

# Review of: "Costs of Full Endoscopic Spine Surgery: a Narrative Review"

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Despite being a narrative review, it would be great if the authors included the flowchart for searching and choosing data sources.

The analysis model is based on a narrative review. Therefore, the information derived from this manuscript should be considered as a general appreciation of the topic in question: the cost-effectiveness related to FESS. I agree that the authors found heterogeneous information between the manuscripts. Still, the manuscript's methodology does not allow for a precise or exact comparison between the sources from which the information is extracted, for example, the comparison of retrospective studies with RCTs.

The authors should include this in their limitations so that the reader takes the information in this study with caution.

I agree with the authors that it is not yet possible to determine whether FESS is cost-effective compared to other techniques, but we cannot conclude that it is NOT since the methodological model of this manuscript does not allow this to be determined objectively. Therefore, that must be included in the conclusions.

Finally, the authors have identified cost drivers directly related to the procedure: LOS and type of anesthesia.

In conclusion, this manuscript is exciting but should be considered with caution, and the authors must clarify that the methodology of this manuscript does not allow objective conclusions to be made and is only a general appreciation of the question: Is FESS cost-effective?