



MINIMALLY INVASIVE PLATE OSTEOSYNTHESIS WITH LOCKING COMPRESSION PLATE IN FRACTURE SHAFT OF HUMERUS- TECHNIQUE AND CASE REPORT

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ABSTRACT

A 27 year old male patient came with right arm pain and deformity. Radiograph showed fracture shaft of humerus. He underwent MIPO procedure. Follow up were done in periodic interval. He has acceptable shoulder movements at 4 months following surgical fixation.

KEYWORDS

Hemoglobin, Intravenous ferric carboxymaltose, Intravenous iron sucrose, Serum ferritin.

INTRODUCTION:

A fracture of the humeral shaft is a common event, accounting to 3% of all fractures¹. Most will heal with appropriate conservative care, although a small number will require surgery for optimal outcome. Surgical management is required in special circumstances such as polytrauma, open or bilateral fractures, floating elbow and obesity². Open reduction and internal fixation (ORIF) with plates and screws continues to be considered the gold standard for surgical treatment given its lower complication rate^{3,4} and shorter time to union⁵ over intramedullary nailing.

Due to concerns about soft tissue dissection required for ORIF, a less invasive technique that allows indirect reduction and percutaneous plating of the anterior humerus has been developed known as minimally invasive percutaneous plate osteosynthesis (MIPPO). Early reports have shown excellent healing rates and alignment, and infrequent complications⁶⁻⁸.

Case Report: A 27 year old gentlemen presented to our emergency clinic with pain and deformity of right arm after RTA. Clinical evaluation revealed his neurovascular status to be intact. Radiograph revealed transverse fracture shaft of humerus (Figure1).

He underwent MIPO (minimally invasive plate osteosynthesis) on the next day. His post operative radiographs showed a satisfactory fixation (Figure 2). He was followed up regularly. Six weeks following surgery he was started on physiotherapy and was assessed periodically. At 12 weeks his radiograph showed good signs of union (Figure3). At the end of 6 months he had acceptable range of motion (Figure 4,5,6,7).



Figure 2

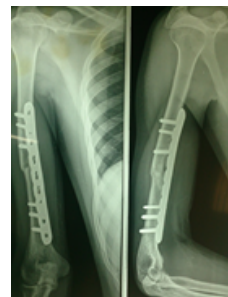


Figure 3

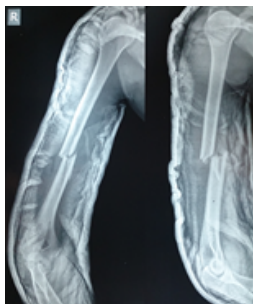


Figure 1



Figure 4 shoulder Abduction



Figure 5 Shoulder Extension



Intra Operative images



Figure 6 Shoulder Internal rotation



Figure 7 Shoulder External rotation

DISCUSSION :

Surgical options for treatment of humeral shaft fracture include open reduction and internal fixation with dynamic compression plate, intramedullary nail osteosynthesis and minimally invasive bridge plate fixation. Open reduction and rigid internal fixation with absolute stability using dynamic compression plates is today's standard and is the more common surgical option for treatment of this fractures.^{9,10,11}

Current concepts of internal fixation of shaft fractures of the long bones advocate relative stabilisation techniques with no harm to the fracture zone¹². MIPPO has been reported as safe and effective method and is known to have biomechanical advantage for comminuted fractures.⁸

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