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### INTRODUCTION

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#### **METHODS**

Participant or population: Patients who were clinically diagnosed with lumbar spinal stenosis and required surgical treatment, and had not received any surgical intervention before that;There is no limitation on age, sex, race or nationality.

**Intervention:** Percutaneous endoscopic decompression (PED).

**Comparator:** Micro endoscopic decompression (MEDL).

Study designs to be included: Randomized controlled trial, case-control trial.

**Eligibility criteria:** This meta-analysis was carried out in reference to the Cochrane Library's official collaboration.

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Main outcome(s): A total of 8 references were included in this study, including 4 randomized controlled studies and 4 nonrandomized controlled studies .A total of 804 patients were involved in the study, and 714 patients were obtained at the last follow-up, with a follow-up rate of 88.8%.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: The quality of 4 randomized controlled studies was evaluated according to the Cochrane collaboration network "risk of bias evaluation criteria", and the quality of 4 non-randomized case control studies was evaluated according to the Cochrane collaboration "newcastal-ottawa Scale (NOS)" evaluation criteria.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** This metaanalysis used the Review Manager 5.3 software provided by the Cochrane collaboration for statistical analysis. Subgroup analysis: Different follow-up time and different disease types may be divided into different subgroups for analysis.

Sensibility analysis: The sensitivity analysis will mainly adopt the method of "literature culling one by one".

Country(ies) involved: China, South Korea, Germany.

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