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## Thoracic Fracture-Dislocations Without Spinal Cord Injury - Two Cases Reports -

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### – Abstract –

Thoracic fracture-dislocations reportedly lead to an 80% incidence of complete paraplegia. Thus, thoracic fracture-dislocations without cord injury are uncommon. There are a few cases of thoracic fracture-dislocations in which the neural sparing status was associated with separation of the posterior spinal structures, such as the pedicles and laminae. The authors experienced two cases of thoracic fracture-dislocations without spinal cord injury: one was a 50-year-old man who fell from the fourth floor of a building and sustained a T6-7 fracture-dislocation; and the other was a 43-year-old man who was involved in motorcycle accident and sustained a T12 fracture-dislocation. Segmental spinal instrumentation and fusion without open reduction was performed in each of the two cases and there has not been any abnormality detected on neurological examination at a minimum follow-up period of 2 years.

**Key Words:** Thoracic fracture-dislocation, Segmental spinal instrumentation and fusion, Neural sparing

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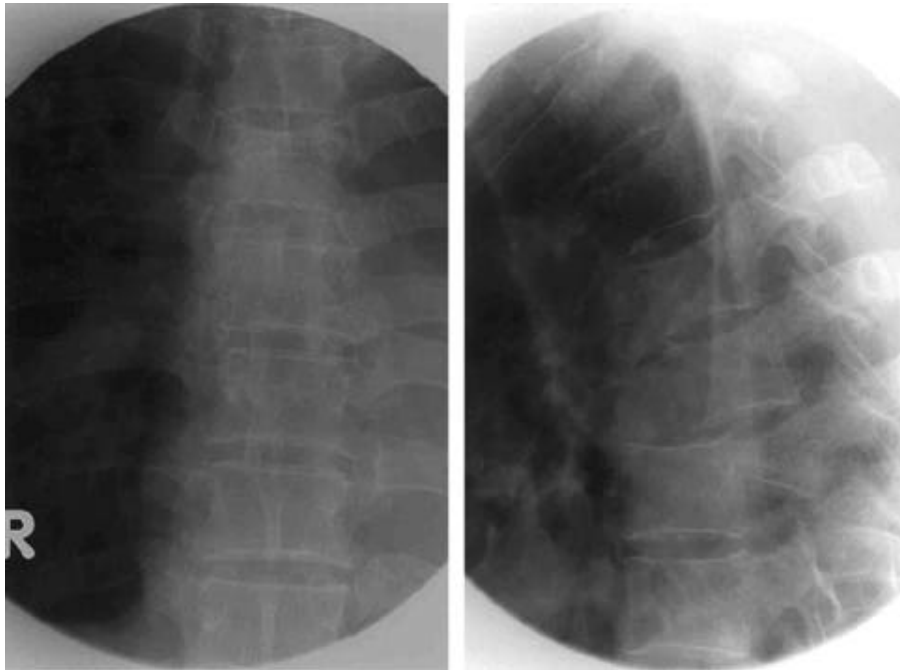
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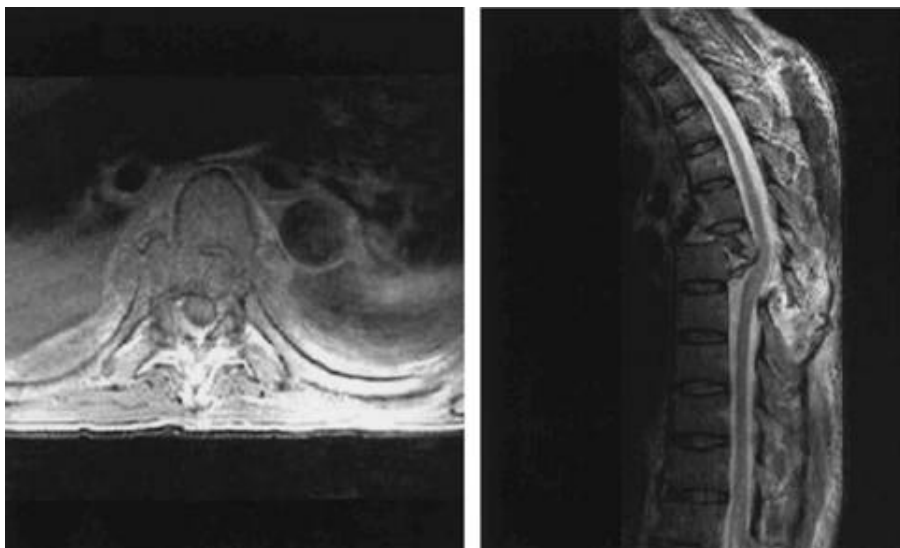
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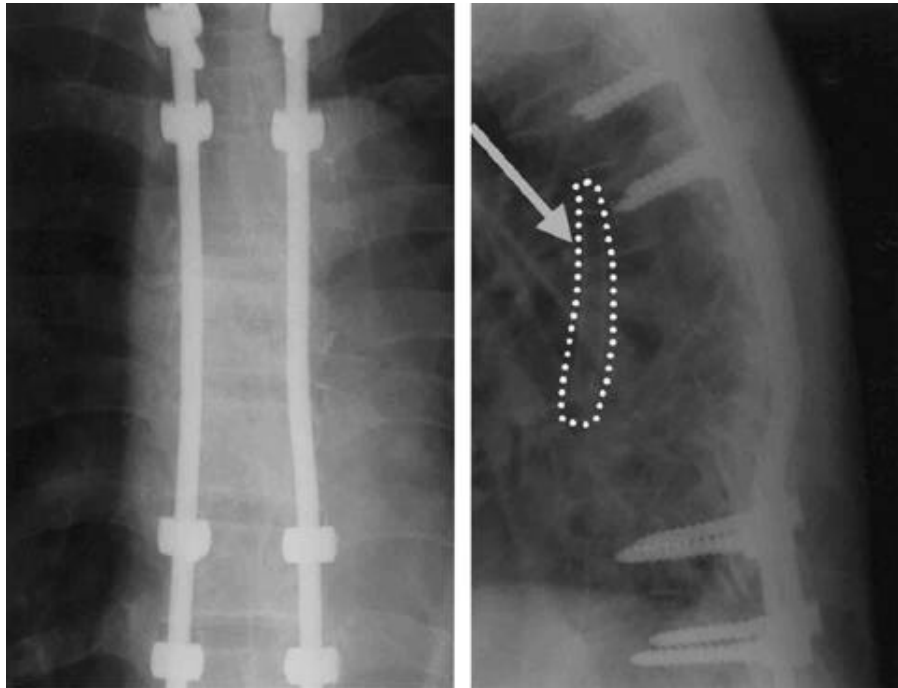


**Fig. 1.** Anteroposterior and lateral radiographs showing fracture-dislocation of T6/T7.



**Fig. 2.** Preoperative CT scans and MR images showing translational displacement of the body of T6, shearing off the neural arch with bilateral pedicle fracture.

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**Fig. 3.** Postoperative anteroposterior and lateral radiographs after a posterior fusion (T5-T10) and anterior fusion(T5-T7, arrow).



**Fig. 4.** Anteroposterior and lateral radiographs showing fracture-dislocation of T12.

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Fig. 5. Preoperative CT scans and MR images of T12 show translational separation of T12 vertebral body.

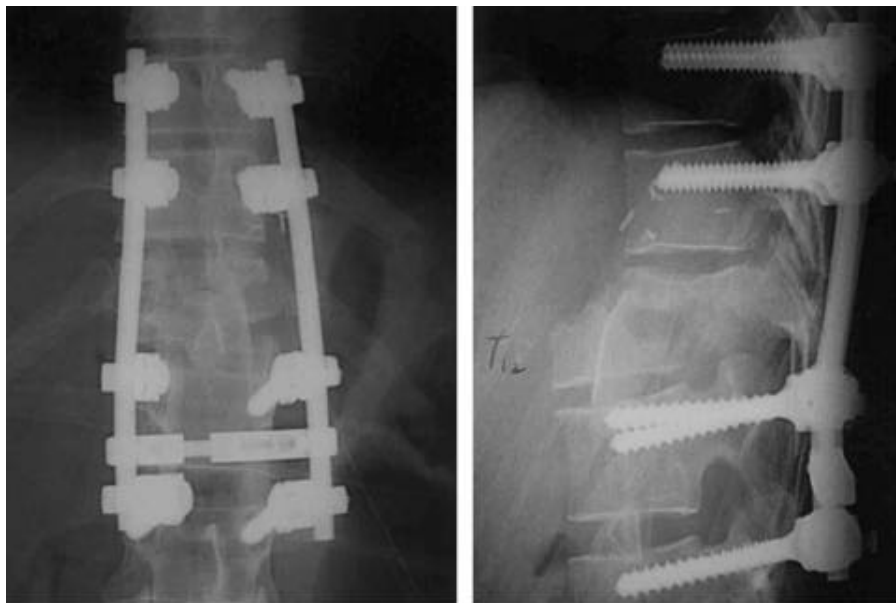


Fig. 6. Postoperative anteroposterior and lateral radiographs after posterior and anterior fusion.

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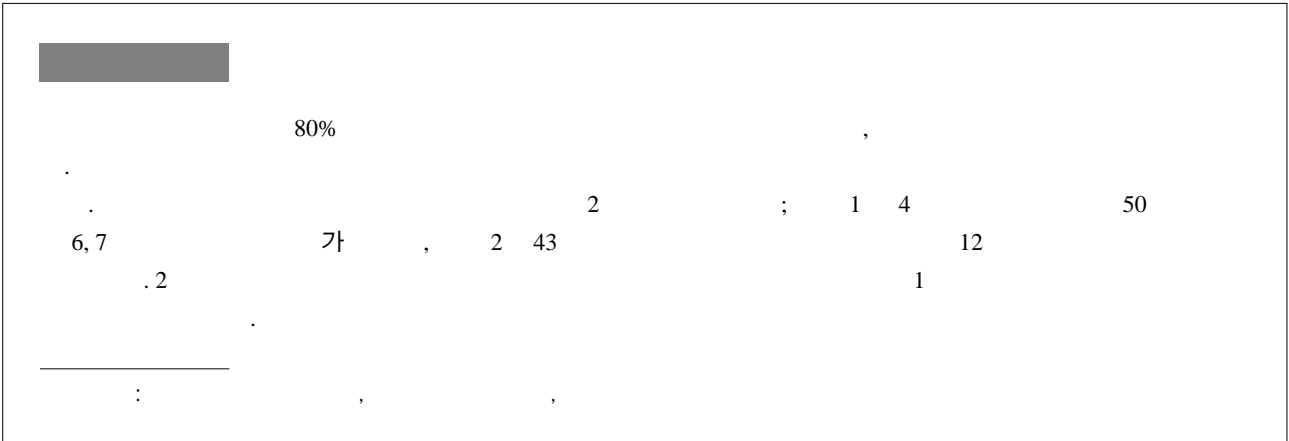
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