

## Kümmell

### **Surgical Treatment of Kümmell Disease with Neurologic Deficits - Posterolateral Decompression and Posterior Reconstruction -**

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#### – Abstract –

**Study design :** Retrospective study was performed in eight patients with Kümmell disease.

**Objectives :** To access the results of posterolateral decompression and posterior reconstruction in Kümmell disease with neurologic deficits.

**Summary of Literature Review :** Severe osteoporosis is the most frequent cause of spinal compression fracture. Vertebral compression fracture in senile osteoporosis is characterized by the late development and slow progression of paraplegia. When conservative treatment for paraplegia proves ineffective, an early operation is recommended.

**Materials and Methods :** From June 1996 to February 2000, eight consecutive Kümmell disease patients with neurologic deficits underwent posterolateral decompression and posterior reconstruction. We analyzed operation time, loss of blood through the medical records. Change of segmental kyphotic angle, bone union were assessed by plain radiographs, the clinical results were analyzed according to changes of pain and neurological status.

**Results :** Mean operation time was 217 minutes, mean bleeding loss was 682 ml. The mean preoperative segmental kyphotic angle measured 22.6 degrees, and decreased to 4.4 degrees at postoperative evaluation, and 6.8 degrees at final follow-up. Bony union was obtained in 9 months. At preoperative time, four cases showed Frankel grade C and four cases Frankel grade D. At last follow-up time, one case Frankel grade D and six cases Frankel grade E.

**Conclusions :** We concluded that posterolateral decompression and posterior reconstruction is a useful method for the treatment of Kümmell disease with neurologic deficits.

**Key Words :** Kümmell Disease, Surgical treatment, Posterolateral decompression, Posterior reconstruction

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- A.** Removal of medial part of both pedicles.
- B.** Curettage of cancellous bone.
- C.** Pushing the thin cortical shell anteriorly by curved curette.
- D.** Impacted bone graft was done with autogenous and allogeneous bone.
- E.** Connection of rod to the pedicle screws.

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2 (visual analogue scale)  
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217 (150~300 )

682 ml(420~1210 ml)

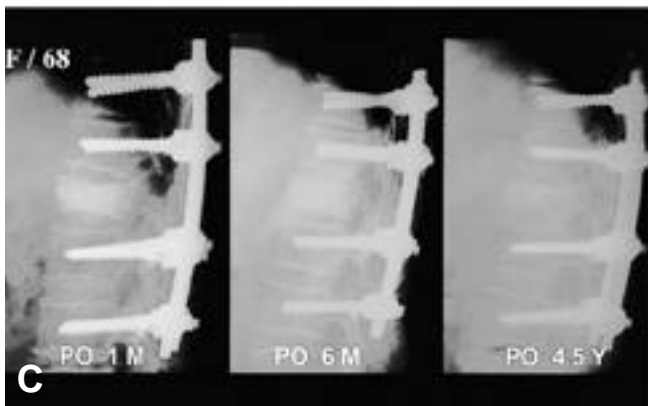
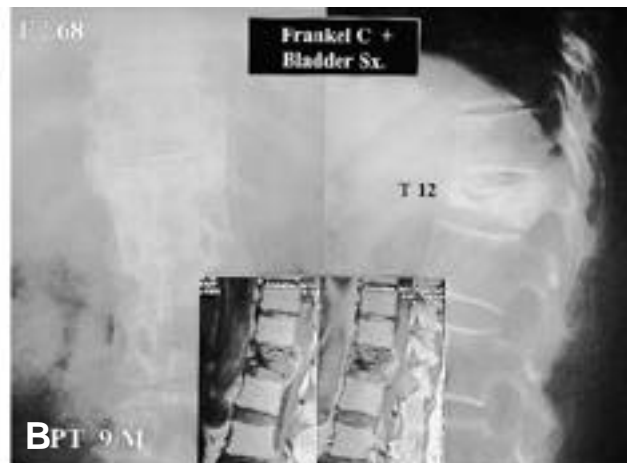
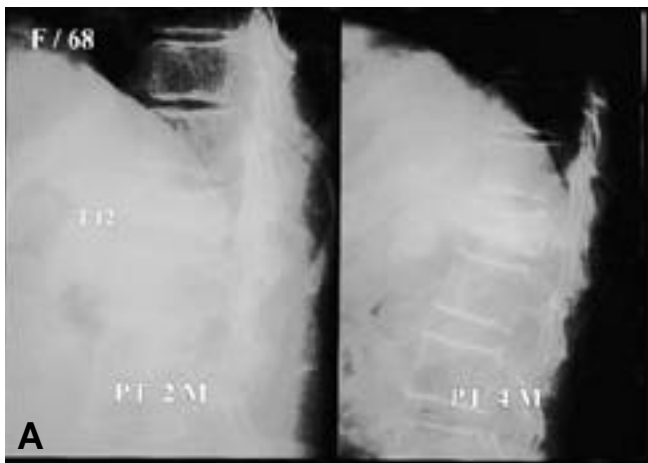
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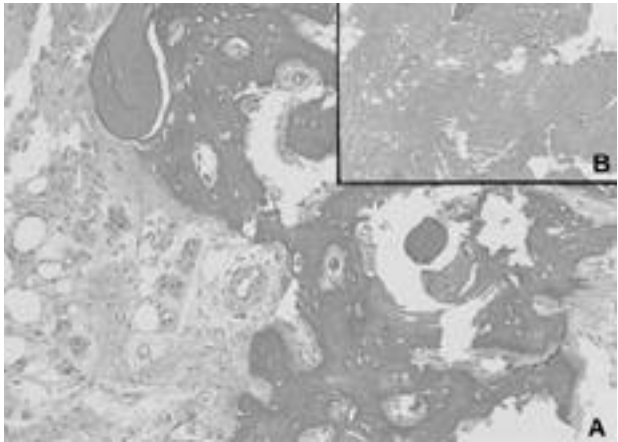
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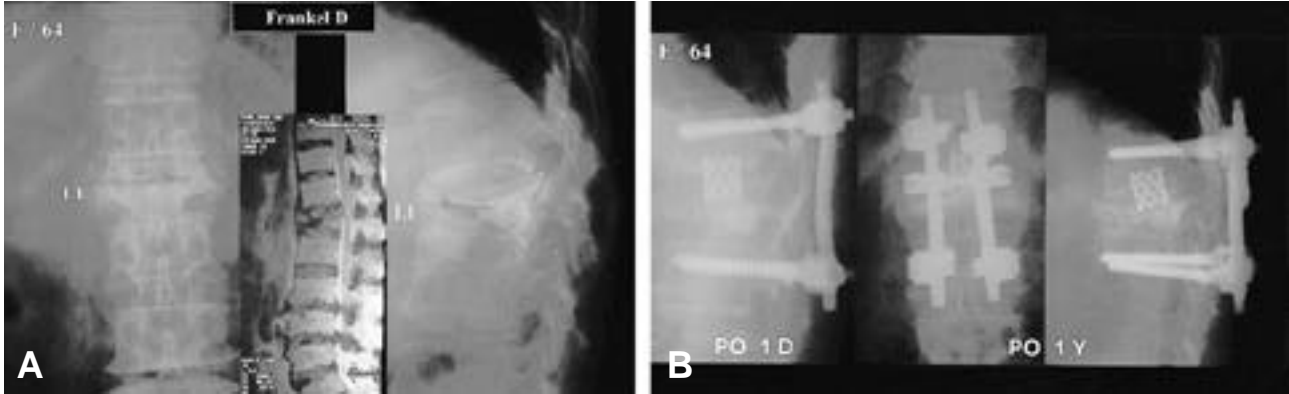


**Fig. 2-A.** Thoracolumbar spine lateral radiography of a 68-year-old woman shows compression fracture of T12.  
**B.** Nine months follow-up lateral radiography and MRI shows collapse of T12 and spinal cord compression.  
**C.** Postoperatively, reconstructed spine is good alignment and complete bone union.

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**Fig. 3-A.** Histological examination shows apposition of newly formed “woven bone” on preexisting lamellar bone.  
**B.** Granulation tissue and necrotic tissue is seen around the callus.



**Fig. 4-A.** Thoracolumbar spine lateral radiography of a 64-year-old woman shows compression fracture of L1. MRI shows cord compression at L1 level.  
**B.** The cage are inserted due to end plate and intervertebral disc injury during curettage. Collapse is found one year after surgery due to insufficient pedicle screw fixation.

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