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	Control Group $(N = 43)$	Study Group $(N = 43)$	P Value
Age* (yr)	59.0 ± 9.6 (43.7 to 82.6)	59.4 ± 10.0 (42.1 to 81.1)	0.8419
Sex (no. of patients)			
Male	27	27	1.0000
Female	16	16	1.0000
No. of levels*	4.1 ± 0.8	4.1 ± 0.9	0.6306
No. of patients per number of levels			
3 levels	10	9	
4 levels	25	25	
5 levels	4	4	
6 levels	4	4	
7 levels	0	1	
Laminoplasty/laminectomy (no. of patients)	27	27	1.0000
Arthrodesis (no. of patients)	16	16	1.0000
Previous surgical procedures (no. of			
patients)			
Anterior	18	14	0.5037
Posterior	1	1	1.0000
Operative time* (min)	$167.0 \pm 51.4 \ (90 \text{ to } 270)$	162.2 ± 50.2 (75 to 270)	0.6660
Estimated blood loss* (<i>mL</i>)	128.7 ± 45.3 (35 to 200)	$119.2 \pm 41.1 (50 \text{ to } 200)$	0.3099

*The values are given as the mean and the standard deviation, with or without the range in parentheses.

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 TABLE E-2 Demographic and Clinical Data on Study and Control Groups (Decompression Only)

~ .	Control Group $(N = 27)$	Study Group $(N = 27)$	P Value
Age* (yr)	$60.7 \pm 10.7 \ (47.3 \text{ to } 82.6)$	61.6 ± 10.8 (48.2 to 81.1)	0.7724
Sex (no. of patients)			
Male	21	21	1.0000
Female	6	6	1.0000
No. of levels*	4.0 ± 0.6	3.9 ± 0.5	0.4705
No. of patients per number of levels			
3 levels	5	6	
4 levels	18	19	
5 levels	4	2	
Laminoplasty (no. of patients)	22	27	0.0511
Laminectomy (no. of patients)	5	0	0.0511
Previous surgical procedures (no. of			
patients)			
Anterior	3	1	0.6104
Posterior	0	0	1.0000
Operative time* (min)	$155.0 \pm 43.2 \ (90 \text{ to } 270)$	152.6 ± 50.0 (75 to 270)	0.8530
Estimated blood loss* (mL)	$131.9 \pm 49.5 (35 \text{ to } 200)$	119.4 ± 44.6 (50 to 200)	0.3377
Diagnosis (no. of patients)			
Degenerative	18	20	
Congenital	4	7	
Ossification of posterior longitudinal	5	0	
ligament			

*The values are given as the mean and the standard deviation, with or without the range in parentheses.

TABLE E-3 Demographic and Clinical Data on Study and Control Groups (Arthrodesis Only)

TABLE E-5 Demographic and Chinear I		Р	
	Control Group ($N = 16$)	Study Group ($N = 16$)	Value
Age* (yr)	$56.0 \pm 6.5 (43.7 \text{ to } 66.1)$	55.7 ± 7.5 (42.1 to 69.0)	0.905
Sex			
Male	6	6	1.0000
Female	10	10	1.0000
No. of levels*	4.2 ± 1.2	4.6 ± 1.3	0.3161
No. of patients per number of levels			
3	5	3	
4	7	6	
5	0	2	
6	4	4	
7	0	1	
Previous surgical procedures (no. of			
patients)			
Anterior	14	13	1.0000
Posterior	0	1	1.0000
Anterior and posterior	1	0	1.0000
Operative time* (min)	$187.2 \pm 58.8 \ (120 \text{ to } 270)$	$178.4 \pm 47.7 \ (130 \text{ to } 255)$	0.6472
Estimated blood loss* (<i>mL</i>)	$123.4 \pm 38.2 (50 \text{ to } 175)$	$118.8 \pm 35.9 (50 \text{ to } 150)$	0.7231
Diagnosis (no. of patients)			
Adjacent segment disease only	6	6	
Adjacent segment disease +	5	4	
pseudarthrosis			
Pseudarthrosis only	3	2	
Adjacent segment disease +	1	2	
degenerative			
Congenital + degenerative	0	2	
Degenerative only	1	0	

*The values are given as the mean and the standard deviation, with or without the range in parentheses.