

Cervicothoracic Changes After Dual Growing Rod Surgery for EOS

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Summary of Background Data

- Posterior distraction-based growing rods are a commonly used technique for the surgical management of EOS
- However, there are no published studies on how serial growing rod lengthenings effect:
 - Sagittal balance
 - Cervicothoracic alignment



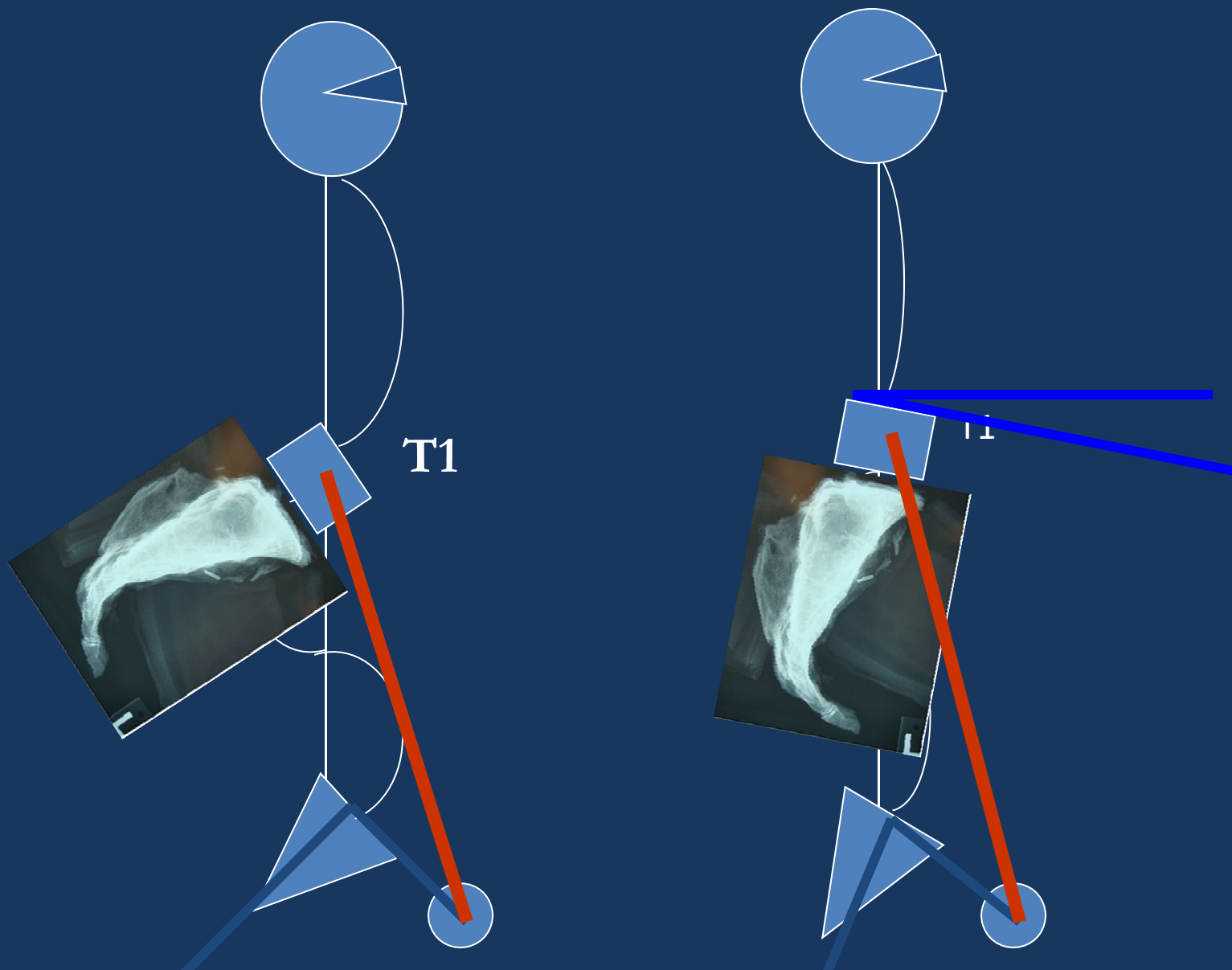
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- **Shah et al. reported:**

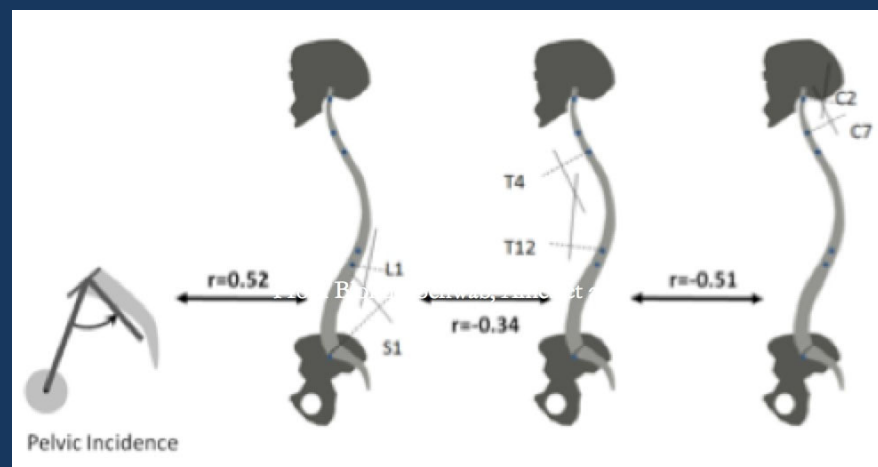
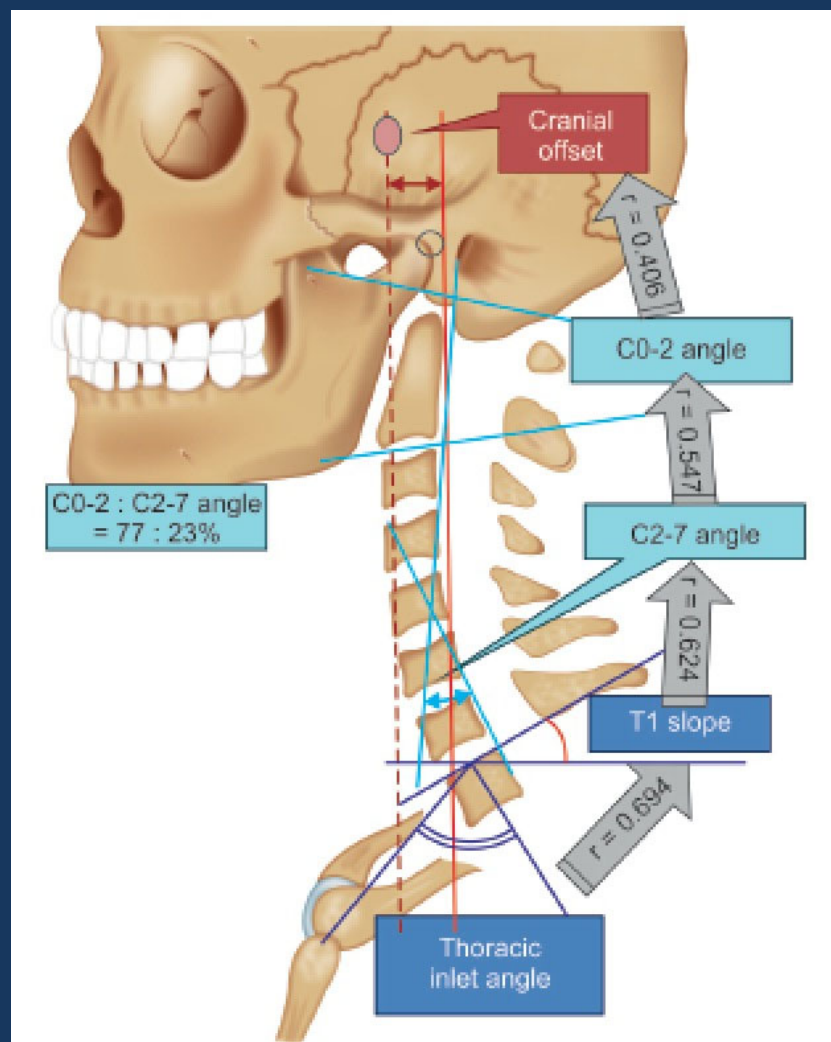
- 42 growing rod patients with 2-year follow up
- TK, SVA, Pelvic Parameters (PI, PT, SS), LL
- TK and LL decreased after index procedure; then increased until final FU
- Pelvic parameters remained unchanged
- SVA returned to more neutral alignment



Concept CT “Incidence”-T1 slope



T1 Slope Concept



CHAPTER 27

Posterior Cervicothoracic Osteotomy

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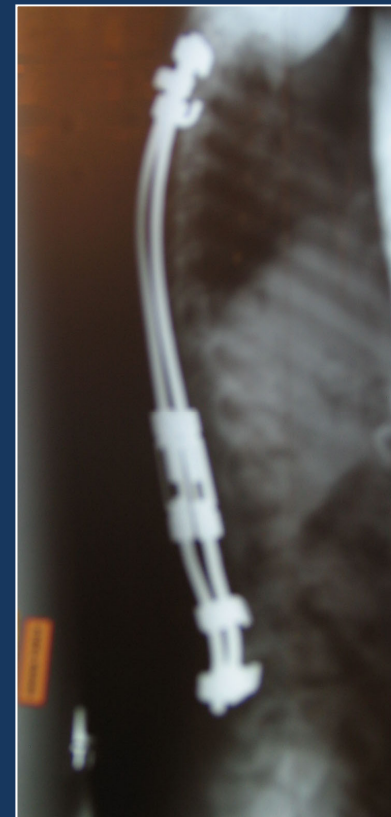
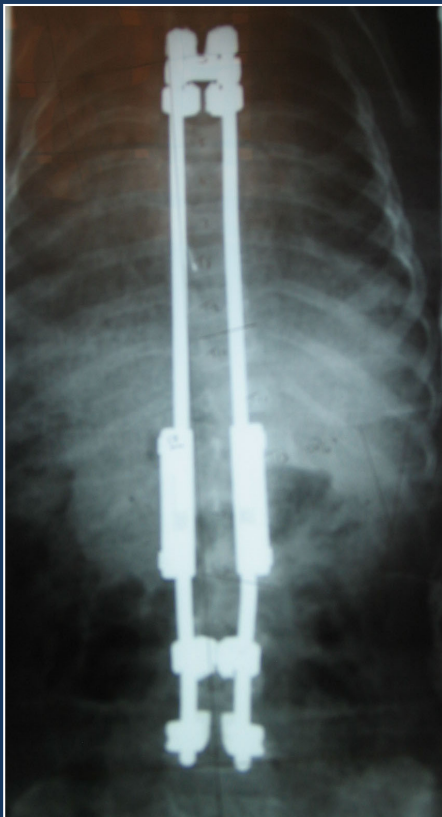
Clinical Questions

- **What effect does distraction based lengthening in growing rod surgery have on:**
 - Cervical sagittal alignment
 - Cervicothoracic junction
- **Are we altering the cervicothoracic sagittal profile?**
 - Fostering development cervical kyphosis
 - May lead to poor clinical outcomes



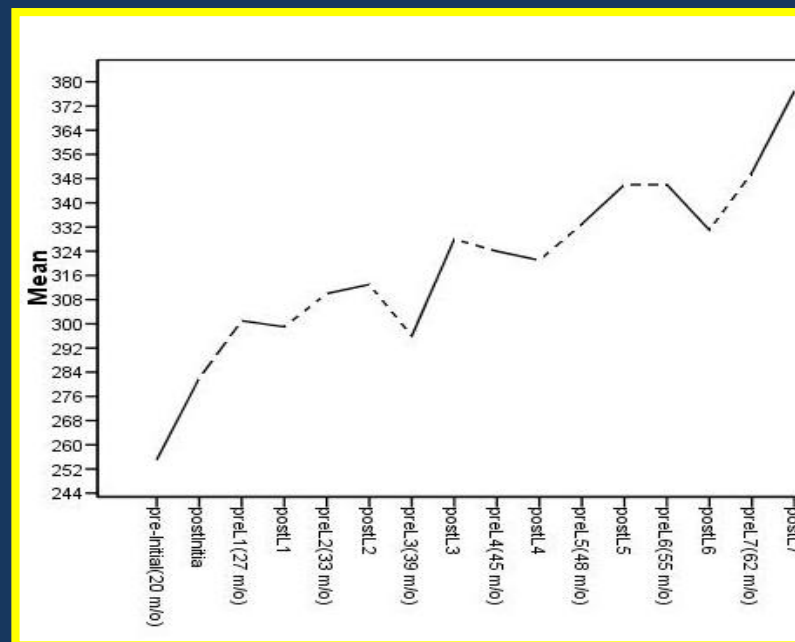
Hypothesis

- Serial Dual Growing Rod Lengthenings does not lead to Cervicothoracic Kyphosis or sagittal plane decompensation



Methodology

- Retrospective review of a multicenter EOS database
- Determine if dual growing rod surgery alters sagittal plane alignment after serial distraction



Methodology

- Inclusion Criteria:
 - Diagnosis of EOS
 - Any etiology
 - Ambulatory prior to index growing rod surgery
 - Dual growing rod treatment
 - Minimum of 2-year FU

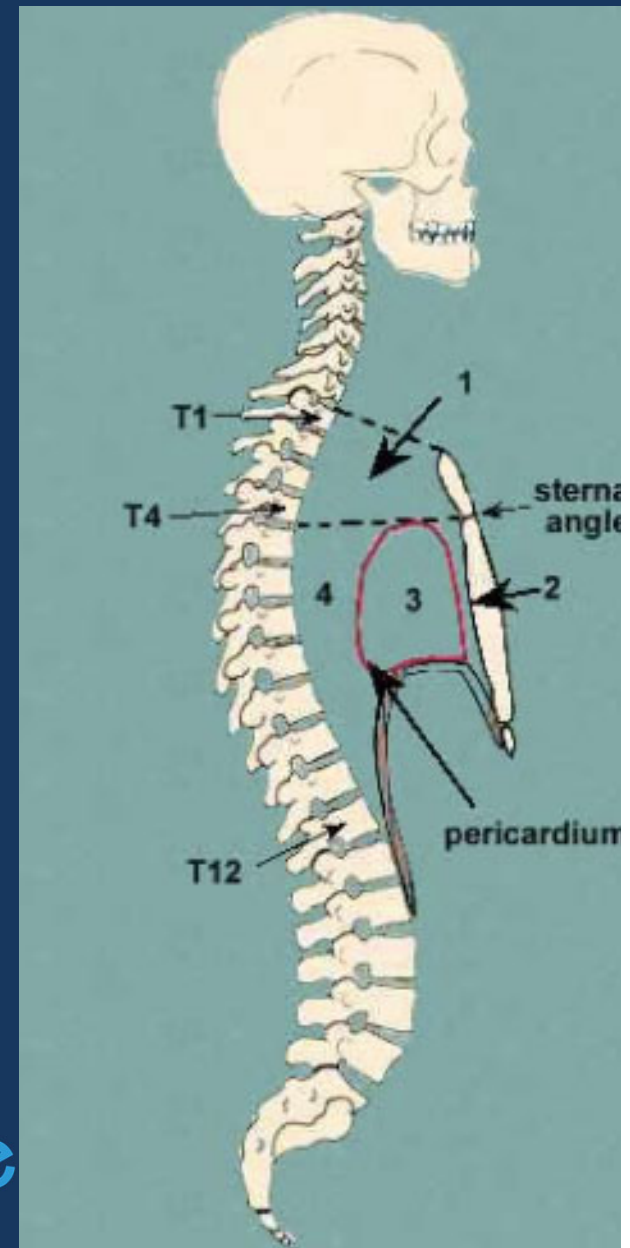


Methodology

- **Standing scoliosis x-rays**
- **Study time points:**
 - Pre-op, immediate post-op, FU prior to definitive fusion
- **Radiographic analysis included:**
 - Cervical Lordosis (C2-C7)
 - T1 Slope
 - T1 Thoracic Incidence (surrogate measure CT junction)
 - Thoracic Kyphosis (T2-T12/T5-T12)
 - C2 (SVA)
 - C7 (SVA)
 - Pelvic incidence; Pelvic Tilt, Sacral Slope



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Pre-op lengthening

Pre-op lengthening

**Thoracic inlet angle =
T1 slope + Neck tilt**

T1 slope

Neck tilt

CERVICAL LORDOSIS

C2 SLOPE 2

C1 Thoracic Inlet

° 54° 82°

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T2-T12

39°

T5-T12

13°

C2 SVA

31.67 mm

C7 SVA

46.67 mm

Pelvic
38° 19° 57°
Post|Ant

Results

- Demographics
 - N = (33)
 - Female = (18)
 - Male = (15)
 - Mean age at index procedure = (5.2 yrs.)
 - Diagnoses
 - Idiopathic = (13)
 - Syndromic = (13)
 - Congenital = (5)
 - Neuromuscular = (2)



Results

	PRE-INDEX (mean, range)	INITIAL POST-OP (mean, range)	2-YEAR POST-OP (mean, range)
Cervical Lordosis C2-C7 (°)	45 (16-80)	42 (10-78)	47 (22-74)
T1 Slope (°)	30 (2-70)	28 (12-54)	28 (10-64)
T1 Thoracic Inlet (°)	77 (52-88)	80 (61-89)	78 (45-89)
Pelvic incidence (°)	42 (30-74)	42 (30-71)	42 (30-74)
Pelvic tilt (°)	7 (-10-32)	8 (-18-43)	6 (-15-22)
Sacral slope (°)	36 (18-50)	34 (18-50)	35 (14-62)
T2-T12 (°)	*40 (2-76)	*32 (14-68)	*39 (14-84)
T5-T12 (°)	*36 (9-73)	*24 (5-64)	*30 (10-68)
C2 SVA (mm)	37 (-53-126)	*39 (-54-127)	*22 (-24-88)
C7 SVA (mm)	24 (-44-101)	*27 (-62-119)	*10 (-43-87)

* Significantly different from the previous time point ($p < 0.05$)

Conclusion

- Our findings suggest patients did not experience unwanted reciprocal changes of the Cervicothoracic Junction
 - T1 Thoracic Inlet remained constant over time
- TK decreased after index surgery, then slightly increased at final FU
- SVA returned to more neutral alignment with serial lengthening's



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