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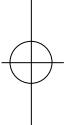
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= Abstract =

Arthroscopically-Assisted Reduction and Fixation in Fractures of the Tibial Condyle

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Fractures of the tibial condyle are characterized that often involve the articular surfaces and frequently associated with soft tissue injuries such as collateral ligament, cruciate ligament and menisci of the knee.

The author analyzed 12 cases of tibial condyle fractures, which were surgically treated by reduction of depressed articular surface under assist of arthroscopy and then fixed with cannulated cancellous screws and accompanied by bone graft under the control of image intensifier in 9 cases of the 12 cases.

The purpose of this study are (1) obtaining accurate reduction of the depressed articular surface, (2) preventing knee joint from the surgical wide dissection, (3) not only bony problems but also combined menisci and ligament injuries were diagnosis and management.

We can obtain more anatomical reduction and excellent or good functional knee score since extensive exposure is avoided. There is no complication with regard to arthroscopic surgery and rapid recovery with reduced pain and early full ROM are obtained afterfollow-up study of a mean of 1 year

Key Words : Fracture, Tibial condyle, Surgical treatment, Arthroscopy

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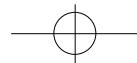
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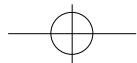
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Table 1. Site of the Fracture

site	Rt.	Lt.	Total
Med.condyle	2	1	3
Lat.condyle	5	2	7
Bicondylar	1	1	2
Total	8	4	12

Table 2. Classification of the Fractures

Type of Fracture	Cases
Type I undisplaced	1
II local compression	5
III split compression	4
IV total condyle	2
V Bicondylar	0



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Table 3. Associated Injury of the Knee joint

Injured structure	Cases			
Meniscus	6	(9.3)
med.	1			12
lat.	5			
ACL(partial)	2			
PCL	0			
MCL	4			
LCL	0			
Osteochondral fracture	3		1	
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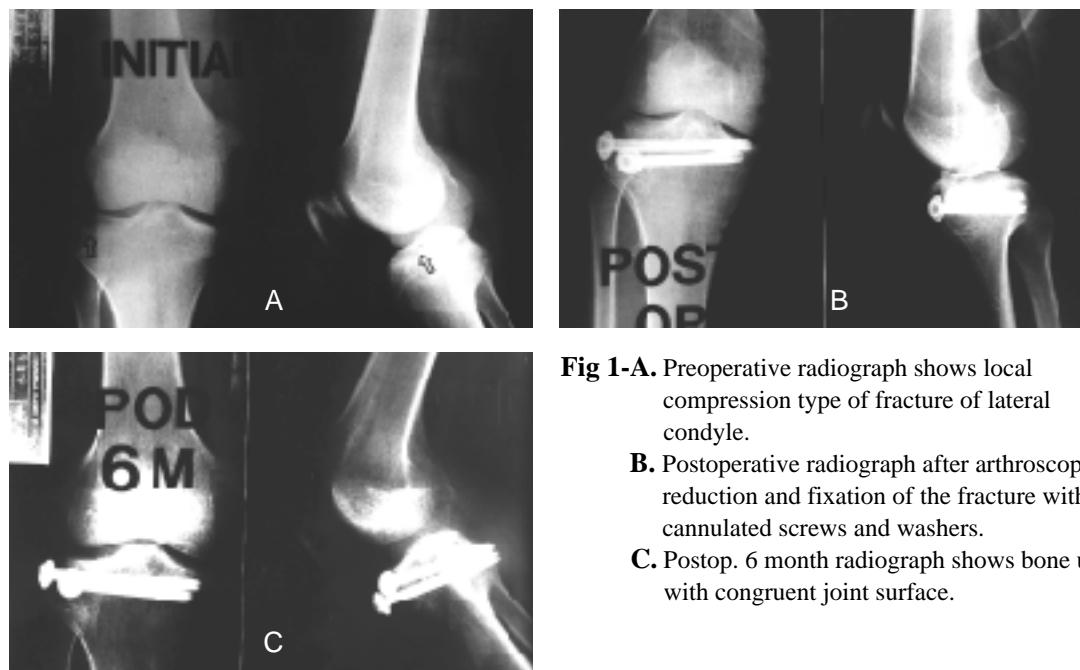


Fig 1-A. Preoperative radiograph shows local compression type of fracture of lateral condyle.

B. Postoperative radiograph after arthroscopic reduction and fixation of the fracture with two cannulated screws and washers.

C. Postop. 6 month radiograph shows bone union with congruent joint surface.

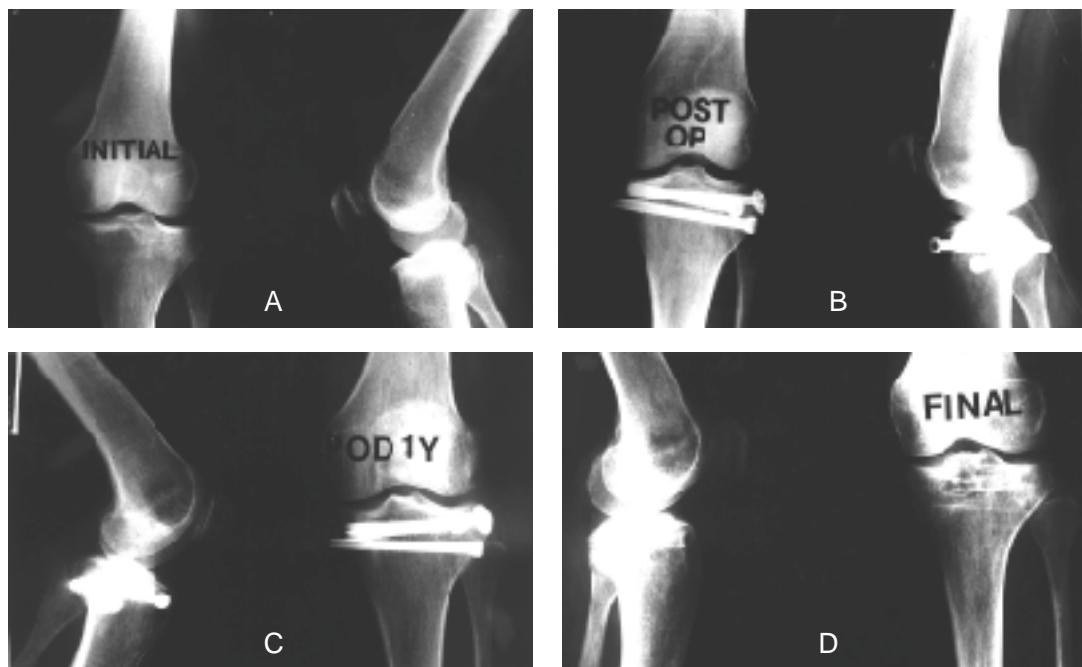
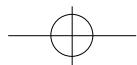


Fig 2-A. Preoperative radiograph shows split compression type of fracture of lateral condyle.
B. Postoperative radiograph after arthroscopic reduction and fixation of the fracture with three cannulated screws and one washer.
C. Postop. 1 year radiograph shows bone union and good articular congruency.
D. Postop. 1 year and 4 months radiograph shows good union no articular compression or split

(Fig 2).

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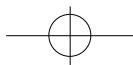
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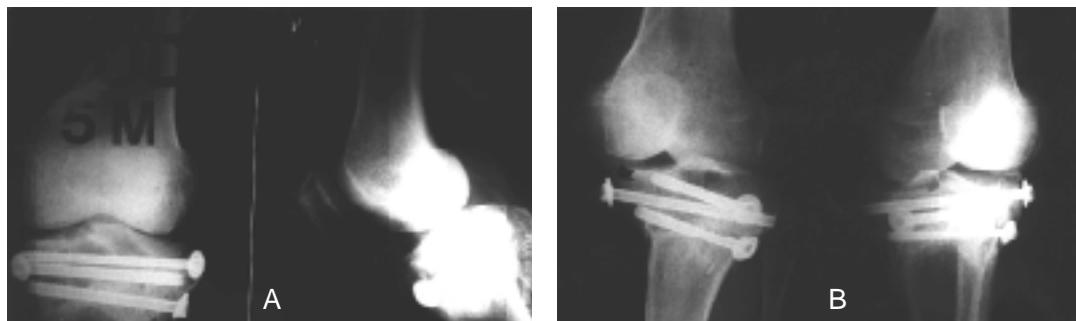


Fig 3-A,B. Postop. 5 months radiograph of total condyle type of the fracture ; it shows loss of fixation of one cannulated screw and washer.

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(Fig 3),

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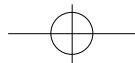
fair, poor 4

excellent, good

(Table 4.).

Table 4. Classification of Results-Method of Assessment

Symptom	
Excellent	- feel like a normal joint
Good	- 'Barometric ' or other mild occasional aching which does not interfere with ordinary activity, feeling of slight weakness
Fair	- discomfort on ordinary activity ; knee feels weak
Poor	- severe daily aching
Function	
Excellent	- Full extension, flexion of 120° or more, and no abnormal lateral mobility
Good	- Extension to within 5° of full, flexion to 90° or more, and no abnormal lateral mobility
Fair	- Extension of within 10° of full and flexion to 70° or more ; excessive lateral mobility
Poor	- worse than fair
Appearance	
Excellent	- knee of normal appearance - no abnormal valgus or fixed deformity
Good	- slight swelling around joint or slight valgus deformity
Fair	- noticeable swelling or valgus deformity
Poor	- marked swelling or ugly valgus deformity
Radiologic Appearance at Follow-up	
Excellent	- Restoration of displacement within 3mm; no degenerative joint change
Good	- Restoration of displacement within 3mm; minimal degenerative joint change
Fair	- Restoration of displacement within 10mm; moderate degenerative joint change
Poor	- Worse than fair

**Table 5.** Result by Porter's Evaluation

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Symtom	9	2	1	0
Function	10	2	0	0
Appearance	11	1	0	0
Radiologic appearance	9	2	1	0

11 (92%)

1 (8%)

(Table 5.).

Rasmussen²⁴⁾Courvoisier⁸⁾

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Screw home movement
가† 0.5cmBradford³⁾, Palmer²²⁾, Slee²⁸⁾, Apley¹⁾

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Hohl¹³⁾Schatzker²⁶⁾

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Hohl

Moore

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III

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1852 Thamhayn²⁹⁾Cubbin⁷⁾ Bumper fracture , Cotton⁶⁾ Breg⁶⁾
Fender fracture , Leadbetter¹⁸⁾ Hand²⁰⁾ Plateau fracture

가† 76 ± 3.60 가† 가†

Moore²¹⁾

(tibial plateau view)

Dias⁹⁾

1%,

8%

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Cubbin⁷⁾

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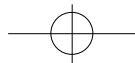
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Apley¹⁾18,31) Kennedy¹⁸⁾

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Slee²⁸⁾, Brown⁴⁾



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Schatzker 26)

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Blokker 2)

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(step off), Hohl¹³⁾

5mm

Waddell³⁰⁾ 10mmRombold²⁵⁾

Porter 23)

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12 11

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(92%)

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Koval 19)

Gaudinez 12)

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Jenning 16)

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Fowlbe 11)

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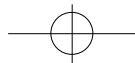
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