



Abstract

Surgical Treatment Using a Lateral Approach in Intra-articular Fractures of the Calcaneus

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Purpose: We report the radiologic and the clinical results for surgical treatment of calcaneal fractures involving the subtalar joint.

Methods: We evaluated the findings of radiographs and computed tomographs of 39 patients (40 cases) with intra-articular calcaneal fractures. The fractures were treated with open reduction via an extended lateral approach and internal fixation using a plate. We assessed the radiologic results, such as the Böhler angle, the Gissane angle, and the height/width ratio. We assessed the clinical results based on the criteria of Salama et al.

Results: According to the Essex-Lopresti classification, 9 cases were classified as tongue type and 31 cases as joint depression type. According to the Sanders classification, 10 cases were classified as type IIA, 4 cases as IIB, 16 cases as IIIAB, 4 cases as IIIAC, and 6 cases as type IV. The mean preoperative Böhler angle was 7.7, the mean postoperative Böhler angle was 21.1, and the mean last follow-up Böhler angle was 16.8. Clinical results classified as 10 excellent, 13 good, 11 fair, and 6 poor.

Conclusion: In the treatment of intra-articular fractures of the calcaneus, open reduction via an extended lateral approach seems to be a useful method in that it can provide direct exposure of the subtalar joint with little morbidity.

Key Words: Calcaneus, Intra-articular fracture, Lateral approach

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Essex-Lopresti (1)

Sanders (2)

(recon-

struction plate)

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(1-4).

(Fig. 1).

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10 ~ 12

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(Böhler angle)

(Gissane crucial angle)

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Table 1. Salama 's criteria used in assessment of clinical results

2000	2003	Essex-Lopresti	Sanders	Steinmann	Salama's criteria
39	40	12	가	가	Excellent
69	33	42	가	가	Patient satisfied
가 30	가 6	가	가	가	Normal mobility of joint
6	가 3	가	가	가	Asymptomatic broadening of the heel
(13 ~ 52)	가 2	가	가	가	No pain
Lopresti (1)		Essex-Lopresti			Good
Sanders (2)					Patient satisfied but occasional pain
					Walking ability unaffected
					Slight limitation of inversion-eversion
					Mild flat foot
					Fair
					Patient not entirely satisfied(reserved)
					Pain after exertion
					Walking ability reduced
					Limitation of tarsal movements
					Poor
					Special shoes
					Patient not satisfied
					Pain even on slight effort
					Walking ability markedly reduced
					Limitation of joint movement
					Change of occupation

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108 /
0.48, 0.55 0.55
(Table 2).

Salama (7) 가 Essex-Lopresti
(Table. 1) , Excellent 2 , Good 4 , Fair 3
6 (67%) .
Excellent, Good, Fair Poor , Excellent 8 , Good 9 , Fair 8 ,
Poor 6 17 (55%)
(Table 3). Sanders
Type II 10 (71%), Type III
Essex-Lopresti 9 12 (60%), Type IV 1
(17%) (Table 4).
, 31 . Sanders
IIA 10 , IIB 4 , IIIAB
16 , IIIAC 4 , IV 6 , IIIAB 8 (19%)
가 . 가 ,
7.7 , 21.1 , 가 . 2 (5%)
16.8 .
13.4 ,
4.7 .

Table 2. Radiologic results

	Bohler angle	Gissane angle	Height/Width ratio
Preoperative	7.67	118.4	0.48
Postoperative	21.12	111.0	0.55
Follow-up	16.8	108.0	0.55

Table 3. Clinical results: according to Essex-Lopresti classification

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Tongue	2	4	3	-	9
Joint depression	8	9	8	6	31
Total	10	13	11	6	40

Table 4. Clinical results: according to Sanders classification

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Type II	6	4	4	-	14
Type III	4	8	6	2	20
Type IV	-	1	1	4	6
Total	10	13	11	6	40



Fig. 1. (A) Preoperative lateral radiograph of joint depression type fracture of the calcaneus. (B) Preoperative CT scan. (C) Immediate postoperative lateral radiograph shows restoration of subtalar joint. (D) After 1 year 6 months, implants were removed.

Lopresti (1)

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Bohler

(9).

Gissane

Sanders (2)

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McReynolds(16)

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(11,17).

(1,7,10,12).

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가 (6).

(13).

(18,19).

, Paley

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(14)

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, Crosby (15)

Bohler

Gissane

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