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RISK FACTORS FOR CAGE RETROPULSION

Cage retropulsion is a relatively common and important complication following PLIF or TLIF, which are the most frequently performed spine operations. The incidence of cage retropulsion is 1.3% according to this article. Most spine surgeons are therefore likely to face this complication at least once, and many surgeons consider revision surgery when the cage has migrated posteriorly. However, as pointed out in this article, it is difficult to design and conduct good trials of revision surgery for this problem. Interestingly, not all patients in this article who had cage retropulsion underwent revision surgery, implying that their symptoms were relatively tolerable with conservative management. The risk factors for cage retropulsion reported in this article are similar to those in previous studies. Screw loosening is related to nonunion and mechanical instability, which can lead to cage migration. Greater posterior disc height might also be a risk factor, although it was

eliminated by multivariate analysis in this article. Therefore, final compression of the pedicle screws above and below the fusion level is a critical factor for avoiding cage retropulsion. Although cage retropulsion is a troublesome complication for spine surgeons, this study demonstrates that it can be managed adequately. Further research on the cases that require revision surgery for the management of this complication should be undertaken.

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