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Comparison between Posterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion with Pedicle Screw Fixation and Posterolateral Fusion with Pedicle Screw Fixation in Spondylolytic Spondylolisthesis in Adults

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– Abstract –

Study design: This was a retrospective study that analyzed and compared the results between a posterior lumbar interbody fusion, and a posterolateral fusion (PLIF+PLF), and PLF alone, in the treatment of spondylolytic spondylolisthesis in adults.

Objectives: To evaluate the outcomes of two surgical treatment methods for spondylolytic spondylolisthesis- posterolateral fusion alone, and circumferential fusion, using posterior lumbar interbody fusion and posterolateral fusion.

Summary of Literature Review: There have been many reports regarding the surgical treatment of spondylolisthesis. Posterior lumbar interbody fusions have certain distinct mechanical advantages over posterolateral ones. However, the clinical and radiological results do not usually correlate.

Materials and Methods: Between January 1998 and December 2001, 38 patients, with spondylolytic spondylolisthesis, were operated on by a single surgeon. Nineteen patients underwent a posterolateral fusion alone (group I), with the same number undergoing an additional posterior lumbar interbody fusion (group II). These two groups were evaluated for their clinical outcomes, radiological measurements and fusion rates.

Results: The losses in the slip reduction were 7.1 and 1.3% in the PLF and PLF+PLIF groups, respectively ($P<0.05$). The losses in the Meschan angle were 3.3 and 0.2 in the PLF and PLF+PLIF groups, respectively ($P<0.05$). The losses in the disc height restoration were 10.4 and 3.8% in the PLF and PLF+PLIF groups, respectively ($P<0.05$). A nonunion was observed in 3 of the PLF cases (15.8%) and 1 of the PLF+PLIF (5.3%). However, the satisfactory clinical results were 84.2 and 73.7% in the PLF and PLF+PLIF groups, respectively ($P>0.05$).

Conclusions: Although the addition of a posterior lumbar interbody fusion, to an instrumented posterolateral fusion, following decompression, is more predictable in maintaining a correction and achieving union, a posterolateral fusion may have a better clinical outcome in patients with low grade spondylolytic spondylolisthesis. Therefore, careful patient selection is necessary for each operation.

Key Words: Spondylolytic spondylolisthesis, Posterior lumbar interbody fusion, Posterolateral fusion, Pedicle screw fixation

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20 1 가가

.1 (PLF)

가 19 , 2 가 (PLF+PLIF)

Gill ¹⁴⁾ , 19 .

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4,8,9) .

가 , 가 PLF 가 5 , 가 14 32

가 가 63 51 . 18

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5 가 8 3 2 4 가 9 ,

10,22,30,35,37) . Meyerding

360 Grade I 14 (73.7%)

Grade II 5 (26.3%) 12

가 44 28 . PLF+PLIF

2,6,10,12,15,16,19,20,22,26,30,33,37) , 19 가 5 , 가 14

PLF 46.8

가 19 62

18

가 12

가 3 4 5

가 9 3 1 .

Meyerding Grade I 14

(73.7%), Grade II가 5 (26.3%) PLF

12 27

18 1 3 (16%), 2

가 2 (11%) .

360 PLF PLF+PLIF

가 (P=0.001), (P=0.278),

(P=1.000), (P=0.822), (P=1.000),

(P=0.697) 가

(Table 1).

1. 2. Jackson table(OSI, Memphis,

1998 1 2001 12 TN)

Gill ¹⁴⁾

Table 1. Patients data

	PLF group	PLF + PLIF group	Significance (P value)
Number of cases	19	19	1.000
Age(years)	32~63 (51.0)	19~62 (46.8)	0.278
Gender(M:F)	5 : 14	5 : 14	1.000
Isthmic defect			
L3	2	1	0.822
L4	9	9	
L5	8	9	
Meyerding Grade			
I	14	14	1.000
II	5	5	
Follow-up	27.6 (12~44) months	18.3 (12~27) months	0.001
Smoking	3 (15.8 %)	2 (10.5 %)	0.697

PLF : posterolateral fusion
 PLIF : posterior lumbar interbody fusion

5,19,20) . Gill 가 , 2 1 가 , 4 (curette) 가 B, 가 가 C, D A B Brantigan 3) 2~3 가 , 가 Moss Miami instrumentation(DePuy AcroMed, Rayn- ham, MA) Synergy instrumentation (Interpore Cross, Irvine, CA) 가 independent sample t-test Chi-square test

3. 가 (Table 2), 가 21) 1. 가 Taillard 38) Kim 21) , Meschan 16), (PLF)

Table 2. Criteria for clinical results

Excellent	Complete relief of pain in back and lower limb No limitation of physical activity Analgesics not used Able to squat on the floor
Good	Relief of most of pain in back and lower limb Able to return to accustomed employment Physical activities slightly limited Analgesics used only infrequently Able to squat on the floor
Fair	Partial relief of pain in back and lower limb Able to return to accustomed employment with limitation, or return to light work Physical activities definitely limited Mild analgesics medication used frequently Mild limitation to squat on the floor
Poor	Little or no relief of pain in back and lower limb Physical activities greatly limited Unable to return to accustomed employment Analgesic medication used regularly Unable to squat on the floor without support

Table 3. Clinical results (Kim et al, 1991)²¹

	PLF group (%)	PLF + PLIF group (%)	(PLF)	20.4%	10.8%
Excellent	7(36.8)	4(21.1)	9.6%		
Good	9(47.4)	10(52.6)	17.9%	7.1%	
Fair	2(10.5)	3(15.8)	가	가	
Poor	1(5.3)	2(10.5)	(PLF+PLIF)	19.4%	9.0%
			10.4%		10.3%

P=0.790

가 36.8%, 가 47.4% ,
가 (PLF+PLIF) 가 21.1%,
가 52.6%

84.2% 73.7% PLF 가 가

(P>0.05)(Table 3).

1 170(120~255) , 12. , 6.8. 5.2. 가 ,
15.7(11~19) , 10.1. 3.3. 가
685(280~1560)ml , 2 (PLF+PLIF)
219(170~285) , 18.1(9~51) , Meschan 11.3. 3.8. 7.4.
805(400~2250)ml . (P=0.001),
가 4.1. 0.2. Meschan

(P>0.05).

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Taillard 28.4% 36.0% 7.5% 가

Table 4. Changes of slip(%)

	Preop	Postop	Last F/U	Correction degree*	Loss of correction†
PLF	20.4	10.8	17.9	9.6	7.1
PLF + PLIF	19.4	9.0	10.3	10.4	1.3

*P = 0.677

†P = 0.001

Table 5. Changes of Meschan angle(°)

	Preop	Postop	Last F/U	Correction degree*	Loss of correction†
PLF	12.0	6.8	10.2	5.2	3.3
PLF + PLIF	11.3	3.8	4.1	7.4	0.2

*P = 0.117

†P = 0.014

Table 6. Changes of disc height(%)

	Preop	Postop	Last F/U	Correction degree*	Loss of correction†
PLF	28.4	36.0	26.5	7.5	10.4
PLF + PLIF	27.8	38.1	34.3	10.3	3.8

*P = 0.204

†P = 0.002

가 26.5% 10.4% .

가 (PLF+PLIF) 27.8%, 3. .

38.1% 10.3% 가 34.3% 3.8% PLF 2 , 2

가 (PLF+PLIF) PLF+PLIF 2 1

(P=0.002)(Table 6).

4) (PLF) 1 6 가

Lenke ²⁵⁾ A 11 가

(57.9%), B 5 (26.3%), C 3 (15.8%) 84.2%

(PLF+PLIF) A가 12 (63.1%), B가 6 (31.6%), C가 1 (5.3%) 94.7% PLF

(P=0.567).

PLF+PLIF 16 가

1 89.5% ¹¹⁾ 가

가 1 가

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가 2,5-7,10,12,15,19,20,23,26,31,33,37)

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12,18,20,22,26,31)

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37)

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. Song ³⁴⁾

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Jan Verlooy ¹⁸⁾

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73.7%

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Kim and Kim²¹⁾

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		가		(PLF+PLIF)	
: 1998		2001			
(PLF)		(PLF)	(19)	가	
(PLF+PLIF)	(19)	가			28
18		가 PLF	84.2%	PLF+PLIF	73.7%
(P>0.05). Taillard		9.6%	10.4%		
Meschan	7.1%	1.3%	PLF+PLIF		(P<0.05).
PLF+PLIF	5.2%	7.4%	가	3.3%	0.2%
가	10.4%	3.8%	(P<0.05).	PLF+PLIF	7.5%
	(P<0.05),				10.3%
				170	219
					PLF+PLIF