

# Clinical Trial Protocol

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### Comparison of the functional and radiological outcomes of arthroscopic-assisted (AA) and fluoroscopic-assisted (FA) reduction of Intra-articular fracture of distal radius

#### Protocol summary

##### Study aim

Evaluation of functional and radiological results of intra-articular distal radius fracture (DRF) treatment with arthroscopic and fluoroscopic aid and comparison of two methods with each other.

##### Design

Single center, two arm parallel groups, randomized trial with blinded postoperative functional evaluation, on 60 patients. R software was used to randomization.

##### Settings and conduct

This study is being performed at Taleghani Hospital. The patients are randomly divided into two equal groups. In the ORIF group, all fractures will be reduced through the Henry approach and fixed by VLP, fluoroscopically. In another group, based on the surgeon's decision, patients may have undergone ORIF with VLP and then additional arthroscopic-assisted reduction (AAR), or AAR using the multiple pins from the beginning. Functional outcomes are evaluated by another surgeon who is blinded to the patient assignment. The radiological results can not be blinded due to differences in surgical procedures.

##### Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Patients over 18 years with unilateral, type B3 and C, intra-articular DRF, who have the possibility of follow-up for evaluation of functional and radiological results for at least 1 year.

##### Intervention groups

Wrist arthroscopy will be performed to achieve the reduction of intra-articular DRF or correct that, and to assess and treat the accompanying soft tissue injuries.

##### Main outcome variables

Functional outcomes will be evaluated in the 3rd and 12th months postoperatively, and include VAS, DASH, PRWE, grip strength and ROM. The last two are expressed as a percentage of the opposite side. Radiological outcomes will be evaluated in the 12th months postoperatively, and include the radial

inclination, ulnar variance, radiocarpal tilt, SL and CL angles which will be calculated on AP and LAT radiographs. Intra-articular gap and step will be assessed with a wrist CT-SCAN.

#### General information

##### Reason for update

##### Acronym

##### IRCT registration information

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##### Recruitment status

**Recruitment complete**

##### Funding source

##### Expected recruitment start date

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##### Expected recruitment end date

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##### Actual recruitment start date

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**Actual recruitment end date**  
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**Trial completion date**  
empty

**Scientific title**  
Comparison of the functional and radiological outcomes of arthroscopic-assisted (AA) and fluoroscopic-assisted (FA) reduction of Intra-articular fracture of distal radius

**Public title**  
Examination of arthroscopic and fluoroscopic assisted methods in the treatment of intra-articular fracture of distal radius

**Purpose**  
Treatment

**Inclusion/Exclusion criteria**  
**Inclusion criteria:**  
Intra-articular fracture of distal radius (AO/OTA type B3,C) Age over 18 years  
**Exclusion criteria:**  
Open fractures: type 2 and above according to the Gustilo-Anderson classification Concomitant fracture of the ipsilateral upper extremity or the other wrist except the ulnar styloid process fracture Neurovascular alteration such as acute carpal tunnel syndrome Compartment syndrome Previous limitation of movement in the wrist due to neuromuscular diseases or untreated nonunion or malunion of the wrist bones, or other injuries which interfered with the next rehabilitation program The need to use a dorsal plate to fix the fracture

**Age**  
From **18 years** old

**Gender**  
Both

**Phase**  
N/A

**Groups that have been masked**

- Outcome assessor
- Data analyser

**Sample size**  
Target sample size: **60**

**Randomization (investigator's opinion)**  
Randomized

**Randomization description**  
The randomization for 2 intervention groups. The randomization method will done using software, 30 random numbers for each intervention group. The researcher can not play a role in predicting treatment of the disease, and choosing the type of treatment. random sequence will generate by software. Group 1: 30 Cases and Group 2: 30 cases.

**Blinding (investigator's opinion)**  
Single blinded

**Blinding description**  
To compare the functional outcomes of two methods, patients are examined by an orthopedist who is unaware of their surgical procedure in the 3rd and 12th months after surgery, while wearing long gloves or stockinette

**Placebo**

Not used

**Assignment**  
Parallel

**Other design features**

**Secondary Ids**  
empty

**Ethics committees**

**1**

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IR.SBMU.MSP.REC.1398.310

## Health conditions studied

**1**

**Description of health condition studied**  
Intra-articular fracture of distal radius  
**ICD-10 code**  
**ICD-10 code description**

## Primary outcomes

**1**

**Description**  
Comparison of the effect of surgical procedure on postoperative disability  
**Timepoint**  
3rd and 12th months in postoperative follow-up  
**Method of measurement**  
Patient-rated wrist/hand evaluation (PRWHE) questionnaire

## Secondary outcomes

**1**

**Description**  
Comparison of the effect of surgical procedure on extra-articular displacement, including radial inclination, radiocarpal tilt and ulnar variance  
**Timepoint**

12th months in postoperative follow-up

**Method of measurement**

Anteroposterior (AP) and lateral (LAT) wrist radiographs

**2**

**Description**

Comparison of the effect of surgical procedure on scapholunate (SL) and capitolunate (CL) angle

**Timepoint**

12th months in postoperative follow-up

**Method of measurement**

LAT wrist radiography

**3**

**Description**

Comparison of the effect of surgical procedure on intra-articular displacement, including gap and step-off

**Timepoint**

12th months in postoperative follow-up

**Method of measurement**

Wrist CT-scan

**4**

**Description**

Comparison of the effect of surgical procedure on postoperative pain

**Timepoint**

3rd and 12th months in postoperative follow-up

**Method of measurement**

Visual analogue scale (VAS) questionnaire

**5**

**Description**

Comparison of the effect of surgical procedure on postoperative disability

**Timepoint**

3rd and 12th months in postoperative follow-up

**Method of measurement**

Disabilities of the arm, shoulder and hand (DASH) questionnaire

**6**

**Description**

Comparison of the effect of surgical procedure on postoperative hand grip strength

**Timepoint**

3rd and 12th months in postoperative follow-up

**Method of measurement**

Dynamometer

**7**

**Description**

Comparison of the effect of surgical procedure on postoperative wrist range of motion (ROM)

**Timepoint**

3rd and 12th months in postoperative follow-up

**Method of measurement**

Goniometer

**Intervention groups**

**1**

**Description**

Intervention group: Based on the surgeon's decision, patients may have undergone open reduction and internal fixation (ORIF) with volar locking plate (VLP) and then additional arthroscopic assisted reduction (AAR), or AAR using the multiple pinning.

**Category**

Treatment - Surgery

**2**

**Description**

Control group: Patients will be undergone surgery with ORIF using VLP under the fluoroscopic control

**Category**

Treatment - Surgery

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**1**

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No  
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100  
**Public or private sector**  
Public  
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Domestic  
**Category of foreign source of funding**  
*empty*  
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**Type of organization providing the funding**  
Academic

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## Sharing plan

**Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)**  
Yes - There is a plan to make this available  
**Study Protocol**  
Yes - There is a plan to make this available  
**Statistical Analysis Plan**  
Yes - There is a plan to make this available  
**Informed Consent Form**  
Yes - There is a plan to make this available

**Clinical Study Report**

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

**Analytic Code**

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

**Data Dictionary**

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

**Title and more details about the data/document**

All data can be shared potentially after patients became unrecognizable.

**When the data will become available and for how long**

After completing the results and analyzing the data, access to them is allowed.

**To whom data/document is available**

This is only available for people working in academic

institutions

**Under which criteria data/document could be used**

After obtaining written permission, the use of the data is permitted with reference to the source.

**From where data/document is obtainable**

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