How does the OF-Score work?

Step 1

Classify the fracture (CT, MRI, X-Ray)

Step 2

Score the patients situation

Step 3

Decision making of therapy

Step 1

The OF-classification analyzes the type of fractures concerning:

X-Ray

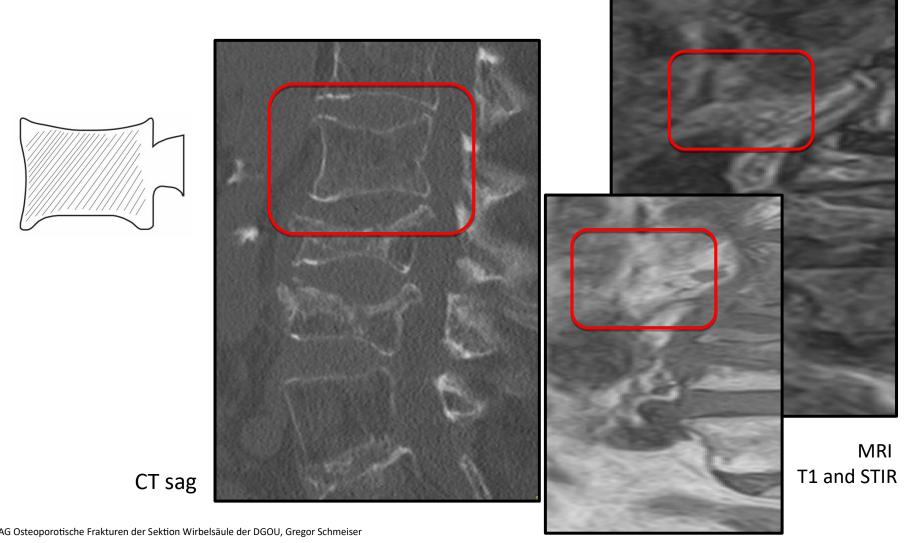
Computertomography

MRI

The OF-classification:

OF 1	No deformation (vertebral body edema in MRI-STIR)
OF 2	Deformation of one endplate without or with slight posterior wall involvment (< 1/5 of vertebral hight)
OF 3	Deformation of one endplate with distinct posterior wall involvement (> 1/5 of vertebral hight)
OF 4	Deformation of both endplates with/without posterior wall involvement
OF 5	Injuries with anterior or posterior tension band failure

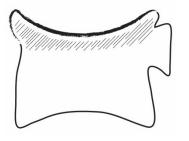
OF 1: No deformation (vertebral body edema in MRI-STIR)

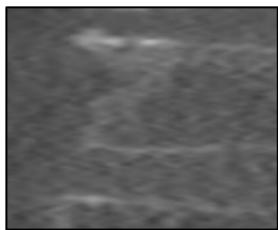


OF-Classification

MRI

OF 2: Deformation of one endplate



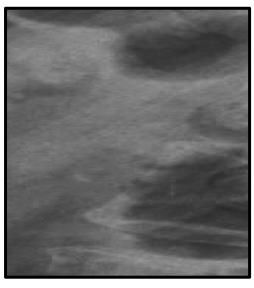


CT sag

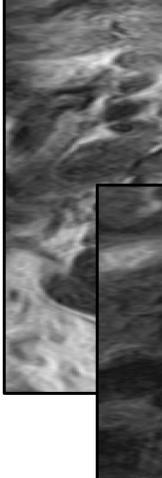


OF 3: Deformation of one endplate with distinct posterior wall involvement





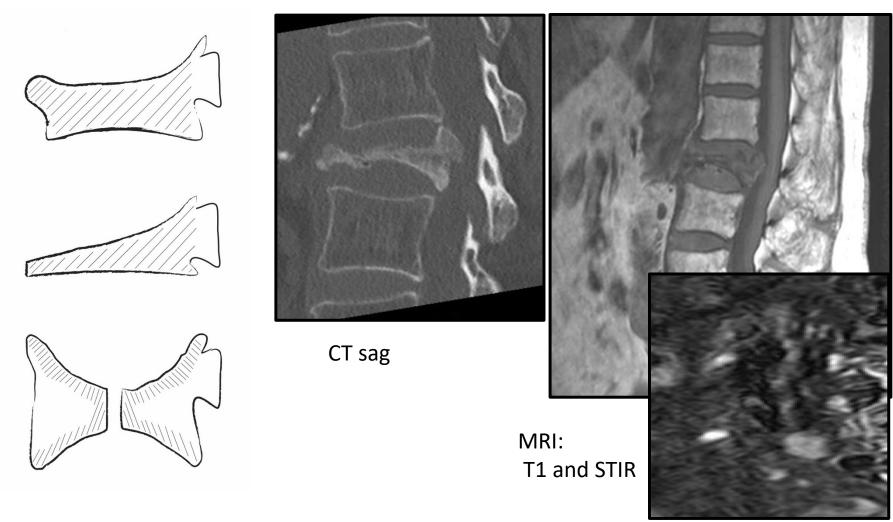




X-ray CT sag

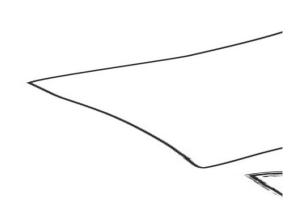
MRI: T1 and STIR

OF 4: Deformation of both endplates with/without posterior wall involvement



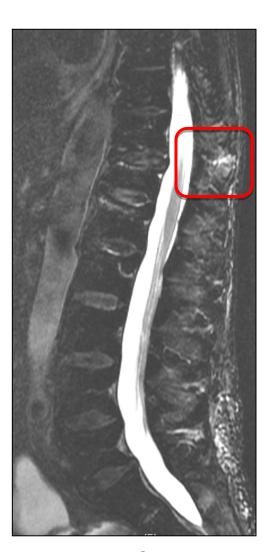
OF-Classification

OF 5: Injuries with anterior or posterior tension band failure

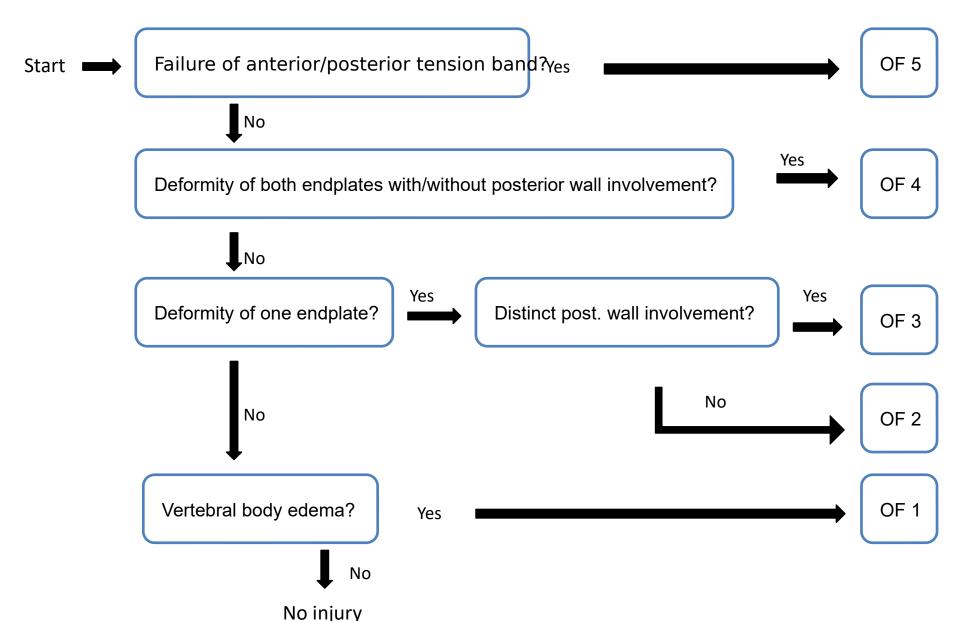




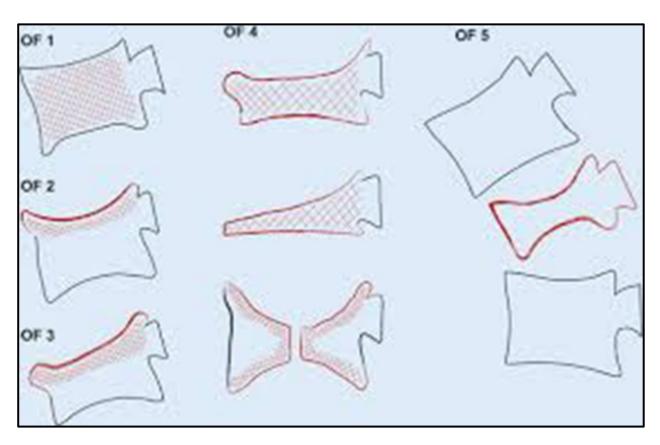




MRI: STIR



Each classification counts 2 points:



OF 1: 2 points

OF 2: 4 points

OF 3: 6 points

OF 4: 8 points

OF 5: 10 points

Step 2

You have to answer questions refering to

- Severity of Osteoporosis
- Progression of deformity
- Pain status
- Neurological symptoms (fracture related)
- Possibility of mobilisation
- Health status

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T-Score < -3: 1 point

or: Houndsfield-Units < 90

T-Score > -3: **0 points**

Unknown **0 points**

- Severity of Osteoporosis
- Progression of deformity

Progression: 1 point

- Pain status
- Neurological symptoms (fracture related)
- Possibility of mobilisation

Health status

No progression:

-1 point

Unknown

0 points

- Severity of Osteoporosis
- Progression of deformity

 $VAS \ge 4:$ 1 point

- Pain status
- Neurological symptoms (fracture related)
- Possibility of mobilisation
- Health status

VAS < 4:

0 points

Unknown

0 points

0 points

Yes: 2 points

- Severity of Osteoporosis
- Progression of deformity
- Pain status
- Neurological symptoms (fracture related)

No:

- Possibility of mobilisation
- Health status

Unknown **0 points**

-1 point

- Severity of Osteoporosis
- Progression of deformity
- Pain status
- Neurological symptoms (fracture related)

Yes:

- Possibility of mobilisation
- Health status

No: 1 point

Unknown **0 points**

For each Comorbidity: -1 point

- Severity of Osteoporosis
- Progression of deformity
- Pain status
- Neurological symptoms (fracture related)
- Possibility of mobilisation

Health status

- ASA>3
- active anticoagulation
- dementia
- nursing case
- BMI < 20

Maximum: -2 points

Unknown or no comorbidities: **0 points**

Score for therapeutic decision making in Osteoporotic Vertebral-Fractures

Parameter	Grade	Points
Morphology (OF 1-5)	1-5	2-10
Severity of Osteoporosis	T-Score <-3 or qCT: HU ≤90	1
Deformity Progression	Yes, No	1, -1
Pain (under analgesia)	VAS ≥ 4, < 4	1, -1
Neurological symptoms (fracture related)	Yes	2
Mobilisation (under analgesia)	No, Yes	1, -1
Health Status	ASA>3, active anticoagulation, dementia, nursing case, BMI<20	Each -1, maximum -2

0 points if a parameter is unknown or not determinable!

Think about the red parameters:

- Osteoporosis
- Progression of deformity
- Possibility of mobilization
- Pain status
- Neurological symptoms
- Comorbidities

The red marked parameters can change!

Step 3

Recommendation of therapy:

0-5 points: conservative therapy

6 points:

conservative or operative therapy

> 6 points: operative therapy