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Surgical Treatment of Post-Traumatic Kyphosis with Neurologic Compromised Osteoporotic Fracture - Comparison between Anterior-Posterior Surgery versus Posterior Egg-Shell Procedure

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- Abstract -

Study Design: Retrospective study.

Objectives: To compare the surgical results between anterior-posterior surgery and posterior eggshell procedures in post-traumatic kyphosis with neurologic compromised osteoporotic fracture.

Summary of Literature Review: Combined anterior-posterior surgery is usually recommended in cases of kyphotic deformities with neurologic deficit secondary to osteoporosis. However, it is associated with significant morbidity in elderly patients.

Materials and Methods: Twenty-six post-traumatic kyphosis with neurologic compromised osteoporotic fracture patients subjected to either anterior-posterior surgery (n=11) or posterior egg-shell procedure (n=15) were analyzed. The average age at the operation was 62.6 years (range: 50 82), male: female ratio was 12:14, and the average follow up was 2.9 years (range: 2.0 4.9). Preoperative interval from injury to operation was 15.4 months (range: 1 36). Thoracolumbar (T12-L1) fracture was in 20 and lumbar fracture was in 6.

Results: There was no significant difference in age, sex, preoperative and postoperative Frankel grade, and preoperative vertebral collapse between two groups(p-0.05). In anterior-posterior group, the mean operation time was 351 minutes with a mean blood loss of 2892 ml, and preoperative kyphosis of 22° was corrected to 11° at latest follow-up with 7 cases of neurologic improvement. In the eggshell group, the mean operative time was 215 minutes with blood loss of 1930 ml, and preoperative kyphosis of 34° was corrected to 8° at latest follow-up with 11 cases of neurologic improvement. Egg-shell group showed sig-

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nificantly less operation time and blood loss with beter kyphosis correction. In anterior-posterior group, postoperative pneumonia was developed in 2 and superficial infection in 1. Distal screw loosening was detected in 4, 2 in anterior-posterior group and 2 in posterior eggshell group. One of them was treated by revision and others were treated by brace more than 6 months. Conclusions: Posterior eggshell procedure showed a better kyphosis correction with significantly less operation time and blood loss. It is a preferable alternative to anterior-posterior surgery in post-traumatic kyphosis with neurologic compromised osteo-porotic fracture.

Key Words: Post-traumatic kyphosis, Egg-Shell procedure, Osteoporosis, Neurologic deficit

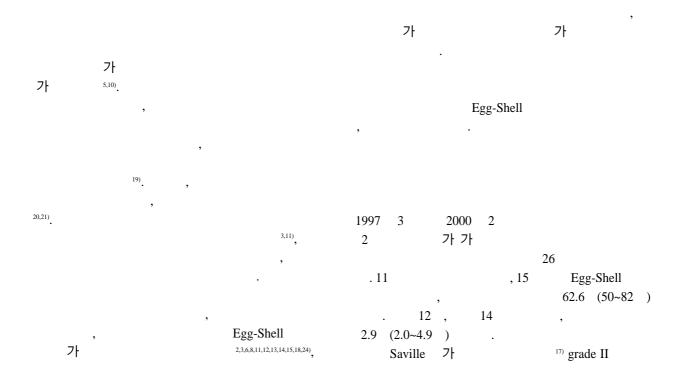


Table 1. Patient characteristics.

	Anterior-Posterior (n=11)	Egg-Shell (n=15)
Age (years)	59.5 ± 7.0	64.7 ± 8.9
M : F	6:5	6:9
Follow-up (months)	36.6 ± 13.7	34.5 ± 11.6
Injury Mechanism		
Slip down	3	12
Fall down from bed	5	2
Traffic accident	2	0
Unknown	1	1
Interval from injury		
to operation (months)	15.9 ± 14.6	14.9 ± 15.1
Fracture level		
T12 or L1	9	11
Below L2	2	4
Medical problem	3	4

^{*} No statistical difference in patient characteristics between two groups

 Table 2. Preoperative and postoperative Frankel grade.

	Anterior-Posterior (n=11)		Egg-Shell (n=15)		
	Preoperative	Postoperative	Preoperative	Postoperative	
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Improvement	7/:	11	11/	/15	

^{*} No statistical difference in preoperative and postoperative Frankel grade between two groups

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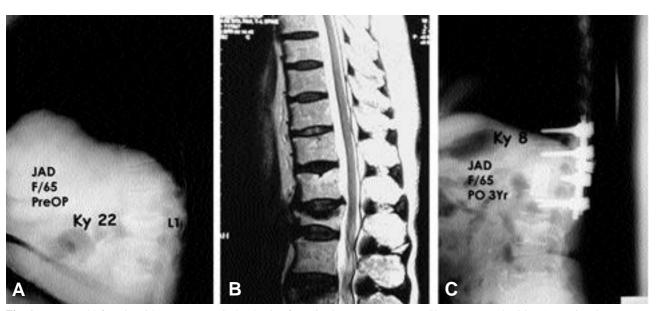


Fig. 1. 65-year-old female with post-traumatic kyphosis after slip down 1.9years ago. She was treated with L1 anterior decompression and T11-L2 posterior interbody fusion.

- **A.** Preoperative X-ray showed severe compression fracture of L1 vertebral body and local kyphosis of 22 °. Preoperative neurologic deficit was Frankel grade D.
- **B.** Preoperative MRI showed neural compression at L1 spinal cord.
- **C.** Postoperative 3 year X-ray showed well maintained state of screws and bone union of graft site. Kyphosis was corrected to 8 ° with neurologic improvement to Frankel grade E.

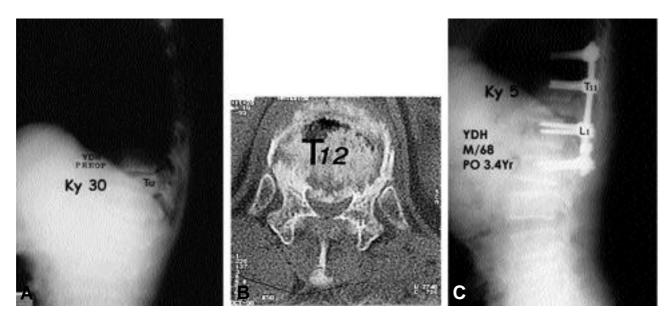


Fig. 2. 68-year-old male with post-traumatic kyphosis after slip down 4 month ago. He was treated with T12 posterior Egg-Shell decompression and T10-L2 posterior interbody fusion.

- **A.** Preoperative X-ray showed severe compression fracture of T12 vertebral body and local kyphosis of 30 °. Preoperative neurologic deficit was Frankel grade D.
- $\textbf{B.} \ \text{Preoperative CT scan showed T12 burst fracture and encroachment of spinal canal by body fragment.}$
- C. Postoperative 3.4 year X-ray showed kyphosis was corrected to 5 °with neurologic improvement to Frankel grade E.

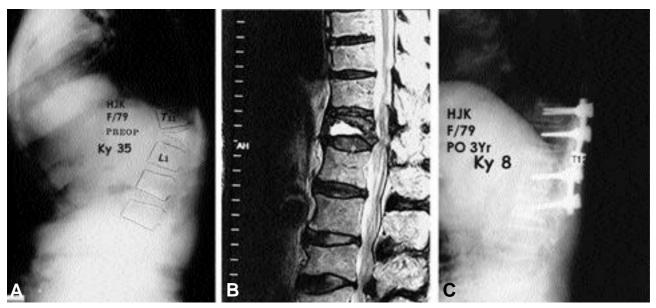


Fig. 3. 79-year-old female with post-traumatic kyphosis after fall down from bed 4 month ago. She was treated with T12 posterior Egg-Shell decompression and T10-L2 posterior interbody fusion.

- **A.** Preoperative X-ray showed severe compression fracture of T12 verbetral body and local kyphosis of 35 °. Preoperative neurologic deficit was Frankel grade B.
- **B**. Preoperative MRI showed neural compression at T12 spinal cord.
- C. Postoperative 3 year X-ray showed kyphosis was corrected to 8 °with neurologic improvement to Frankel grade C.

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Table 3. Radiologic characteristics, operation time, blood loss, and postoperative ambulation.

	Anterior-Posterior (n=11)	Egg-Shell (n=15)
Preoperative		
vertebral body collapse	$58.5 \pm 13.6\%$	$2.4 \pm 22.3\%$
Kyphosis		
Preoperative *	22.2 ± 8.4 °	34.1 ± 12.0 °
Immediate Postoperative	6.8 ± 8.9 °	5.3 ± 8.8 °
Final follow-up	11.0 ± 9.6 °	8.4 ± 10.7 °
Correction *	11.2 ± 12.4 °	25.7 ± 12.2 °
Loss of Correction	4.2 ± 4.6 °	3.1 ± 5.6 °
	$(27.3 \pm 34.1\%)$	$(10.8 \pm 27.1\%)$
Non-Union	0	0
Operation time (minutes) *	350.6 ± 110.5	214.7 ± 50.3
Estimated blood loss (ml) *	2892.3 ± 1360.2	1930.0 ± 810.0
Fusion level*	3.2 ± 0.8	4.3 ± 1.1
Ambulation (days)	6.2	5.8

^{*} p<0.05, Mann-Whitney U test

 Table 4. Complications.

	Anterior-Posterior (n=11)	Egg-Shell (n=15)
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Screw pull-out	2	2
Fracture out of fusion	1	1

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