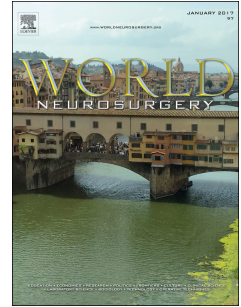


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## Abbreviations list:

ACDF, anterior cervical discectomy and fusion;

ACCF, anterior cervical corpectomy and fusion;

BMI, body mass index;

CI, confidence interval;

CSFL, cerebrospinal fluid leak;

CT, computed tomography;

DD, dural defect;

IR, improvement rate;

JOA, Japanese Orthopedic Association;

MRI, magnetic resonance imaging;

OPLL, ossification of the posterior longitudinal ligament;

OR, odds ratio;

TOLF, thoracic ossification of the ligamentum flavum;

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