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Appendix

TABLE E-1 Results of Random-Effect Meta-Analysis for Outcomes with Moderate Heterogeneity*

			1900 for outcomes with Moderate Heterogenety												
				RR					RD						
	No. of	No. of Patients					Heterogeneity					Heterogeneity			
			No. of			P		P			P				
Outcome	MIS	Open	Studies	ES	95% CI	Value	I ² (%)	Value	ES	95% CI	Value	I ² (%)	P Value	RRR (%)	NNT
Infections															
Total	182	176	8						-0.08	-0.15 to	0.01	44	0.09		13
										-0.02					
Superficial	182	176	8						-0.04	-0.10 to	0.12	42	0.10		25
										0.01					
Pain/tendinitis	116	112	5	0.59	0.09 to	0.42	41	0.16						-41	
,					2.63										

^{*}RR = risk ratio, RD = risk difference, MIS = minimally invasive surgery, ES = effect size, CI = confidence interval, RRR = relative risk reduction, and NNT = number needed to treat. Values in bold are significant.