

# 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

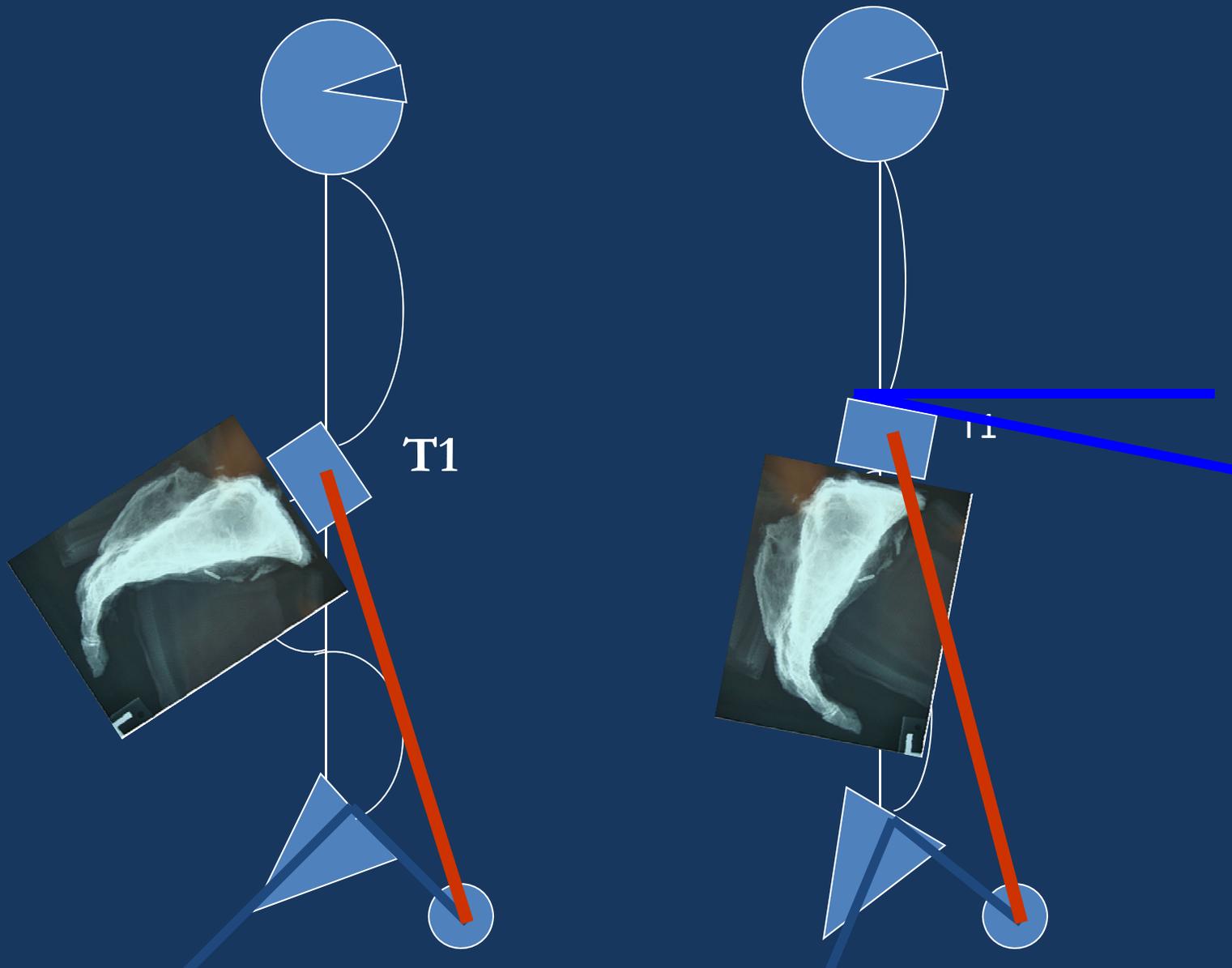


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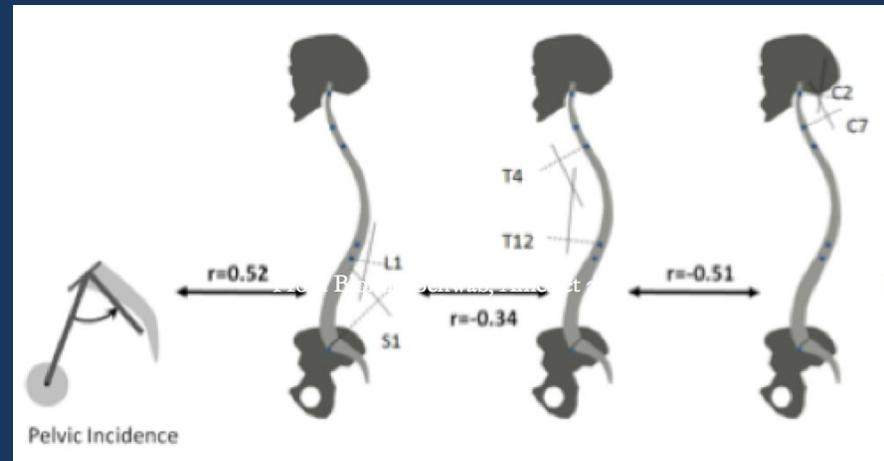
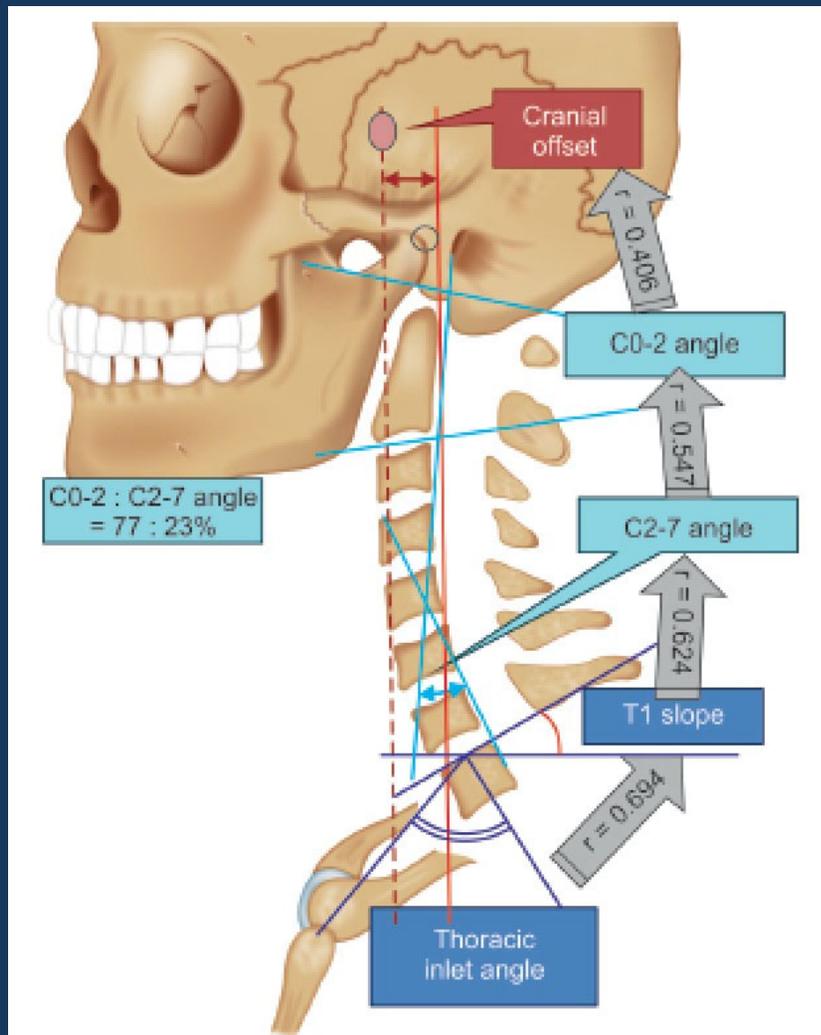
- **Shah et al. reported:**
  - 42 growing rod patients with 2-year follow up
  - TK, SVA, Pelvic Parameters (PI, PT, SS), LL
  - TK and LL decreased after index procedure; then increased until final FU
  - Pelvic parameters remained unchanged
  - SVA returned to more neutral alignment



# Concept CT “Incidence” -T1 slope



# T1 Slope Concept



## CHAPTER 27

### Posterior Cervicothoracic Osteotomy

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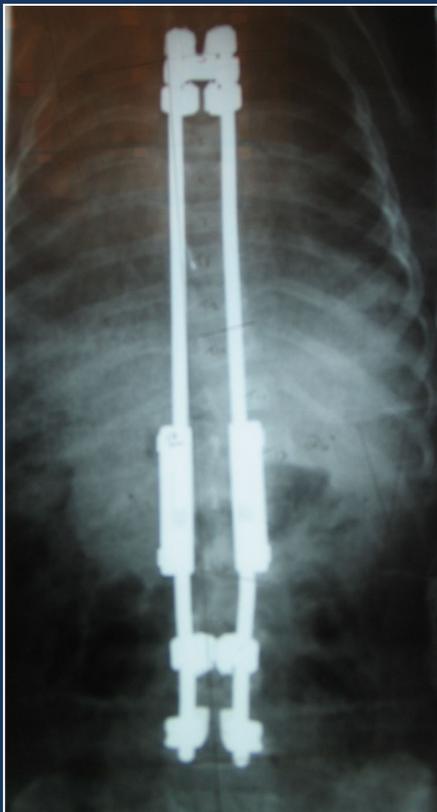
# Clinical Questions

- **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



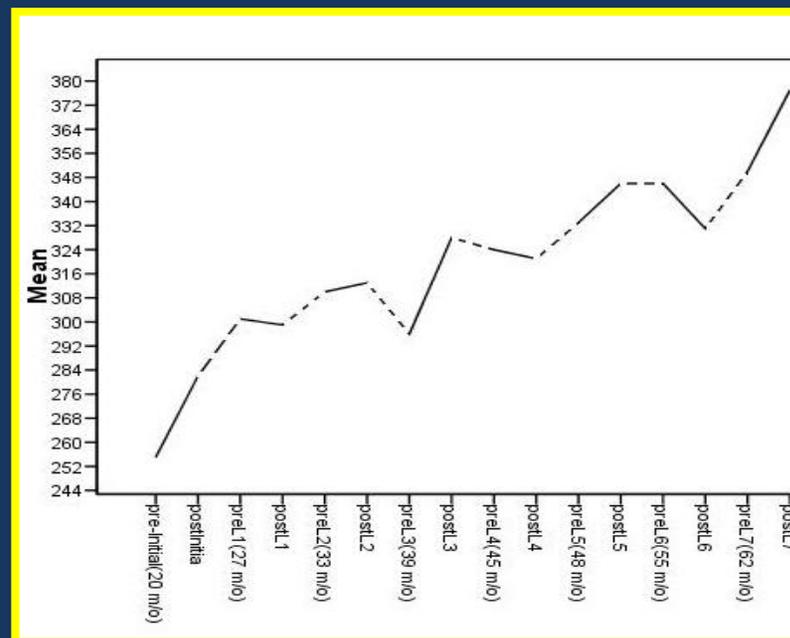
# Hypothesis

- 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



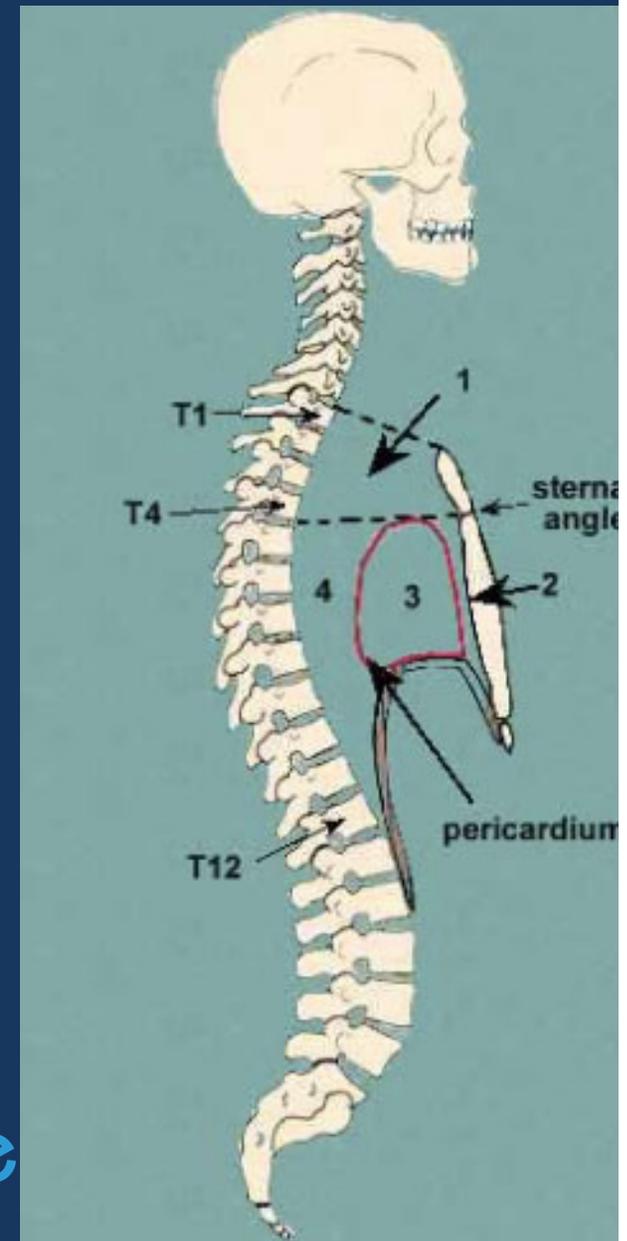
# Methodology

- **Inclusion Criteria:**
  - Diagnosis of EOS
  - Any etiology
  - Ambulatory prior to index growing rod surgery
  - Dual rowing 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



Pre-op lengthening

Pre-op lengthening

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

T1 slope

Neck tilt

CERVICAL LORDOSIS

C2 SLOPE 2

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