**SUPPLEMENTAL DIGITAL CONTENT**

PICO TABLE

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|  | **Inclusion** | **Exclusions** |
| **Patient** | Symptomatic adult patients who presented with cervical myelopathy symptoms | * Patients < 18 years of age
* Non-ambulatory patients
* Post-surgical patients
* Trauma
* Acute conditions (e.g. acute disc prolapse)
* Patients with concomitant CSM and another pathology
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| **Intervention** | Diagnostic work up including laboratory, radiographic and tissue evaluation, neurological and electrophysiological testing  | None |
| **Comparison** | Not applicable | None |
| **Outcomes** | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| **Study design** | Studies of differential diagnosis or reports with diagnoses that have been confused with CSM | Papers on differential diagnoses of entities commonly associated with myelopathy (e.g. OPLL vs. disc herniation as cause of compression) |