

Supplementary Table 1. Baseline characteristics of the 2,614 patients who did not fulfil the inclusion criteria or who did not have the necessary data available

Characteristic	Value
Age (yr)	48.3 ± 11.8
Active smoker	526 (56.2)
Male sex	1,447 (55.4)
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	25.4 ± 3.4
Height (cm)	177.4 ± 10.3
Weight (kg)	79.9 ± 13.0
Operation time (min)	39.6 ± 106.8
Length of hospital stay (hr)	23.1 ± 7.1
ASA PS classification	
I	1,474 (65)
II	767 (34)
III	6 (0.3)
Index level	
L1–2	3 (0.1)
L2–3	37 (1.5)
L3–4	162 (6.4)
L4–5	1,121 (44)
L5–S1	1,214 (48)
Side	
Right	1,093 (45)
Left	1,243 (51)
Median	75 (3.1)
Both sides	16 (0.7)
Baseline PROM values	
ODI	49.4 ± 17.3
NRS leg pain	7.4 ± 2.1
NRS pack pain	5.4 ± 2.9

Values are presented as mean ± standard deviation or number (%). ASA PS, American Society of Anesthesiologists physical status; PROM, patient-reported outcome measure; ODI, Oswestry Disability Index; NRS, Numeric Rating Scale.