

Amendment for progressive kyphotic deformity in Spinal Tuberculosis : Challenges and Outcomes

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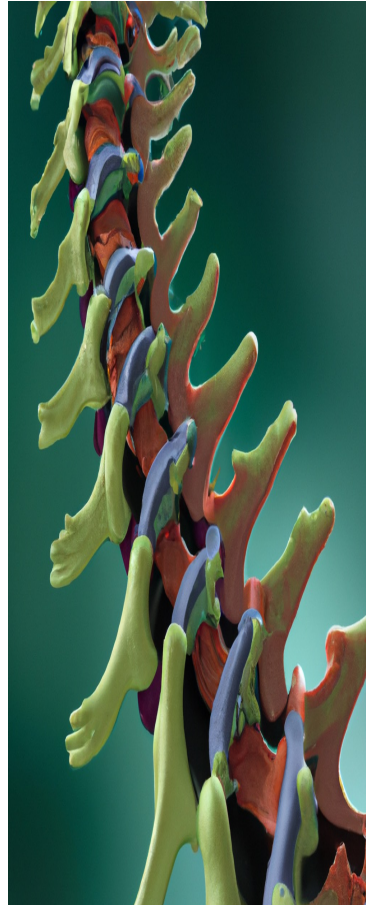
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Introduction

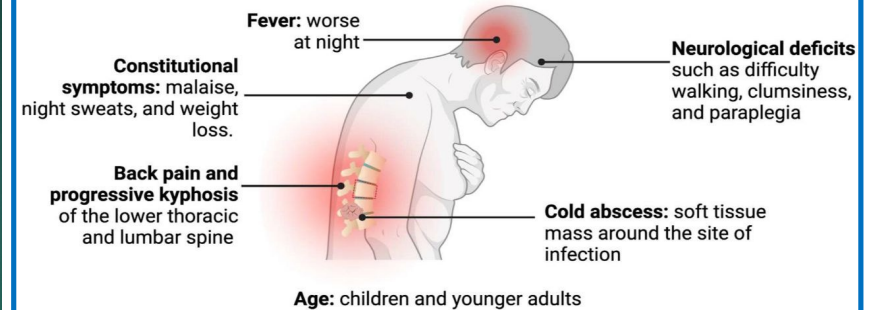
- > 3 Million patients with active spinal tuberculosis in the world today
- Surgical treatment for TB Spine sometimes becomes inevitable.
- If surgical management ignored or not done accordingly then patient may come with kyphotic deformity of Spine.
- There are so many amendment for correction of post TB Kyphotic deformity.
- Whatever the amendment is, the result of surgical correction of post tb kyphosis is excellent and patient may lead smooth and healthy life.

- ❖ > **80%** have a certain degree of detectable kyphosis at the time of presentation
- ❖ Takes **3-4** months to appear

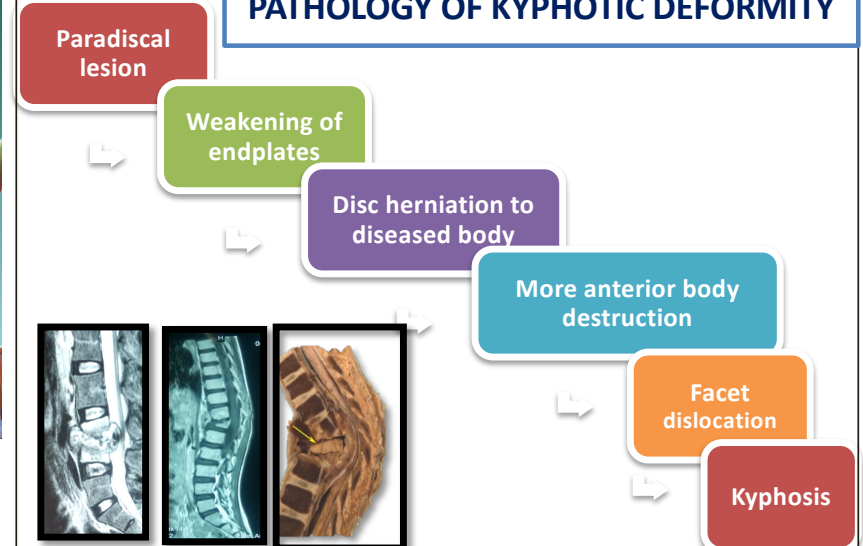


Post TB Kyphosis

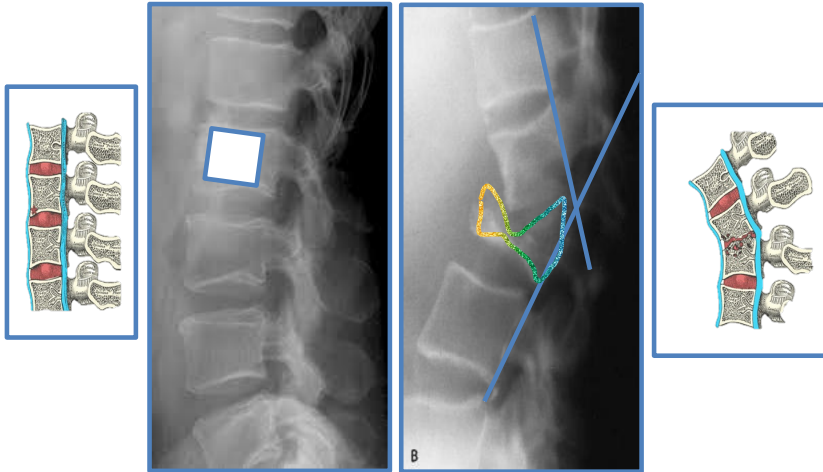
Pott's disease (spinal tuberculosis) common clinical presentation



PATHOLOGY OF KYPHOTIC DEFORMITY



Consequences of TB Spine - Kyphosis
If untreated or inadequately treated



≈30°-35°
kyphosis

WET & HEALED TB

kyphosis progresses in 2 distinct phases

- Phase I or active/wet phase (1st 18-24 months)
- Phase II or healed phase

Severity of kyphosis

- Extent of destruction
- Age of the patient
- Level of lesion

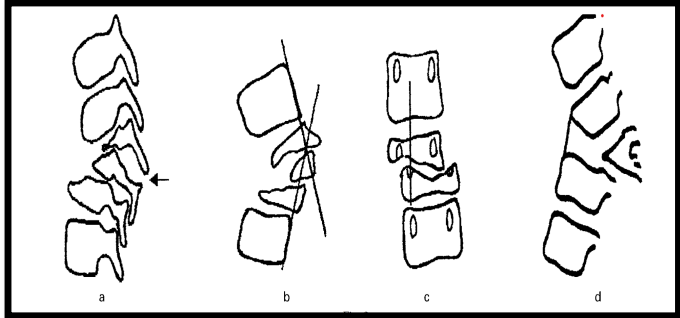
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The natural history of post-tubercular kyphosis in children

RADIOLOGICAL SIGNS WHICH PREDICT LATE INCREASE IN DEFORMITY

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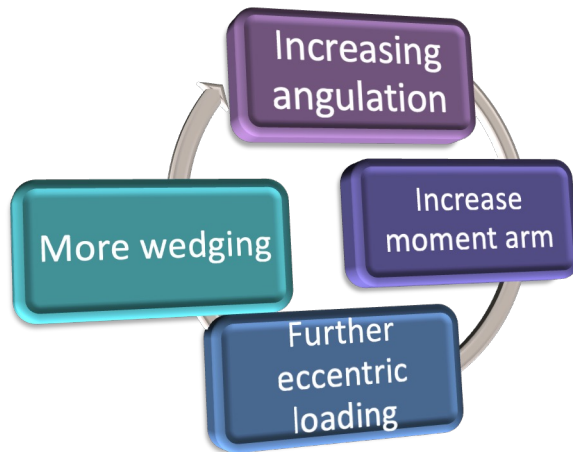
- Age <7 years at the time of disease,
- Thoracolumbar involvement,
- loss of >2 vertebral bodies
- Presence of ≥ 2 **spine at risk signs**



INDICATION OF SURGERY

- 1 Progressive Neurological Deficits
- 2 Risk of kyphosis progression
- 3 Cardio-Pulmonary compromise

OSTEOTOMIES



Facetectomy

3 to 5°/segment

Wilson and Ponte
Chevron Osteotomy

Up to 10°

SPO (Smith Peterson
Osteotomy)

10° to 20°

PSO (Pedicule Subtraction
osteotomy)

17°

VCR

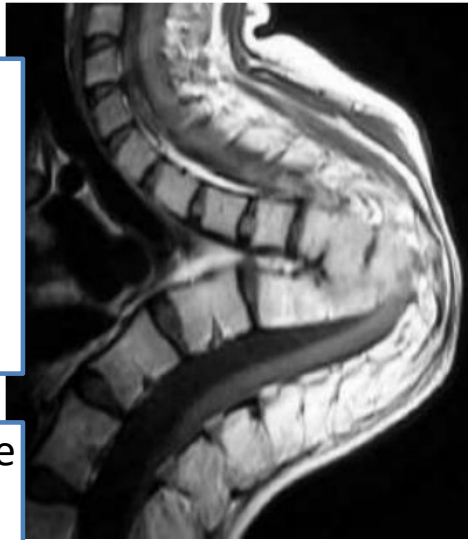
40°

Challenges:

- Cosmetic and psychological disturbance.
 - Costo-pelvic impingement.
 - Secondary cardiorespiratory problems.
- Affects the anterior column in more than 90 of patients.
 - Late onset paraplegia.
 - Correction difficult with high rate of complications.

More than 1.5 Vertebral body destruction

- $>60^{\circ}$ kyphosis
- Active disease
- Vicious Cycle



Risk factors for severe progression

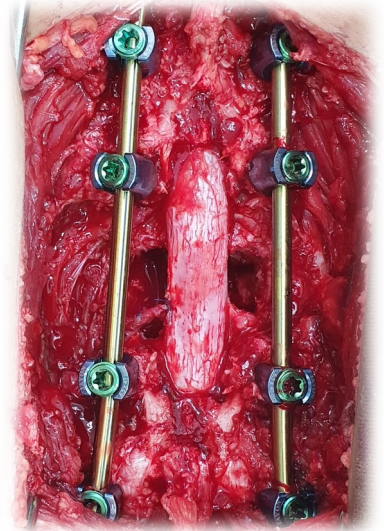
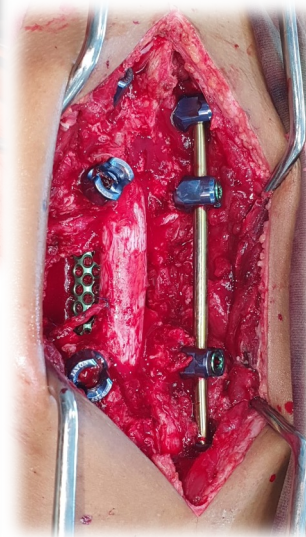
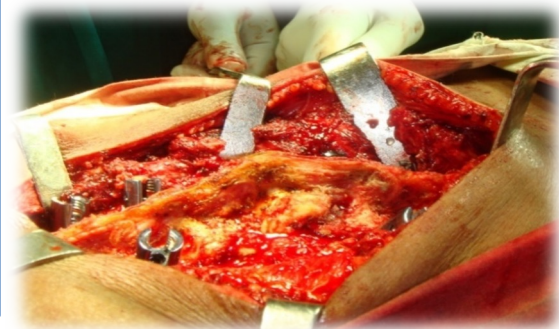
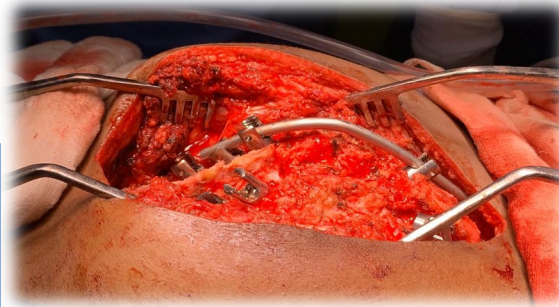
- Age below 10 years.
- Vertebral body loss of more than 1–1.5
- A pre-treatment deformity angle of greater than 30 deg, especially in children.
- Cervical thoracic and thoracolumbar junctional lesions.
- The presence of 'spine-at-risk' radiological signs.

- Prospective study of 11 patients (4M+7F)
- Total number of cases: 11
- M= 02, F= 09
- Dry TB = 3, Wet TB = 6
- Age range: 09 to 67 years
- Study place & period: From January 2018 to July 2022 at NITOR & BSOH
- Follow-up: 3 months 4 years
- Anti TB: 12-18 months

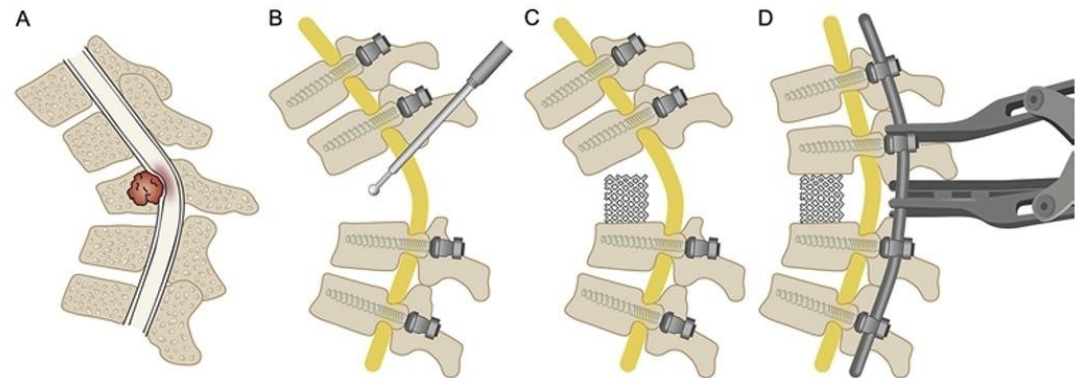
Techniques

- ❑ Proper positioning & exposure
- ❑ Insertion of pedicle screws
- ❑ Posterior column osteotomy:
 - Wide apical laminectomy
 - Excision of TP & portion of adjacent rib (occasional)
 - Temporary rod stabilization
 - Excision of pedicle & vertebral body

- ❑ Ligature of the thoracic nerve root on the convexity
- ❑ Discectomy above & below
- ❑ Placement of a cage
- ❑ Gradual correction
- ❑ Final stabilization

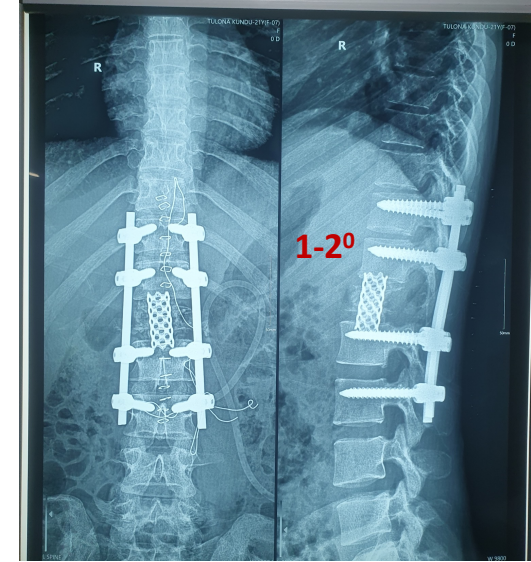


PVCR



Case Illustration

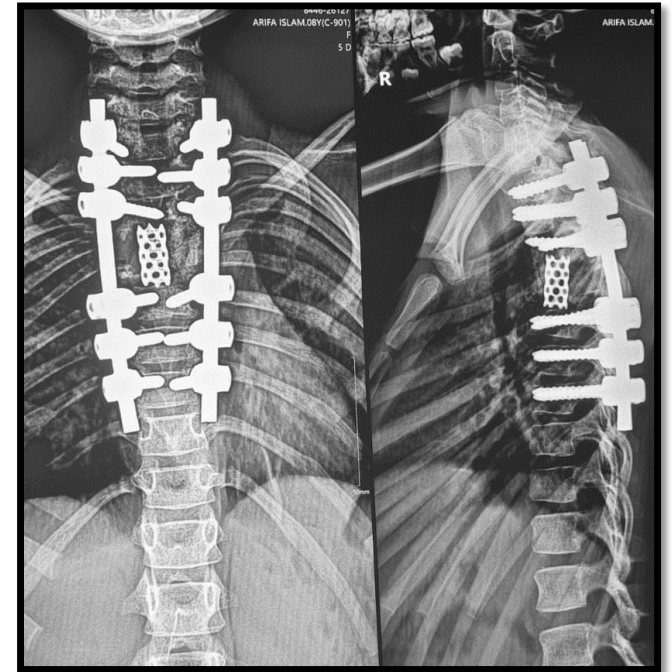
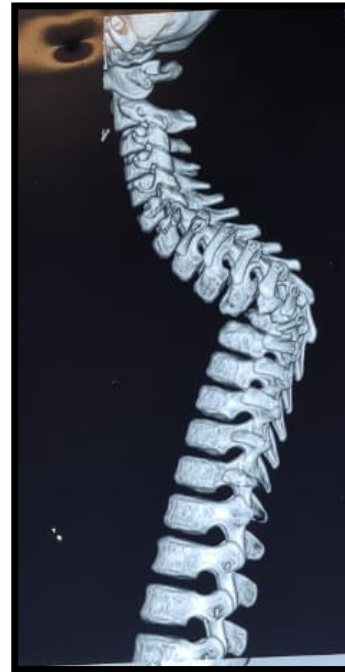
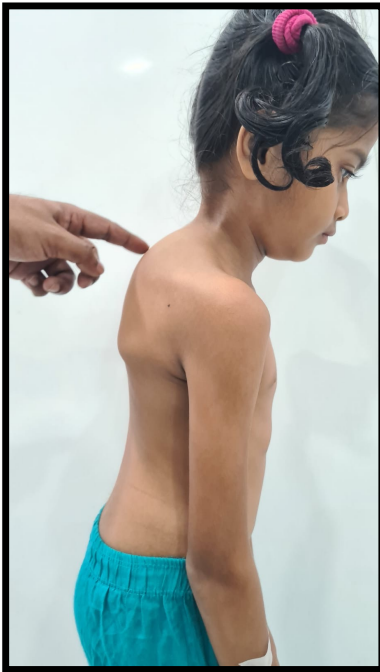
F/35, Wet TB at L1, Kyphosis 45°



Pre Operative

Post Operative

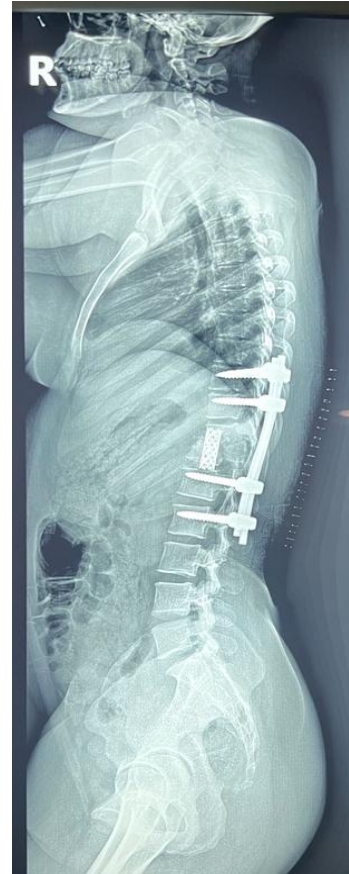
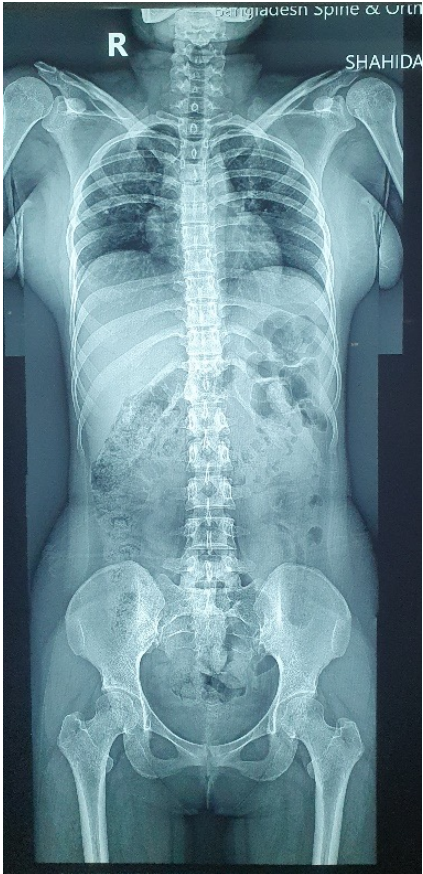
F/12, Dry TB at D4, Kyphosis 90°



Pre Operative

Post Operative

F/45, Healed TB at D11/12, Kyphosis 45°



Discussion

- Clinical outcome was assessed by Oswestry Disability Index (ODI) and Visual Analog scale (VAS)
- Preoperative, postoperative and final follow-up were assessed by x-ray, CT scan & MRI.
- The surgical approach : posterior approach with cord release and correction by transpedicular wedge osteotomy and widening of the spinal canal & Vertebral column resection (VCR)



Result

Result	No of patient	Percentage
Excellent	16	70%
Good	6	18%
Fair	2	8%
Poor	1	4%

Take Home Message

- ❖ Post TB Kyphotic Deformity Correction is a highly technically demanding
- ❖ Associated with a variety of complications
- ❖ Can be performed safely with proper training and patience