

Supplementary

Table S1 Egger test for publication bias

Std_Eff	Coef.	Std.Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
Published bias for VAS (back)						
slop	-1.725543	0.1508133	-11.44	0	-2.144268	-1.306818
bias	-1.145887	0.8711523	-1.32	0.259	-3.564594	1.272819
Published bias for VAS (leg)						
slop	-1.429195	0.065349	-21.87	0.002	-1.71037	-1.14802
bias	0.2878332	0.245599	1.17	0.362	-0.76889	1.344559
Published bias for ODI						
slop	-1.983007	0.441715	-4.49	0.14	-7.59553	3.629511
bias	-5.509741	2.201989	-2.5	0.242	-33.4887	22.46918
Published bias for overall complication rate						
slop	-0.003956	0.089754	-0.04	0.967	-0.25315	0.24524
bias	3.796791	3.165656	1.2	0.297	-4.99248	12.58606

VAS, Visual Analogue Scale; ODI, Oswestry Disability Index.