



Impact of complications on the quality of life of patients who underwent surgery for spinal deformity

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Introduction

The complications in spine deformity surgery are multiple. There is a multiple of articles that talk about them and the rate at which they occur is very variable.

COMPLICATION



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Adult scoliosis surgery outcomes: a systematic review

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Review

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Rate of complications in scoliosis surgery – a systematic review of the Pub Med literature

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A Comprehensive Review of Complication Rates After Surgery for Adult Deformity: A Reference for Informed Consent

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How to affect complication in spine deformity surgery in health related quality of life?

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Radiographical and Implant-Related Complications in Adult Spinal Deformity Surgery: Incidence, Patient Risk Factors, and Impact on Health-Related Quality of Life.

[Soroceanu A¹](#), [Diebo BG](#), [Burton D](#), [Smith JS](#), [Deviren V](#), [Shaffrey C](#), [Kim HJ](#), [Mundis G](#), [Ames C](#), [Errico T](#), [Bess S](#), [Hostin R](#), [Hart R](#), [Schwab F](#), [Lafage V](#); International Spine Study Group.

About the material=**31.7%** (Re-surgery 52.6%)

Rod fracture=**47%**

Proximal junctional kyphosis=**54,5%**

} HRQL



Impact of Frailty and Comorbidities on Surgical Outcomes and Complications in Adult Spinal Disorders.

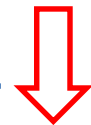
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About the material=**41.3%**

Infections=**19.6%**

Proximal junctional kyphosis=**19,6%**

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The aim of our study was to analyze the impact on health related quality of life of patients had suffered complications in adult spine deformity surgery

Material and Method

Retrospective analysis of two groups of patients according to whether they had suffered or without complications

The inclusion criteria

Age > 30 years
SVA > 5 cm
Cobb > 20°
Instrumented levels > 4
Min 1 year follow-up

Health related quality of life test

VAS
ODI
SRS-22

Statistic analysis

U Mann-Whitney
T Student

Results

N=65 patients

Complication YES=22

Complication NO=43

Average Follow-up 2
years

75,4% female

Median:

- Age 68 years (56,5-74)
- 7 instrumented levels (5-8)
- Bleeding 406.50 cc (270-682.25)

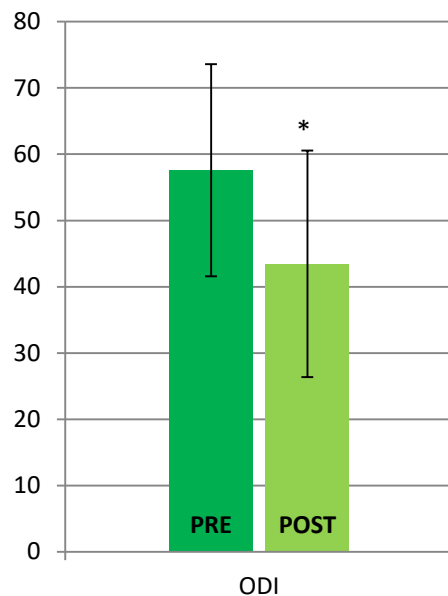
Average

- BMI: 27.73 (± 4.78)
- Surgery time: 305.47 min (± 62.7)

Type of complication	Number of complications
Proximal junctional kyphosis	10
Bar roture	4
Mobilization of material	3
Inferior instrumented vertebra fracture	1
Infection	6

Results

Complication YES



P-Value < 0,05

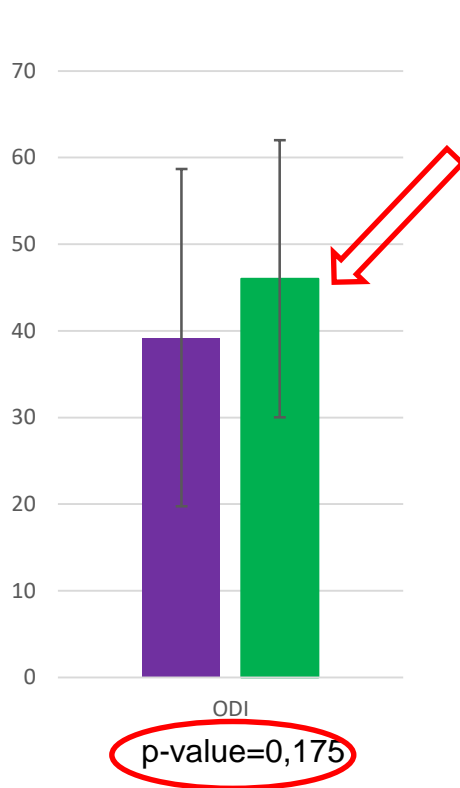
Test	Pre complication	Post complication	p-value
VAS back*	8 (5,50-9)	4 (1,50-7,50)	<0,05
VAS Leg *	8 (5-8)	2 (0,50-5)	<0,05

Test	Pre complication	Post complication	p-value
SRS22_Función	2,55 (0,66)	2,93 (0,85)	0,082
SRS22_Dolor*	1,80 (1,40-2,90)	3,00 (2,20-4,00)	<0,05
SRS22_Selfimage	2,23 (0,86)	3,04(0,70)	<0,05
SRS22_Mentalhealth	2,30 (0,81)	3,65 (0,77)	<0,05
SRS22_Satisfaction	3,25 (1,25)	3,84 (0,91)	0,095
SRS22_Total	2,33 (0,69)	3,19 (0,76)	<0,05

Values expressed in means and standard deviations. P-values calculated with the Student's T test for related samples. * Non-normal values: data expressed in medians and interquartile ranges. P-value calculated with the Wilcoxon W test

Results

Complication YES Complication NO



We also analyzed the final values of the groups of patients where we see that patients who suffered complications, their quality of life is affected in all parameters, although no statistically significant differences with respect to the group that has not been reoperated due to life complications

Test	No Complication	YES Complication	p-value
VAS back*	2,50 (0-6)	5 (2,50-8)	0,086
VAS Leg *	2 (0-5,25)	4 (1-7,75)	0,204

Test	No Complication	YES Complication	p-value
SRS22_Función	3,01 (0,81)	2,86 (0,79)	0,543
SRS22_Dolor	2,96 (0,93)	2,88 (1,02)	0,781
SRS22_Selfimage*	3 (2,45-3,80)	3 (2,20-3,40)	0,285
SRS22_Mentalhealth	4 (2,65-4,509)	3,80 (3-4)	0,190
SRS22_Satisfaction*	4,25 (3,50-4,88)	4 (3-4,50)	0,389
SRS22_Total	3,25 (0,80)	3,11 (0,72)	0,520

Values expressed in means and standard deviations. p-values calculated with the Student's T test. * Non-normal values: data expressed in medians and interquartile ranges. p-value calculated with the Mann-Whitney U test.

Discussion

- The percentage of complications is adjusted to what is published in the bibliography (36.92%)
- In our patients, the complications they suffer are reflected in a greater functional limitation and worse results in the subdomains of the SRS-22
- Despite that, patients improved surgery.

Conclusion

- Measure the percentage of complications in the complex that influence multiple causes in its development
- For example, it is not known yet why the PJK is clearly known that Lordosis is closely related or the infections are becoming more common
- It would be convenient to investigate the possible primary causes of complications

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