

- Load-Sharing -

**Posterior Short-Segment Instrumentation of
Thoracic and Lumbar Bursting Fractures
– Retrospective study related with Load-Sharing classification –**

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– Abstract –

Study Design : The authors designed the retrospective study with the Load-Sharing Classification in 47 cases of the bursting thoracic-lumbar fractures, which were operated using the pedicle screws.

Objective : To judge the effectiveness of posterior short segment instrumented fusion in thoracic-lumbar fractures according to the Load-Sharing classification.

Material and Method : From 1995 through 1998, 47 patients who had been operated with short segment transpedicular instrumentation including fractured vertebra were selected and they were divided two groups, one below 6 point of Load-Sharing score, the other above 7 point. In follow up of average 39 months, the guide of reduction loss, which include the change of anterior vertebral body height and sagittal index were analysed statistically with the Student T-test at the postoperative time and the last follow-up time.

Results : In group below 6 point, the average of anterior vertebral body height was 56.2% before the operation and reduced 77.6% after the operation and measured 76.4% at final follow-up. The reduction loss was 1.2%. The sagittal index of preoperative 19.4, became 10.6, after the operation and measured 11.8 ° at the last follow-up. The loss of correction angle was 1.2. In the other group above 7 point, anterior vertebral body height was average 51.7% before the operation and reduced 75% after the operation and measured 71.2% in last follow up, so reduction loss was 3.8%. Sagittal index was average 21.6, before the operation and corrected 12.6 after the operation and measured 14.6, in last follow up. All of 19 patients with neurologic deficits improved by over the one Frankel grade except grade A.

Conclusion : Although the additional study is needed, there were no significant difference of statistical analysis about indexes between two groups.

Key Words : Fracture, Thoracic-lumbar, Load-Sharing classification, Short segment transpedicular instrumentation

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30~50%

Load-Sharing
(II)

6

(I) 7

Sagittal index

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가

가

가 ,
1. , Parker ¹²⁾ Load-Sharing
가 7

. Sagittal index

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Bernhardt Bridwell

Load-Sharing

¹⁾ 가

Load-Sharing

Student T-test

Frankel

⁴⁾.1995 8 1998 12
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가 가 47
39 (18 ~53) ,I 56.2%,
77.6% , 76.4% . II31 , 16 , 35 (19 ~56
) . 23 , 2075% , 71.2% ,
51.7%,

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(p=0.07). Sagit-
tal Index I 19.4 °18 , 29 ,
19 , Frankel A10.6 ° 8.8 °
11.8 °

3 , B 2 , C 4 , D 10 . 47

1.2 ° . II

9.5 °

21.6 ° 12.1 °
14.6 °

50%

2.5 ° ,
(p=0.065)(Table 1).

, Sagittal index가 25

Table 1. Data of analysis

Group	NO. of Cases	Mean Value of Anterior Height(%)		Mean Sagittal Index(degree)	
		post. op	last f/u	post. op.	last f/u
I	14	77.6	76.4	10.6	11.8
II	33	75	71.2	12.6	14.6
p value		0.07		0.065	

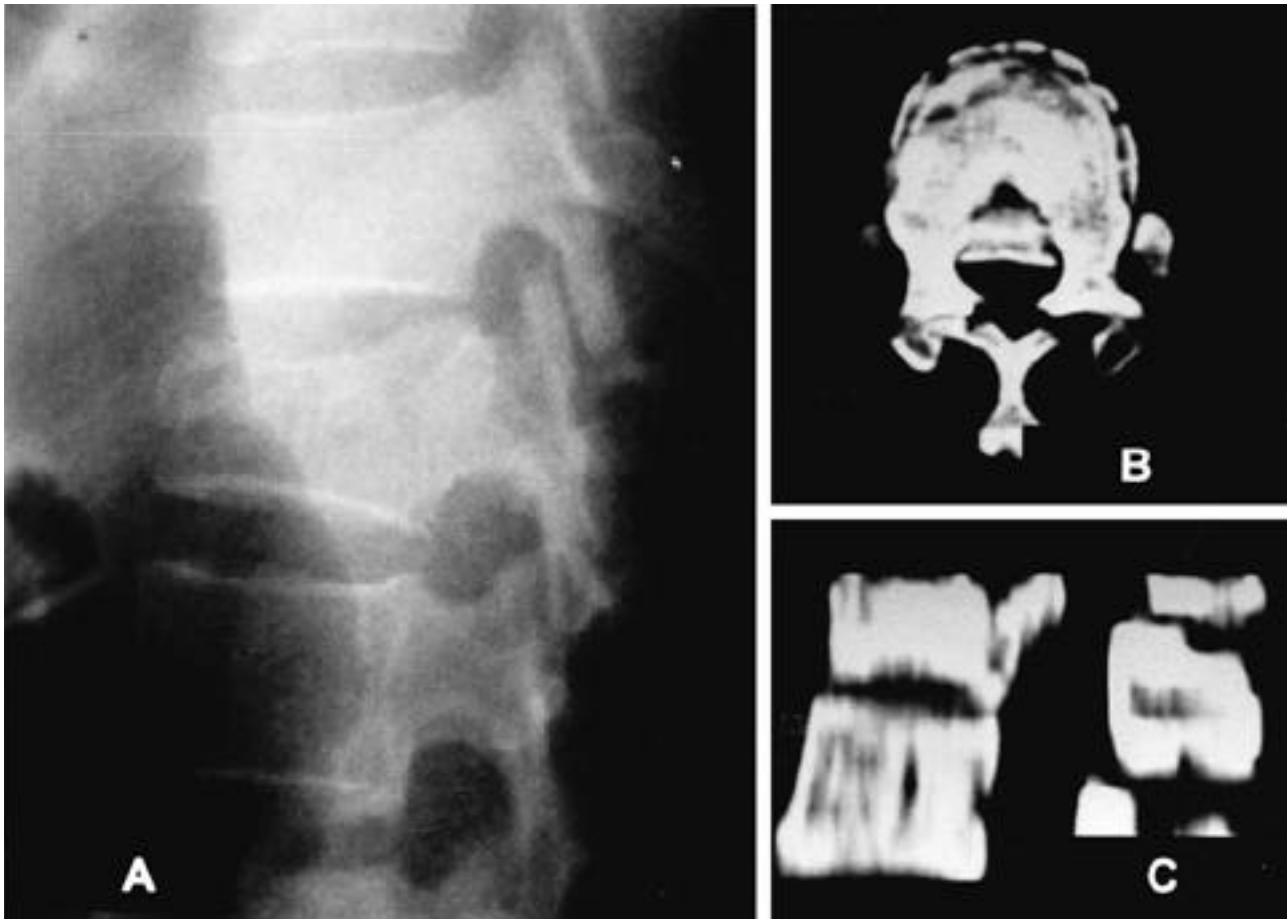


Fig. 1. Mild bursting fracture with 55% anterior height reserve rate and 7° sagittal index (5 point, Group I).
A. correction of 4°~9° for restoration of normal alignment on lateral film (2 point).
B. only mild (< 2 mm) fragment displacement over less than 50% of the body on axial plane section CT (2 point).
C. fracture involve only the top third of the body (1 point).

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, Gurr ⁵⁾
(torsion), , 가
Harrington
, McAfee ⁸⁾
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가 4%
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. McNamara ¹¹⁾
⁹⁾ , McLain ¹⁰⁾
, Cotrel-Dubous- . Chung
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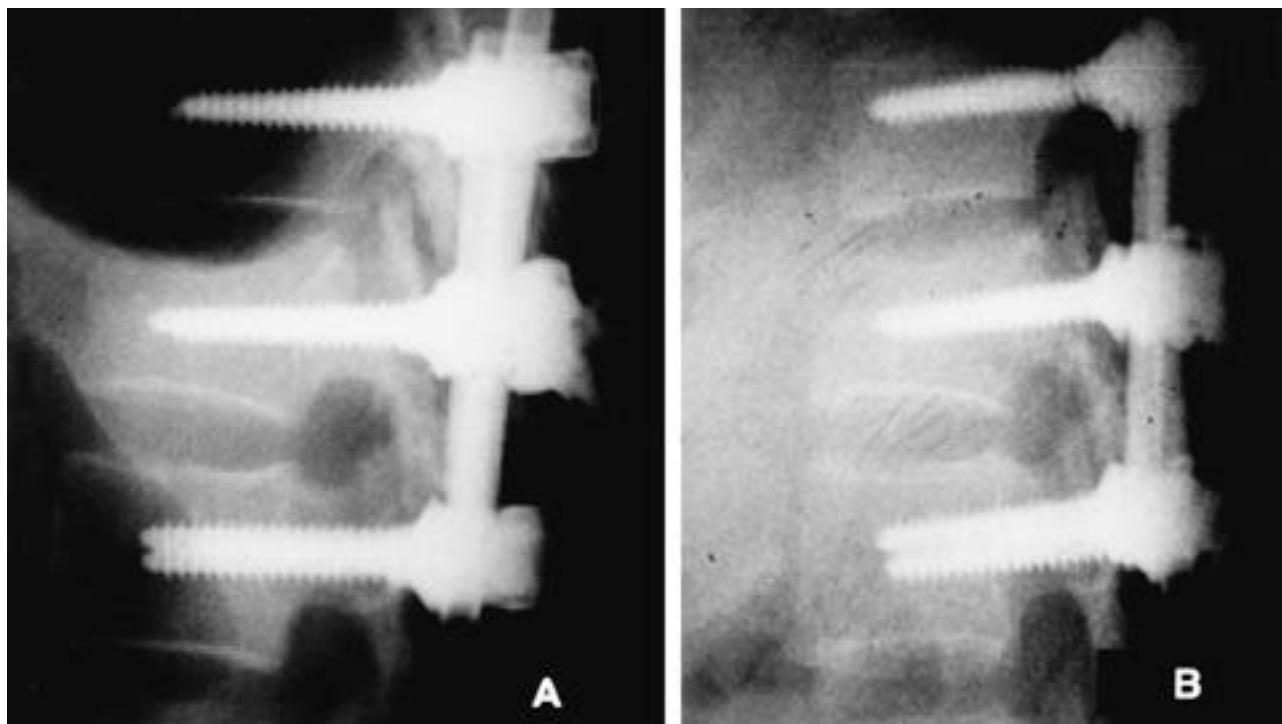


Fig. 2. (Group I : same patient with Fig. 1).

A. The fracture is handled successfully with short segment transpedicular instrumentation including fractured vertebra (anterior height reserve rate : 74%, sagittal index : 5°).

B. Follow -up film at 41 months showing one screw - was inserted to most upper vertebra - broken but, our guide of reduction loss and result were acceptable (anterior height reserve rate : 72%, sagittal index : 5°).

Rhym ³⁾			21.4%	,	1.2%
			, II		23.3%
56	3	(three point fixation)		3.8%	
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			8.8.	,	1.2.
			, II		9.5.
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. Jeong	6)			3.6)	
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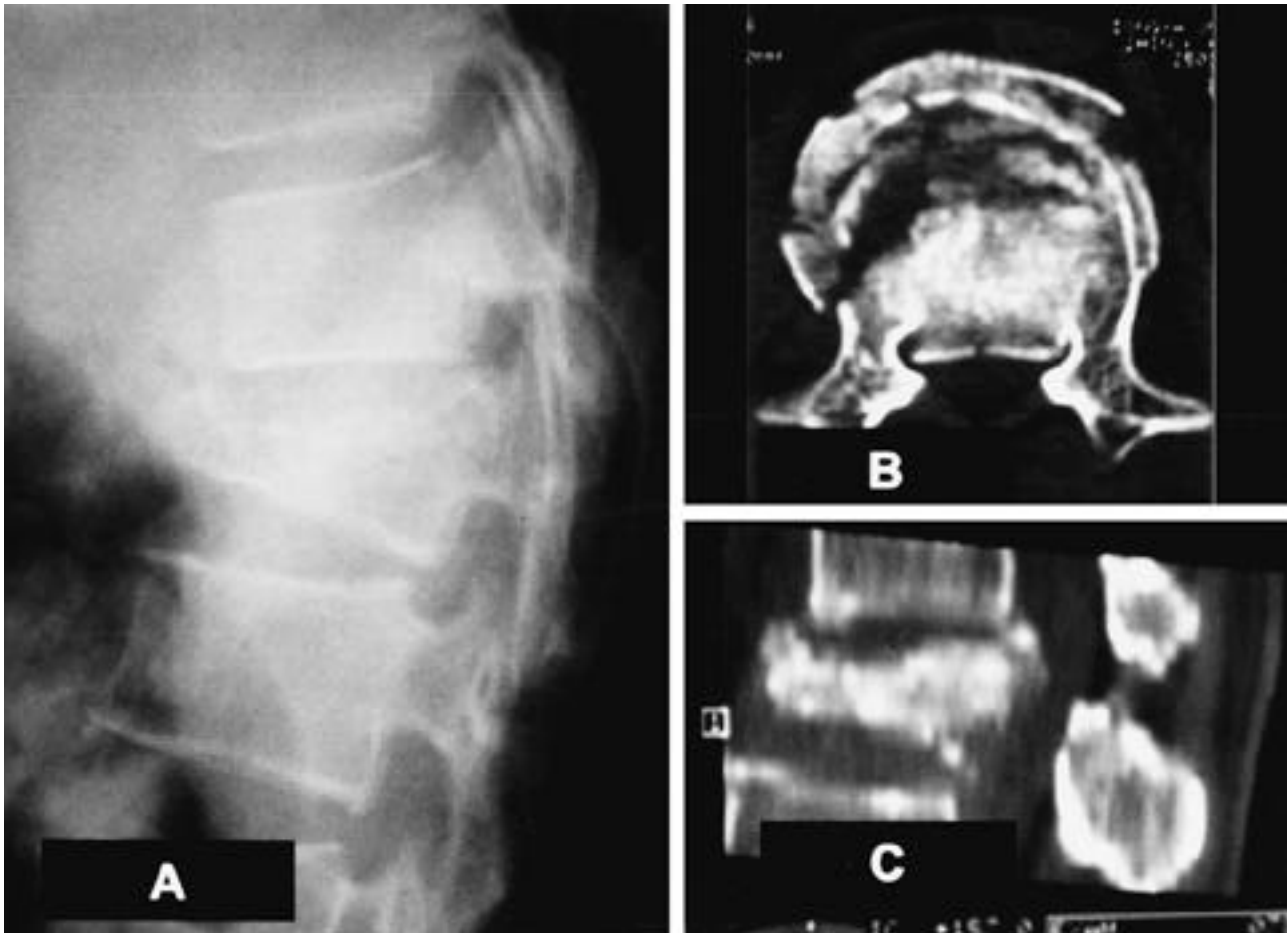


Fig. 3. Severe bursting fracture with 30% anterior height reserve rate and 30° sagittal index (9 point, Group II).
A. correction of >10° for restoration of normal alignment on lateral film (3 point).
B. more than 2 mm fragment displacement beyond 50% of the body on axial plane section CT (3 point). **C.** fracture involve entire body (3 point).

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	, Parker 12)	Load Sharing				6	7
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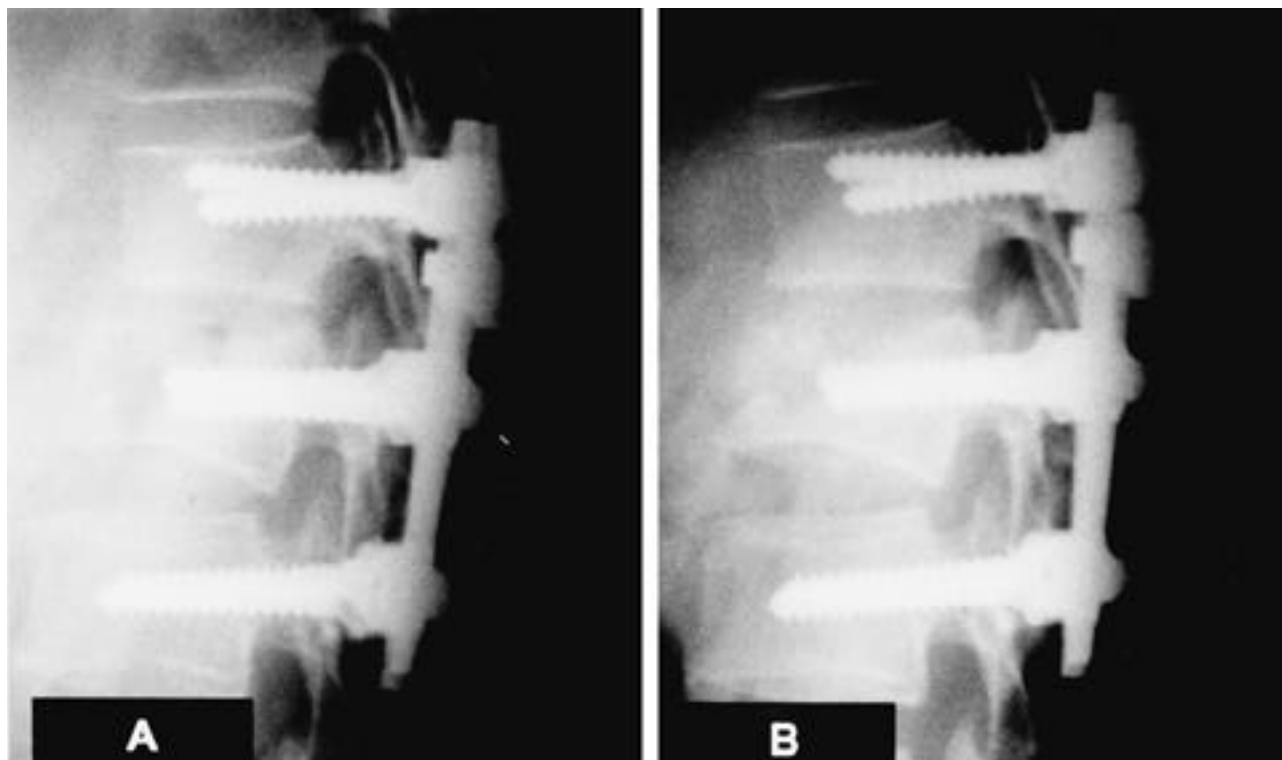


Fig. 4. (Group II : same patient with Fig. 3).

- A.** The fracture is handled successfully with short segment transpedicular instrumentation including fractured vertebra (anterior height reserve rate : 71%, sagittal index : 19°).
B. Follow -up film at 37 months showing acceptable guide of reduction loss (anterior height reserve rate : 70%, sagittal index : 20°).

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