

## Anatomy of distal end of radius: A radiological study done on adult population of Jharkhand state of India

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### Abstract

The morphometry of distal end of radius comprises radial inclination, palmar tilt and radial height. It is important for the management of fracture around wrist in distal end of radius. The goal of our study was to obtain the value of these parameters in adult population in Jharkhand region of India.

**Materials and Methods:** An Observational Cross Sectional prospective study was done between May 2017 to August 2017 at MGM Medical College Jamshedpur. Total 215 normal X rays were examined AP and Lateral view were used. AP view was used to measure radial inclination and radial height while lateral view was used to measure palmar tilt.

**Result:** Two hundred and fifteen (n= 215) normal X rays were examined the mean value of radial inclination, palmar tilt and radial height were  $23.29 \pm 7.4$ ,  $10.09 \pm 5.23$ ,  $11.33 \pm 4.7$  mm respectively.

**Conclusion:** Data may be helpful to conduct similar study in other parts of India. Data may be of help during restoration of normal anatomical alignment of distal radial fracture for good functional outcome.

**Keywords:** anatomy, adult population, inclination, palmar

### Introduction

Fracture of distal radius accounts for 20% of fracture seen in accident and are common in elderly population with osteoporosis typically caused by a fall on out stretched hand. Most of these cases are managed by close reduction and plaster cast application. Reduction of digital radius fracture is evaluated by the restoration of pre fracture value of radial inclination and volar tilt and radial height. Restoration of radial height palmar tilt influences the grip straight of the palm. Study of distal end of radius included the measurement of radial inclination, palmar tilt and radial height. The goal of our study was to determine these value of among the adult population of Jharkhand region of India.

### Material and Methods

An observational cross sectional prospective study was carried out between May 2017 to August 2017. For the morphometric evaluation of distal radius radial inclination, Palmer tilt and radial height were used parameters. Xray of normal wrist with fused epiphysis were included in the study. Xray of the wrist showing structural deformity were excluded from the study.

True xray AP and lateral view were considered in the study and the film with rotation were discarded. Radial inclination and radial height were measured on AP view. Palmer tilt was measured on lateral view.

Radial inclination is measured as an angle made by tangent line connecting the radial styloid to the medial edge of distal radius and the horizontal line perpendicular to the axis of radius at the level of lunate fossa.

Palmer tilt is the angle formed by the meeting point of two

lines one line tangential connecting the dorsal and palmar edge of the articular surface of distal end of radius and second line perpendicular to the long axis of radius at the level of radial styloid.

Radial height is the distance between two parallel lines perpendicular to the long axis of radius at the level of radial styloid and one at the level of lunate fossa.

Ulnar variance is the distance measured between the two horizontal lines. One perpendicular to the axis of ulna at the distal cortical margin and the second line perpendicular to the axis of radius at the distal cortical margin.

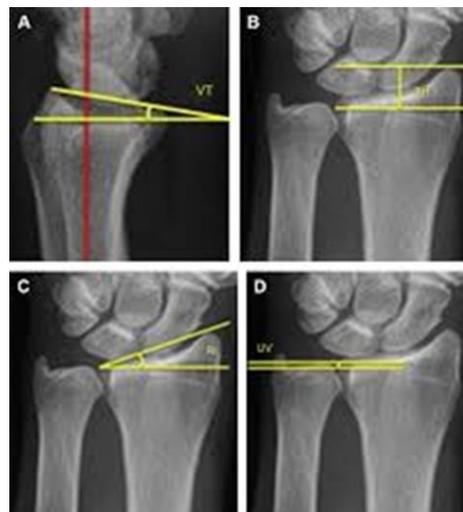


Fig 1: A= Palmer Tilt, B= Radial Height, C= Radial Inclination, D= Ulnar Variance

## Result

Two hundred and fifteen (215) xray were included in the study the Male – Female ratio was 69% male (148) 31% Female (67). Right and left side distribution was seventy five left (34 females & 41 Male). 140 right (37 female & 103 male) Age of the patient range from 15 to 65 Years with an average of 33.5 years.

The average value of radial inclination for n=215 was 23.29±7.4, palmer tilt 10.09±5.23 and radial height 11.33 mm ±4.7 mm.

The value of radial inclination palmer tilt and radial height for male was 2.16 ±7.9, 10.11±5.2, 11.66±5.3 respectively. Value for female gender was 23.44±5.89, 9.7±5.26, 10.4±3.17 respectively. The difference was not significant except for radial height which showed P value < 0.05.

Measurement of parameter on right and left side for radial inclination palmer tilt and radial height were 23.16 ±7.8, 10.44±5.12 and 11.25±3.6 mm for right side respectively for left side values were 23.39±6.7, 9.27±5.21 and 11.34±6.74 mm respectively. Moreover the compression of the parameter on left and right side also did not reveals any significant statistical difference.

**Table 1:** Values of parameters in total subjects (n=215)

Parameters	Mean+S D
Radial Inclination	23.29±7.4
Palmer tilt	10.09±5.23
Radial Height	11.33±4.7

**Table 2:** Values in male and females

Parameters	Males	Females	P value
Radial Inclination	23.16±7.9	23.44±5.89	>0.05
Palmer tilt	10.11±5.20	9.7±5.28	>0.05
Radial Height	11.66±5.3	10.4±3.17	<0.05

**Table 3:** Values for right and left side

Parameters	Right	Left	P Value
Radial Inclination	23.16±7.83	23.39±6.7	>0.05
Palmer tilt	10.44±5.12	9.27±5.21	>0.05
Radial Height	11.25±3.61	11.34±6.74	>0.05

## Discussion & Conclusion

The fracture of distal radius accounts for 20% of all the fractures seen in accident and 8 to 15% of all the fractures seen in adults in upper limb. From the above discussion it is evident that morphology of distal radius is important for the evaluation and treatment of the injuries around wrist. Absolute knowledge of morphometric parameters of the distal radius is important for restoration of normal Anatomical alignment. Which is essential for good functional outcome of the treatment.

This data may be used as a reference data for the normal Anatomical alignment during treatment. This data may provide help to prosecute further study in different parts of India.

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