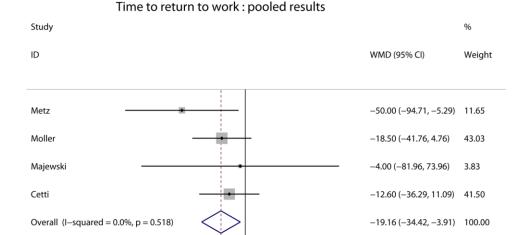
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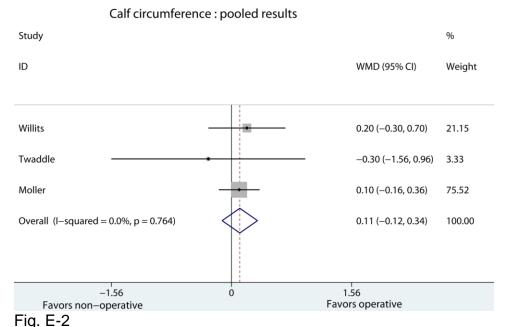
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Fig. E-1
Pooled results for return to work; results favoring operative intervention are plotted on the left.
WMD = weighted mean difference, and CI = confidence interval.

94.7 Favors non–operative



Pooled results for calf circumference; results favoring operative intervention are plotted on the right. WMD = weighted mean difference, and CI = confidence interval.

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## Functional outcomes: pooled results

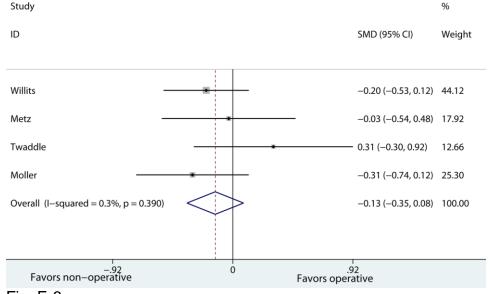


Fig. E-3 Pooled results for functional outcome; results favoring operative intervention are plotted on the right. SMD = standardized mean difference, and CI = confidence interval.

**TABLE E-1 Patient Demographics** 

	Operative			Nonoperative		
		Age			Age	Male
Study	N	(yr)	Male (%)	N	(yr)	(%)
Metz	42	40	73.8	41	41	85.3
Willits	73	40.9	81.3	72	40.9	81.3
Twaddle	20	41.8	70	22	40.3	63.6
Möller	69	39	86	53	39	91
Majewski	29	_	80.8	14	_	80.8
Schroeder	13	43.9	_	15	37.7	
Thermann	22	37	78	28	36	78
Cetti	56	37.2	83.9	55	37.8	81.8
Nistor	45	41	89.7	60	41	89.7
Nilsson-	49	40.9	81.6	48	41.2	81.3
Helander						
Total	418	39.84	81.6	408	39.8	82.7