180mm	90° - 90°	
	16.5% (p=0.000)		. 135° - 45°
		7.4% (p=0.073)	
		(Fig. 8-B).	
		(mediolateral bending stiffness)	



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140mm KRCRF† Smith-Nephew
 90° - 90° 4.9%(p=0.193)
 , 135° - 45°
 11.1%(p=0.003)
 180mm KRCRF† Smith-
 Nephew
 90° - 90°
 18.3%(p=0.000) , 135° -
 45° 7.7%(p=0.048)
 (Fig. 8-C).

1.3. KRCRF Ilizarov
 140mm KRCRF
 90° - 90°
 Ilizarov 18.8%
 (p=0.000), Smith-Nephew
 7.3%(p=0.000)
 , 135° - 45°
 164%(p=0.000),
 3.4%(p=0.002) (Fig. 9-
 A). KRCRF†
 Ilizarov
 90° - 90°
 21.4%(p=0.000), 135° - 45°
 13.3%(p=0.002)
 Smith-Nephew
 90° - 90°
 10.5%(p=0.001), 135° - 45°
 39.1% (p=0.002)
 (Fig. 9-B). KRCRF
 Ilizarov
 90° - 90°
 8.7%(p=0.001), 135° - 45°
 17.5%(p=0.000)
 Smith-Nephew
 90° - 90°

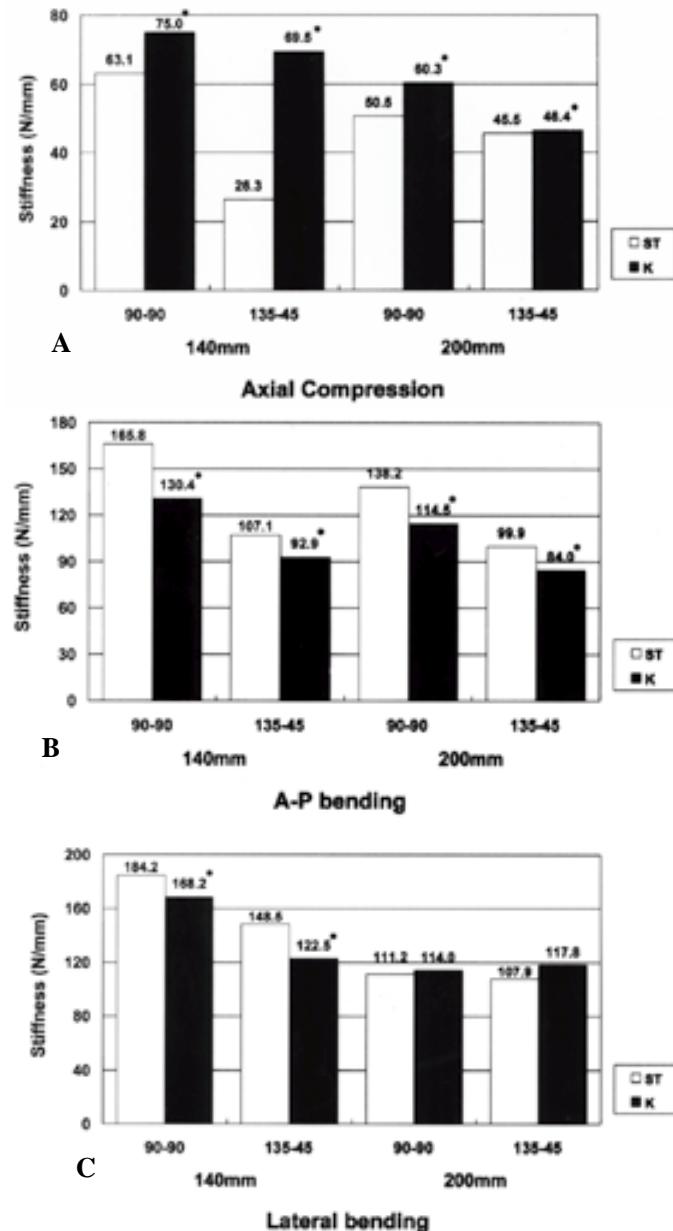


Fig 7. Comparison of the results of the fixator-pylon complex between Korean radiolucent carbon/graphite ring fixator(K) and stainless steel Ilizarov system(ST). **A** : axial compression stiffness. **B** : anteroposterior bending stiffness. **C** : mediolateral bending stiffness.

* means statistical significance.

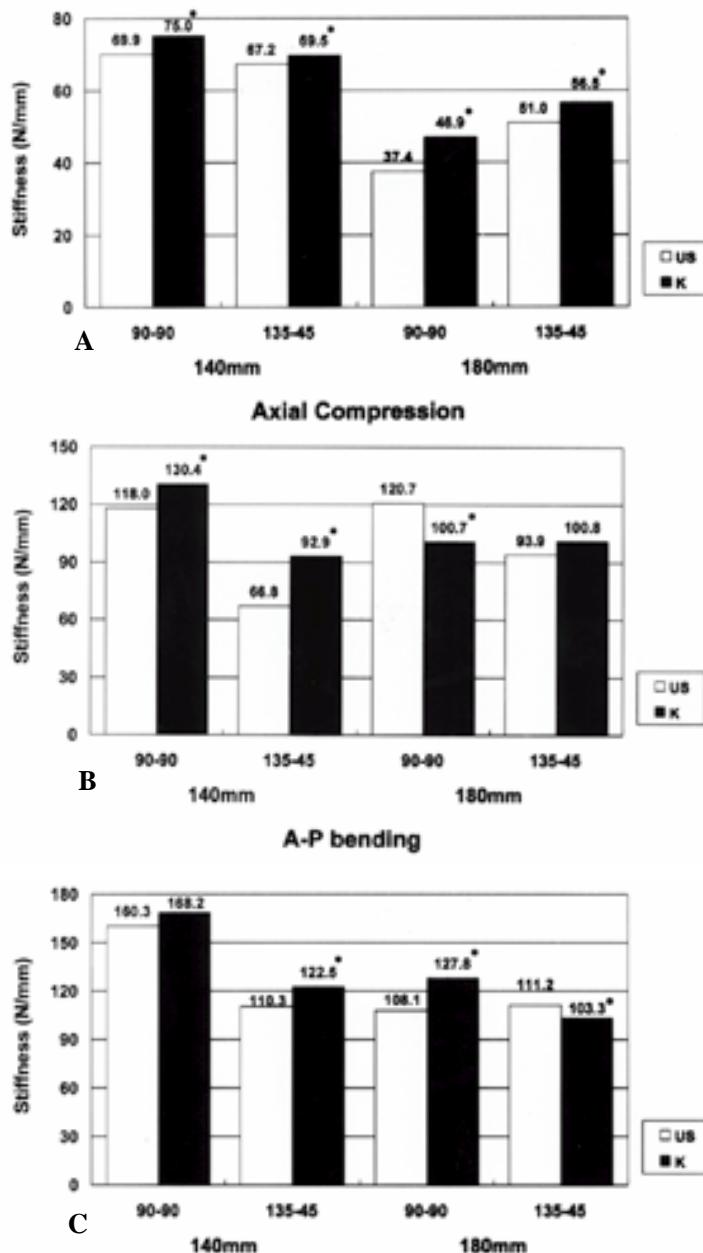
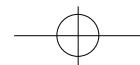


Fig 8. Comparison of the results of the fixator-pylon complex between Korean radiolucent carbon/graphite ring fixator(K) and Smith-Nephew carbon fiber circular external fixator(US). **A** : axial compression stiffness. **B** : anteroposterior bending stiffness. **C** : mediolateral bending stiffness.
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4.9%($p=0.193$), 135° - 45°,
11.1%($p=0.003$)
(Fig. 9-C).

1.4. KRCRF

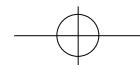
	90° - 90° 200mm	KRCRF
가 140mm	19.5%	, 135° - 45° 200mm
KRCRF가 140mm	33.3%	90° - 90° 200mm KRCRF가
140mm	12.2%, 32.2%	140mm KRCRF가 200mm KRCRF가 140mm 9.6%, 3.8% (Fig. 10).

2.
(half ring axial compression test)

KRCRF	Smith-Nephew
140mm	1.4%,
160mm	21.5%,
180mm	28.0%,
140mm	-

(Fig. 11-A).
(load-displacement curve)
KRCRF가 Smith-Nephew
(Fig. 11-B).

(biological factor)
(mechanical factor)



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(diastasis)

3,4,,10-14)

(displacement)†

13)

(micro-axial motion)

1,7,9,16-19,23,24,26,27,29)

(translational shear)

(bending)

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8). Ilizarov

(transfixing)

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Orthofix

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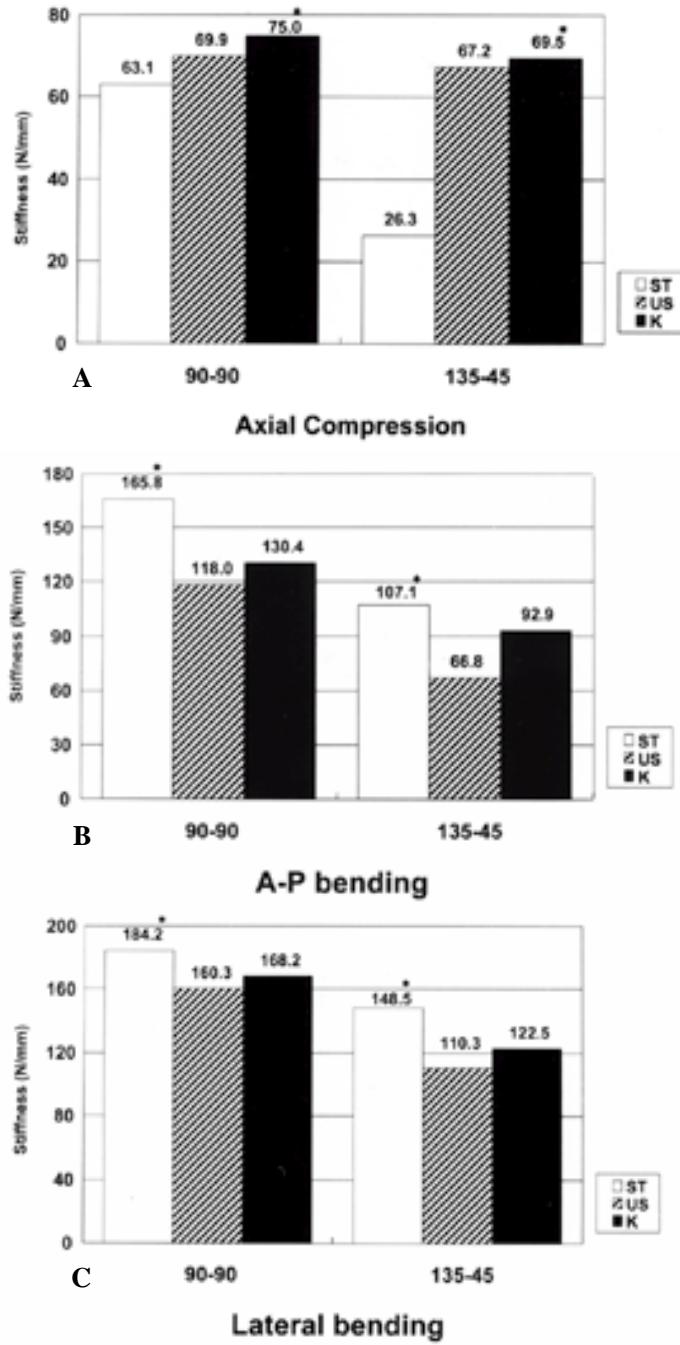
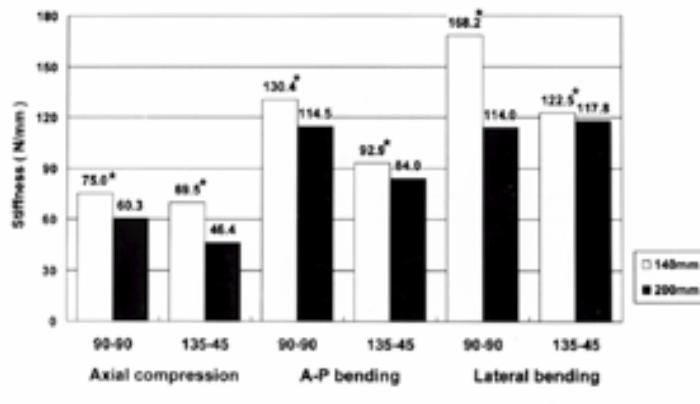
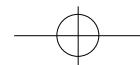


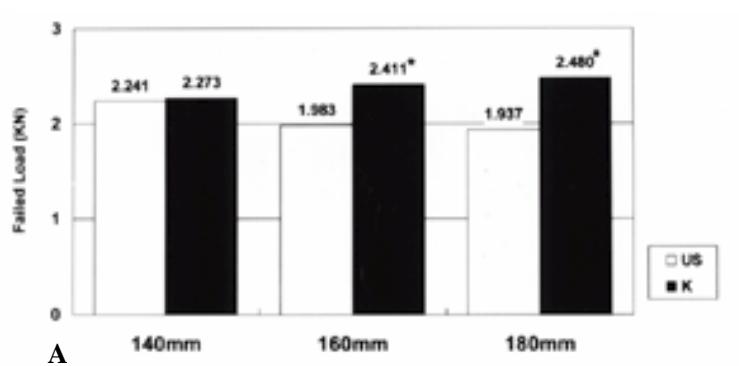
Fig 9. Comparison of the results of the fixator-pylon complex between Korean radiolucent carbon/graphite ring fixator(K), stainless steel Ilizarov system(ST) and Smith-Nephew carbon fiber circular external fixator(US) theis the ring diameters of 140mm. **A** : axial compression stiffness. **B** : anteroposterior bending stiffness. **C** : mediolateral bending stiffness.
* means statistical significance.



KRCRF stiffness in different diameters

Fig 10. comparison of the results of axial compression, anteroposterior and lateral bending tests between 140mm and 200mm diameter Korean radiolucent carbon/graphite ring fixators.

* means statistical significance.



Half Ring Axial Compression

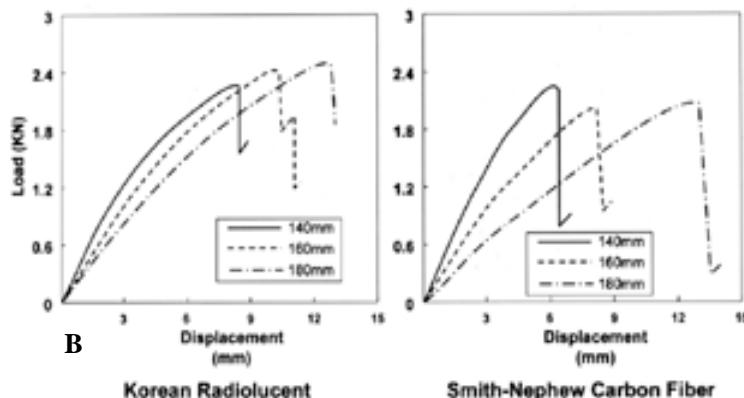
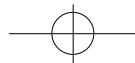


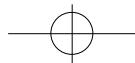
Fig 11. Comparison of axial stiffness of half ring of Korean radiolucent carbon/graphite ring fixator with that of Smith-Nephew carbon-fiber circular external fixator on axial compress.

B : Load-displacement curve.

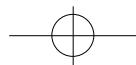
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Abstract

Biomechanical Analysis of Korean Radiolucent Carbon/Graphite Ring Fixator

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Purpose : The mechanical stiffness of Korean radiolucent carbon/graphite ring fixator(KRCRF) was analyzed and compared with those of conventional stainless steel Ilizarov system and the Smith-Nephew carbon fiber circular external fixator.

Material and Methods : The transfixing olive pins of the circular fixator on the acryl pylon were assembled in 90°, 90° and 135°- 45° configuration, respectively. And the fixator-pylon model was loaded with Instron model No. 8500 in three testing modes: axial compression, anteroposterior(AP) bending and lateral bending.

Results : As compared with stainless steel Ilizarov fixator, the KRCRF was significantly more stiff on the axial compression test regardless of the ring size(140 mm and 200 mm diameters) and transfixation configuration. But, it was less stiff on the anteroposterior(AP) and lateral bending tests. When compared with the Smith-Nephew carbon fiber circular external fixator, the KRCRF was generally more stiff on the axial compression, AP and lateral bending tests regardless of the ring size(140 mm and 180 mm diameters) and configuration, except the AP bending stiffness in 90°- 90° configuration and lateral bending stiffness in 135°- 45° configuration on the 180 mm diameter frame.

Conclusion : Considering the radiolucency, weight and biomechanical stffness, we think that the KRCRF is an excellent substitute for the imported circular fixators made of stainless steel or carbon/graphite.

Key Words : Korean Radiolucent Carbon/Graphite Ring Fixator, Biomechanical Anaylsis