**SUPPLEMENTAL DIGITAL CONTENT**

PICO TABLE

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **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 |
| **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) |