

## Conference Abstract

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**A Cross-Sectional Study of Trabecular Pattern of Calcaneus through High Resolution Radiographs in Normal & Menopausal Women****Manisha Sachin Chougule, Drakshayini B. Kokati, Roshni Sadashiv.**

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**Introduction:** Human skeletal bones are having different distribution of cortical & trabecular bone. Arrangement of bony elements of trabecular bone mainly influenced by line of stress on that particular bone during weight bearing. Many investigators were interested to reveal this wealth of architectural variety. Trabecular pattern of the calcaneus is comprised of 5 trabecular lamellae and Ward's neutral triangle enclosed within trabeculae. This trabecular pattern is influenced by various factors like age, sex, hormones & disturbances in calcium metabolism. Present study is aimed to find out the influence of hormones on trabecular pattern of calcaneus with the help of high-resolution radiographs as fracture of this bone accounts to 2% of all the fractures & 60% of tarsal fractures.

**Material and methods:** With consideration of inclusion & exclusion criteria total 50 high resolution radiographs of lateral view of ankle joint of patients between 25-35 years & 50-60 years each, had been collected. Images were procured from PAX database & information about patients retrieved from medical records. Comparison of 5 types of trabecular pattern & Ward's triangle of calcaneus in normal & menopausal women was done. Qualitative analysis of trabecular pattern & Ward's triangle was done with the help of graphs & pie chart. Quantitative analysis of modified calcaneal index was done by applying chi square test & p-value was calculated.

**Results:** In reproductive age group, trabeculae like tendotuberosity trabeculae, primary compressive & tensile trabeculae were seen in all images. Secondary compressive trabeculae were absent in 9(18%) and secondary tensile trabeculae in 3 (6%) radiographs. In menopausal age group secondary compressive trabeculae was absent in 32(64%), secondary tensile trabeculae in 28(56%), primary tensile trabeculae in 22(44%), primary compressive trabeculae in 18(36%) and tendotuberosity trabeculae in 7(14%) radiographs. In menopausal age group large size Ward's triangle was observed in 44% radiographs, medium size in 32% of the sample and in the remaining (24%) it was of small size. In reproductive age group only in 8% Ward's triangle was medium size and the remaining were having small size triangle. Grading of Calcaneal index done for both the groups. For statistical analysis we combined grade I & II and IV & V. Chi square test applied and p-value was calculated. p-value was significant for the calcaneal index.

**Conclusion:** The present study would help to understand the biomechanics & its relation with disappearance of compressive & tensile trabecular with age in female. It is hoped that the present study will enlighten in designing & development of prosthesis for the ankle in managing the condition associated with calcaneum.

**Keywords:** Calcaneum, compressive Trabeculae, tension trabeculae, Ward's triangle, Calcaneal index.