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I. INTRODUCTION

There are case reports that describe bilateral patella fractures or bilateral patellar tendon ruptures in the literature. Patella fractures and patellar tendon ruptures are mainly due to trauma. Both injuries affect the extensor mechanism of the knee because both of anatomical structures contribute knee extension. Other anatomical parts that participating in knee extension are quadriceps muscle, quadriceps tendon, and tibial tubercle. Patellar tendon ruptures are less common than quadriceps tendon ruptures and patella fractures[1].

In this study we present the case of a concurrent patellar tendon rupture with contralateral patella fracture as a result of fall from height by a lift. To our knowledge, this case report describes the first concurrent patellar tendon rupture with contralateral patella fracture.

II. CASE REPORT

A 23-year-old man was transported to our emergency department after falling from height by lift. He complained of pain in both knees, both arms, and both hands. There were no obvious past systemic or local disease in patient's history. On physical examination, there were swelling and tenderness at both knees, both arms, and both hands. He was unable to actively extend his knees. Bilateral patella alta without any skin wound was noted. There was a palpable gap below the left patella and on the right patella. Knee x-rays demonstrated patella alta at the left knee and patella distal pole fracture at the right knee (Fig. 1a,b). Rupture of the patellar tendon in his left knee was

considered. Simultaneously bilateral humerus shaft fracture and bilateral multiple metacarpal fractures were revealed on x-ray examination.



Figure 1a : Left knee patella alta



Figure 1b : Right knee patella distal pole fracture

Rupture of the patellar tendon just below the inferior pole of the left patella was seen during surgery. Patellar tendon was reattached to the patella by two

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titanium bone anchors. Small distal fragment of the right patella was excised and patellar tendon reattached to the patella by two titanium bone anchors. Open reduction and internal fixation was performed for bilateral humerus and bilateral multiple metacarpal fractures. Both knees were immobilized for 6 weeks postoperatively in knee braces, in extension. After removing braces, rehabilitation program was begun. The left patellar tendon was found avulsed from the patella on the examination at the end of the third month. Patellar tendon reconstruction with autogenic hamstring tendons was performed. Knee was immobilized for 6 weeks in knee brace, in extension. Brace was removed after the end of 6 weeks and rehabilitation program was begun. The quadriceps muscle strength and 90°-100° knee flexion on the right side was regained five months after the initial injury. Rehabilitation program was continued on the left side and 40° knee flexion was regained two months after reconstruction surgery (Fig. 2a and b).



Figure 2a : Left knee postoperative lateral view



Figure 2b : Right knee postoperative lateral view

III. DISCUSSION

Quadriceps muscle, quadriceps tendon, patella, patellar tendon, and tibial tubercle constitute the knee extensor mechanism. Injury of any of these structures causes deterioration of knee extension. Patella fracture is the most common ones in these injuries[2]. The second one is quadriceps tendon injury and the third one is patellar tendon injury[3].

The patella is the largest sesamoid bone in the body. It increases the muscle moment arm of the extensor mechanism. Patella fractures may be caused by an excessive tension or a direct trauma. These injuries result insufficiency of the knee extensor mechanism if effective treatment was not applied. Surgical treatment should be applied for displaced patella fractures.

Patellar tendon is one of the strongest structures of the body. Zernicke et al[4] found that a force 17.5 times of the body weight was necessary to rupture a healthy patella tendon in a young individual. Patellar tendon injury is typically unilateral and occurs in individuals younger than 40 years. Overloading the extensor mechanism and to have a history of tendinitis may cause patellar tendon injury[5,6]. A sudden significant eccentric contraction precipitate patellar tendon rupture [7]. Surgical repair is necessary for complete rupture of the patellar tendon.

Patella fractures and patellar tendon ruptures may occur without direct trauma. An eccentric contraction of the quadriceps during a fall may cause a patella fracture [8]. In analogy to this mechanism contraction of the quadriceps in a flexed knee may result in patellar tendon rupture. Strong opposite contractile forces create moment arms in opposite directions.

Patellar tendon rupture occurs when these forces are strong enough [6].

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In summary simultaneous patellar tendon rupture with contralateral patella fracture may occur due to sudden significant eccentric contraction of bilateral quadriceps'. Knee extensor mechanism injury should be considered in a patient who is unable to actively extend one or both knees. An accurate diagnosis must be made by a careful and detailed physical examination with x-rays. MRI and ultrasonography should be performed in suspected cases.

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Smaller dimensions of the glenoid cavities in the south Indian population may have to be taken into consideration while designing and fitting glenoid components while performing total shoulder arthroplasty.

I. INTRODUCTION

The scapula is an integral part of the connection between the upper extremity and the axial skeleton. Lateral angle of the scapula is a shallow, pyriform articular surface- the Glenoid cavity, also known as Glenoid fossa of the scapula. Glenoid cavity is directed laterally and forward and articulates with the head of the humerus and form Gleno-humeral joint. The vertical diameter of the Glenoid cavity is the longest and it is broader below than above. The surface is covered with hyaline cartilage in the fresh state and its slightly raised margins give attachment to a fibrocartilaginous structure- the glenoid labrum which deepens the cavity (Richard LM, Newell 2005¹).

Shoulder joint between shallow glenoid fossa and hemispherical head of humerus is a ball and socket type of synovial joint. It has maximum movement but less stability. The factors contributing to stability the shoulder joint are the deepening of the glenoid cavity by the glenoid labrum; the suprahumeral support provided

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by the coracoacromial arch, the capsule is strengthened by the fusion of tendons of rotator cuff muscles and glenohumeral and coracohumeral ligaments.

Shoulder joint is frequently dislocated inferiorly due to having less support in that region of the joint. During trauma, dislocation with fracture of glenoid are also common. During treatment repair of the labrum and reinforcing the capsule by an overlapping repair and rearrangement of anterior muscle, total shoulder replacement is also being used as treatment (Chummy S. Sinnatombi 20062).

Total shoulder arthroplasty has proven to provide predictable improvement in pain and function in patients with a degenerative shoulder joint and an intact rotator cuff.

Various shapes of the glenoid cavity have been described based on the presence of a notch on anterior glenoid rim. It has been found that if the notch is distinct then the glenoid labrum is not fixed to the bony margin of the notch but bridges the notch itself. This could make the shoulder joint less resistant to dislocating forces (Prescher A. and Klmpfen T. 19973)

Because of unusual and complex morphology features of the scapula, and the lack of complete quantitative anatomic studies, the current study was undertaken to describe the glenoid cavity quantitatively with its dimensions and shape.

II. MATERIALS

This study was done on 224 dry, unpaired adult human scapulae of unknown sex obtained from department of Anatomy Srinivas Institute of medical Sciences, Mangalore. Scapula having clear and intact glenoid cavity were selected for the study. All the measurements were taken in millimeters using sliding calipers.

III. METHODS

The following parameters were studied in the glenoid cavity of the dry scapula

1. Superior-Inferior glenoid diameter (SI): Represents the maximum distance from the inferior point on the glenoid margin to the most prominent point of the supraglenoid tubercle.
2. Anterior-Posterior glenoid diameter (AP-1): Represents the maximum breadth of the articular margin of the glenoid cavity perpendicular to the glenoid cavity height.

3. Anterior-Posterior glenoid diameter (AP-2): Represents the anterior-posterior diameter (Breadth) of the top half of the glenoid cavity at the mid-point between the superior rim and the mid-equator.
4. Shape of the glenoid cavity: A piece of white sheet was placed on the glenoid cavity and held firmly in position to trace the shape of the glenoid cavity. The side of the point of a lead pencil was rubbed along the rim of the glenoid cavity to get a tracing of the shape of the glenoid cavity on the paper.

IV. STASTICAL EVALUATION

The mean and standard error of the glenoid cavity in various dimensions were calculated. The morphometric values of both sides were analyzed using an unpaired t-test.

Table 2: comparison of the SI diameter of the right and left side

SI.No	Points	Right	Left
1	Number of bones	104	120
2	Range	25 to 42	25 to 42
3	Mean	33.68	32.09
4	Standard deviation	4.32	4.11
5	Statistical significance	t =31.8, P<0.001	

In the present study, the superior – inferior diameters of the glenoid cavity on the right side varied from 25 to 42 mm, with an average of 33.68 ± 4.32 mm. on left side the superior –inferior diameter from 25 to 42, with a mean of 32.09 ± 4.11 mm.

V. OBSERVATION AND RESULTS

In 224 dry scapulae, 104 belonging to the right side and 120 to the left side. Abbreviations used in the following tables are

1. SI- superior inferior glenoid diameter
2. AP 1- anterior- posterior glenoid diameter (maximum breadth of the articular surface)
3. AP 2- anterior –posterior glenoid diameter of the upper half of the glenoid cavity.
4. SD – standard deviation
5. P – P value
6. mm- millimeters

Statistically Highly significant value was found while comparing the SI diameters of the right glenoid with that of the left glenoid cavity (P<0.001)

Table 3: comparison of the AP-1 diameter of the right and left side

SI.No	Points	Right	Left
1	Number of bones	104	120
2	Range	17 to 27	17 to 28
3	Mean	23.29	24.90
4	Standard deviation	2.34	2.95
5	Statistical significance	t =20.32, P<0.001	

In this study, the AP 1- glenoid diameter of the right and left sides varies from 17 to 27mm and 17 to 28mm respectively. The average maximum breadth of the right glenoid was 23.29 ± 2.34 mm and the maximum breadth of the left glenoid was 24.90 ± 2.95 mm.

Statistically Highly significant value was found while comparing the AP 1 diameter of the right glenoid with that of the left glenoid (P<0.001).

Table 4: comparison of the AP-2 diameter of the right and left side

SI.No	Points	Right	Left
1	Number of bones	104	120
2	Range	12 to 20	12 to 21
3	Mean	15.74	16.81
4	Standard deviation	1.75	1.74
5	Statistical significance	t =53.5, P<0.001	

The range for the AP2 diameter of the glenoid cavity was 12 to 20mm and the mean for the same was 15.74 ± 1.75 mm. the AP2 diameter for the left glenoid varied from 12 to 21mm, while the mean for the left glenoid was 16.81 ± 1.74 mm.

While comparing the AP2 diameter of the right and left glenoid cavities, statistically important difference was found (P<0.001).

While examining the various shapes of the glenoid cavity in the present study. It was found that the

shapes could mainly be of 3 types. It was classified as inverted comma shaped if the anterior glenoid notch was distinct, as pear shaped if the anterior glenoid

notch was indistinct and as oval shaped if the anterior glenoid notch was absent.

Table 5 : Table showing number and incidence of various shapes of the right glenoid cavity

Number of bones	Shape of glenoid	Incidence of shape
36	Inverted comma	34.62%
49	Pear	47.12%
19	Oval	18.27%
Total- 104	-	-

On the right side out of the total 104 glenoid cavities examined 36 were found to have inverted comma shape. And the incidence of this shape was calculated to be 34.62%. the number of glenoids having

pear shape on the right side was 49 and the incidence was found to be 47.12%.oval glenoid cavities were 19 in number on the right side and the incidence was 18.27%.

Table 6 : Table showing number and incidence of various shapes of the left glenoid cavity

Number of bones	Shape of glenoid	Incidence of shape
39	Inverted comma	32.5%
54	Pear	45.0%
27	Oval	22.5%
Total- 120	-	-

On the left side, glenoids with the inverted comma shape were 39 in number out of the total 120 scapulae examined. The incidence of inverted comma shaped glenoid was 32.5%. 54 glenoids on the left side were found to have the pear shape and incidence of pear shaped glenoid was 45%. The oval glenoid cavities were 27 in number and the incidence of oval glenoid was 22.5%.

VI. DISCUSSION

In the present study an effort has been made to find the average diameters of the glenoid cavity of the scapula and the incidence of various shapes of the

glenoid cavity in the south Indian population. Several authors have attempted to determine the glenoid diameters in the course of their research. This has been performed in a variety of ways, including direct measurement of dry scapulae, direct measurement of fresh or embalmed cadavers, radiographic measurement of scapulae harvested from cadavers and radiographic measurement in living patients. These studies have been performed on different populations. In evaluating the data presented in this study, a comparison to work by others reveals several differences as well as similarities

Table 7 : comparison of superior-inferior diameter by various authors

Observers	No of specimens	Mean SI diameter
Mallon4 et al (1992)	28	35±4.1mm
Iannotti5 et al (1992)	140	39±3.5mm
Von Schroeder6 et al (2001)	30	36±4mm
Churchill7 et al (2001)	Male 200 Female 144	37.5±2.2mm 32.6±1.8mm
Luis Rios Frutos8 (2002)	Male- 65 Female 38	36.08±2.0mm 31.17±1.7mm
Ozer et al9 (2006)	Male 94 Female 92	38.71±2.71mm 33.79±3.08mm
Karelse et al10 (2007)	40	35.9±3.6mm
Present study	Right 104 Left 120	33.68±4.32mm 32.09±4.11mm

Table 8 : comparison of superior-inferior diameter by various authors

Observers	No of specimens	Mean SI diameter
Mallon et al (1992)	28	24±3.3mm
Iannotti et al (1992)	140	29±3.2mm
Von Schroeder et al (2001)	30	28.6±3.3mm
Churchill et al (2001)	Male 200 Female 144	27.8±1.6mm 23.6±1.5mm

Luis Rios Frutos (2002)	Male- 65 Female 38	26.31±1.5mm 22.31±1.4mm
Ozer et al (2006)	Male 94 Female 92	27.33±2.4mm 22.72±1.72mm
Karelse et al (2007)	40	27.2±3mm
Present study	Right 104 Left 120	23.29±2.34mm 24.90±2.95mm

Table 9 : Comparison of the anterior –posterior (AP-2) diameter by various authors

Observers	No of specimens	Mean AP2 diameter
Iannotti et al (1992)	140	23±2.7mm
Present study	Right 104 Left 120	15.74±1.75mm 16.81±1.74mm

Table 10 : Comparison of percentage of occurrence of glenoid notch by various authors

Observers	% of glenoid with notch (inverted comma + pear shaped)	% of glenoids without notch (oval)
Prescher A and Klumpen T (1997)	Right + left – 55%	Right + left – 45%
Present study (2011)	Right – 81.74% Left- 77.5%	Right – 18.27% Left- 22.5%

VII. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Knowledge of the shape and dimensions of the glenoid are important in the design and fitting of glenoid components for total shoulder arthroplasty. An understanding of variations in normal anatomy of the glenoid is essential while evaluating pathological conditions like osseous bankart lesions and osteochondral defects.

In the present study done on 224 dry scapulae, three glenoid diameters were measured. The superior-inferior, anterior-posterior diameter of the lower half of the glenoid and the anterior-posterior diameter of the upper half of the glenoid. The average superior-inferior diameter on right and the left side were 33.68±4.32mm and 32.09±4.11mm respectively. The average anterior-posterior diameter of the lower half of the right glenoid was 23.29±2.34mm and that of the left glenoid was 24.90±2.95mm. The mean diameter of the upper half of the right glenoid was 15.74±1.75mm and that of the left glenoid was 16.81±1.74mm.

The left glenoid cavity was slightly shorter in length, but broader especially in the upper part as compared to the right glenoid cavity.

The current study also recorded a higher percentage of glenoid cavities having the glenoid notch in the anterior margin of the glenoid as compared to earlier studies. While evaluating defects and lesions of the glenoid, this fact could be useful.

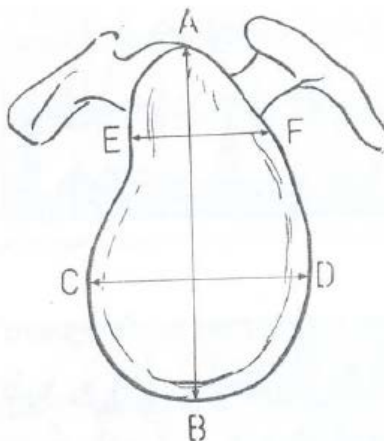
By observing the tables in the discussion it can be implied that the values observed in the present study, through coinciding with that of some of the studies are mostly less than that recorded by many of the observers. This implies that the smaller dimensions of the glenoid cavities in the south Indian population may have to be taken into consideration while designing and

fitting glenoid components while performing total shoulder arthroplasty in this population,

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. Diameters of the glenoid cavity



Inverted comma-shaped glenoid



Oval-shaped glenoid



Pear-shaped glenoid





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According to the WHO criteria (World Health Organization) satisfactory hemoglobin levels are $\leq 120\text{ g/l}$ for women and $\leq 130\text{ g/l}$ for men. Severe anemia is defined as hemoglobin $\leq 100\text{ g/l}$ (1). In the overall population, prevalence of anemia increases with age. People older than 65 years are more likely to be anemic (1, 2). In adult surgical patients, the incidence of preoperative anemia varies from 5 to 75%, depending on the age and gender of patients, type of surgery and the criteria for determining anemia. Numerous studies have shown that more than 20% of patients admitted for planned surgery are anemic (2). According to a large national study in the United States (U.S.), 35% of patients who were subjected to planned orthopedic surgery had preoperative hemoglobin less than 130 g/l . Most of the patients were women and one-third had iron deficiency (2, 3, 4).

During a large retrospective study investigated in 1958 for Jehovah's Witnesses (religious group that does not want to accept someone else's blood transfusion for the purposes of treatment) undergoing

non-cardiac surgery, it was noted that the value of preoperative hemoglobin $\leq 100\text{ g/l}$ is associated with a significant increase in perioperative mortality. More significantly, perioperative mortality is increased in cardiovascular patients because these patients are less able to tolerate anemia (5). In his research, Rashig has shown that the preoperative hemoglobin level $\geq 130\text{ g/l}$ and hematocrit $\geq 30\%$ reduce the use of perioperative transfusion of allogeneic blood for more than 90% (6). Similar results were obtained by Lawrence. In his studies he showed that high preoperative hemoglobin levels significantly improve the postoperative recovery of patients (7). After surgery and trauma inflammatory cytokines that reduce iron release from the gastrointestinal tract are secreted, reducing sequestration of iron in macrophages, decreasing production of erythropoietin in the kidney and giving rise to anemia.

Network for Advancement of Transfusion Alternatives (NATA) provides recommendations for detection, evaluation and treatment of preoperative anemia. These recommendations were developed by experts from several fields who deal with blood transfusion for planned surgical procedures in orthopedic surgery, expected blood loss, and the need for allogeneic blood transfusion (11). Application of substances that stimulate hematopoiesis in patients undergoing major surgical procedures, patients with chronic renal failure, patients with anemia due to malignancy, and patients undergoing chemotherapy is fully justified. In clinical practice, recombinant human erythropoietin rHuEPOs being used more often (16, 17). Use of erythropoietin and compensation of iron deficiency substantially correct preoperative anemia, reduce allogeneic blood transfusion and, indirectly, reduce perioperative morbidity and mortality, and therefore the total cost of treatment of patients (17).

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