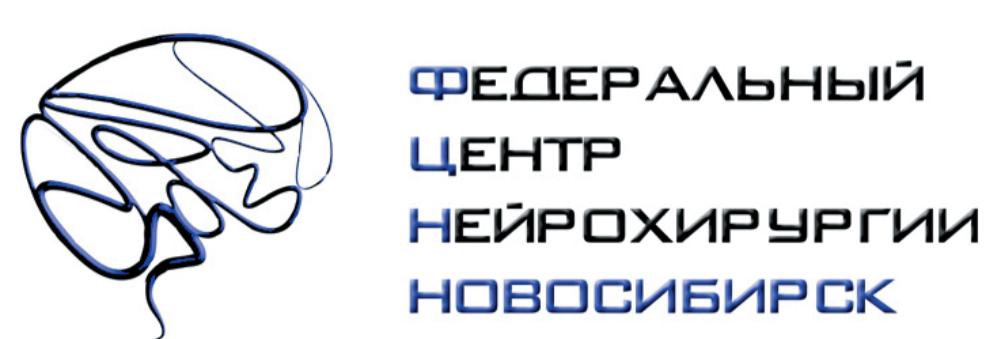




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RESULTS OF SURGICAL TREATMENT OF DEGENERATIVE LUMBAR SPINAL STENOSIS OF ELDERLY PATIENTS

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RELEVANCE OF THE PROBLEM

Degenerative changes of lumbar spine – 95–98 % of elderly people

(Andrei F. Joaquin et al. Arq Neuropsiquiatr. – 2009)

Lumbar spinal stenosis is the most frequent cause of surgical treatment on the spine in patients older than 65 years.

(Rolf Kalff et al Deutsches Arzteblatt Int. Sep. – 2013)

MATERIALS AND METHODS

2013–2015 years

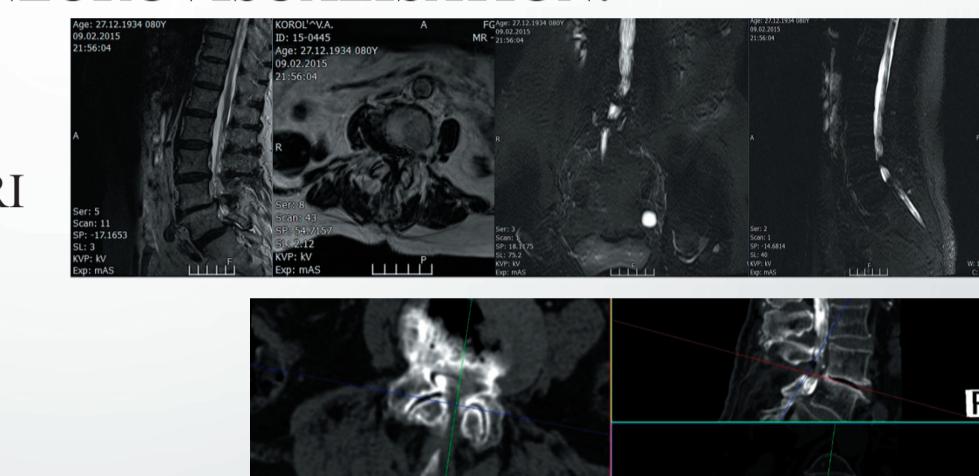
- 278 patients of elderly and senile patients with lumbar spinal stenosis
- 82 males (28%) 196 females (72%)
- The mean patient's age – 66 years

METHODS

NEUROLOGICAL STATUS • NEUROVISUALISATION:

SCALES AND QUESTIONNARIES:

- VAS
- ODI
- SF36 (MENTAL HEALTH, PHYSICAL HEALTH)



- FLEXION-EXTENSION X-RAYS (WHITE-PANJABI CRITERIA)



GROUPS OF PATIENTS

Surgery of lateral and central stenosis

Lateral stenosis 164 (57%)

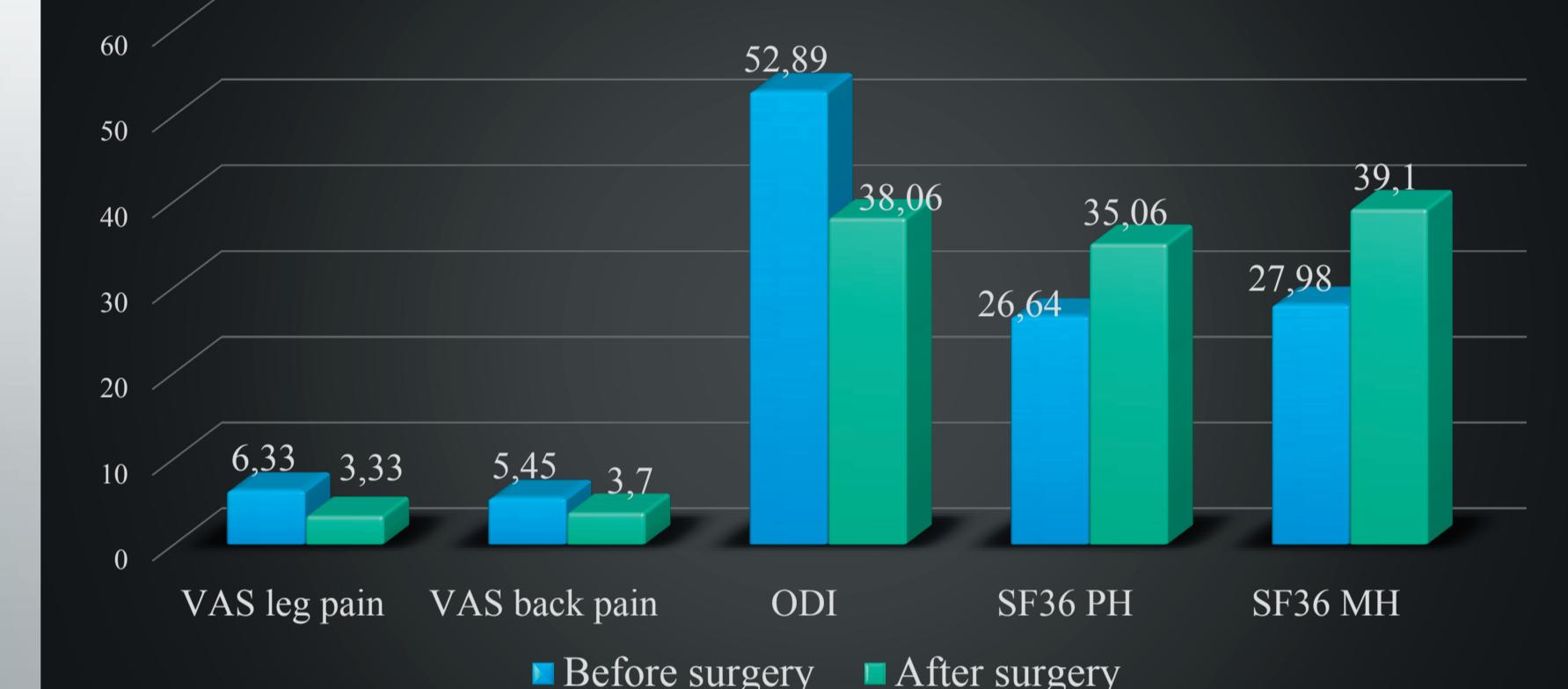
- Unilateral decompression 134 (81%)
- Instability - unilateral decompression + fusion 30 (19%)
 - Plif 17 (56%)
 - Tlif 13 (44%)

Central stenosis 114 (43%)

- Over the top bilateral decompression 49 (43%)
- Instability - bilateral decompression + fusion 65 (57%)
 - Plif 41 (63%)
 - Tlif 24 (37%)

LATERAL STENOSIS (N 164):

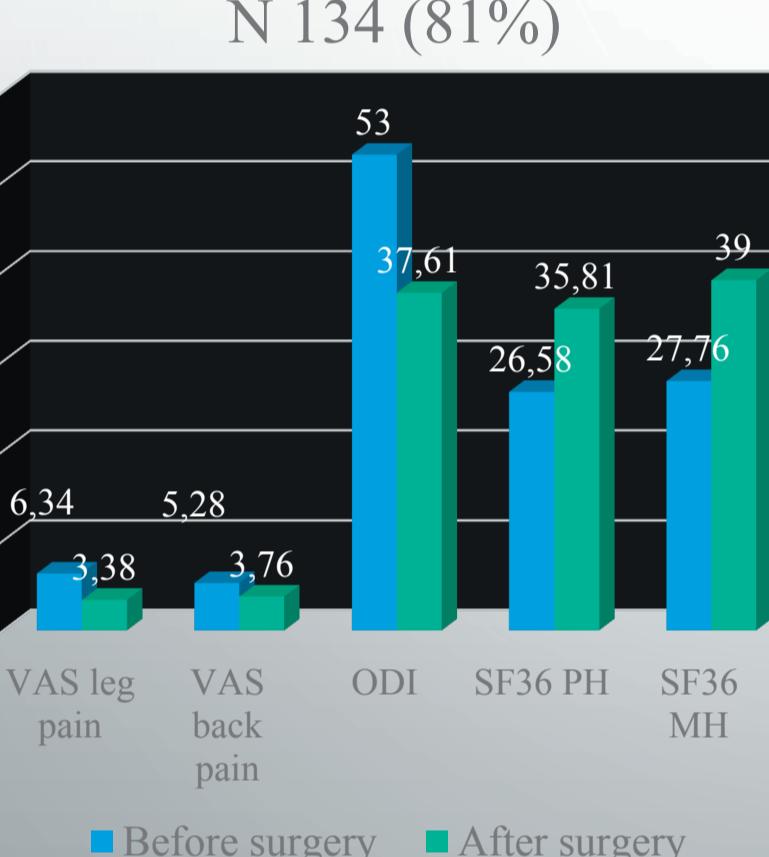
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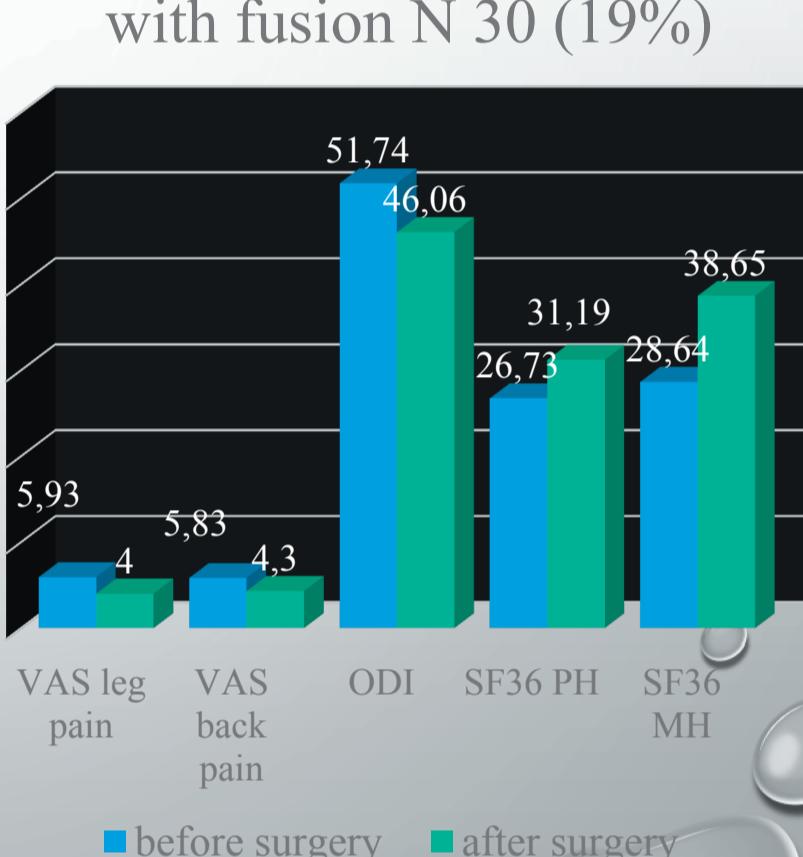
The evaluation of the clinic in patients with lateral stenosis before and after surgery in 12 months N - 164

DECOMPRESSIVE AND DECOMPRESSIVE WITH FUSION SURGERY FOR LATERAL STENOSIS

Unilateral decompression N 134 (81%)

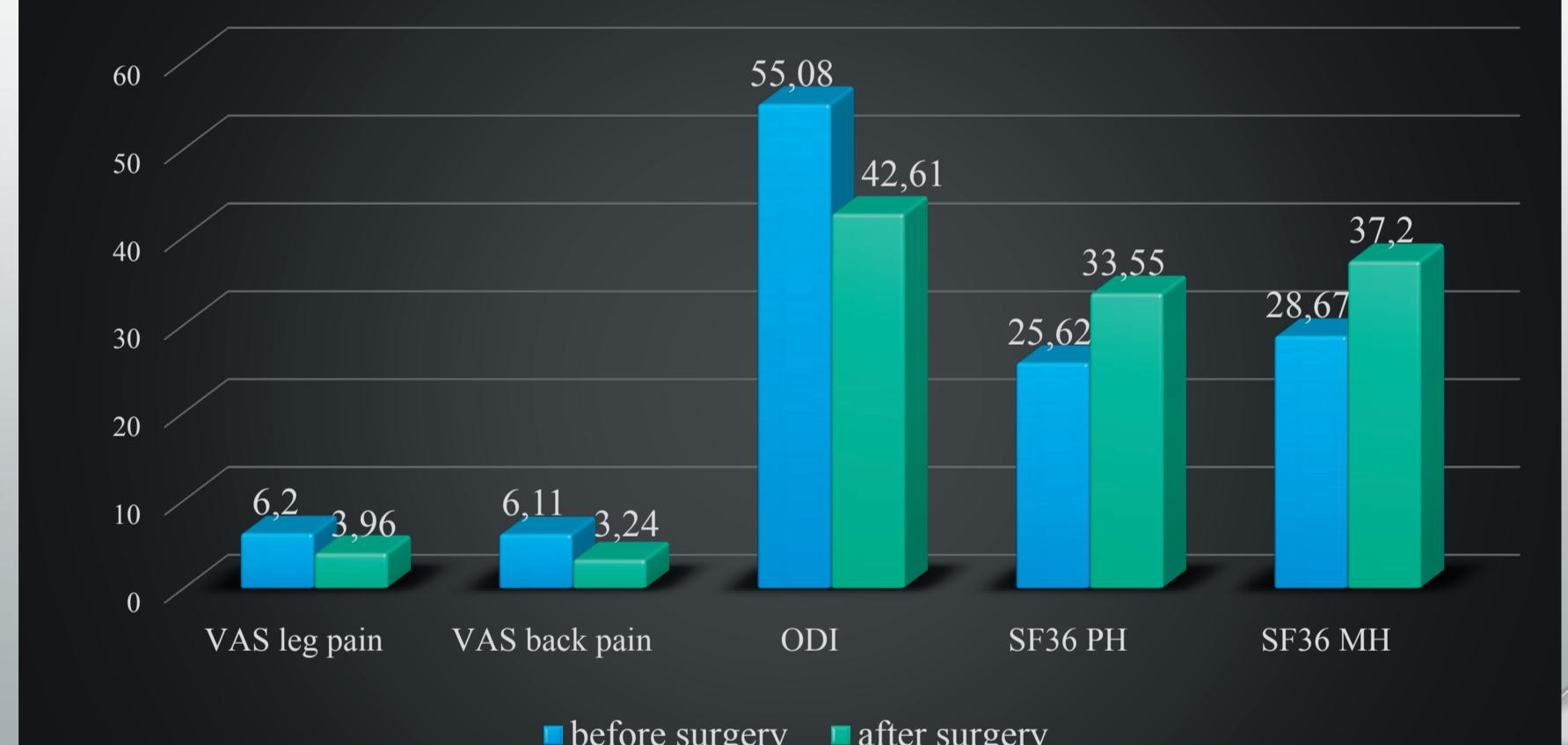


Unilateral decompression with fusion N 30 (19%)



CENTRAL STENOSIS (N 114):

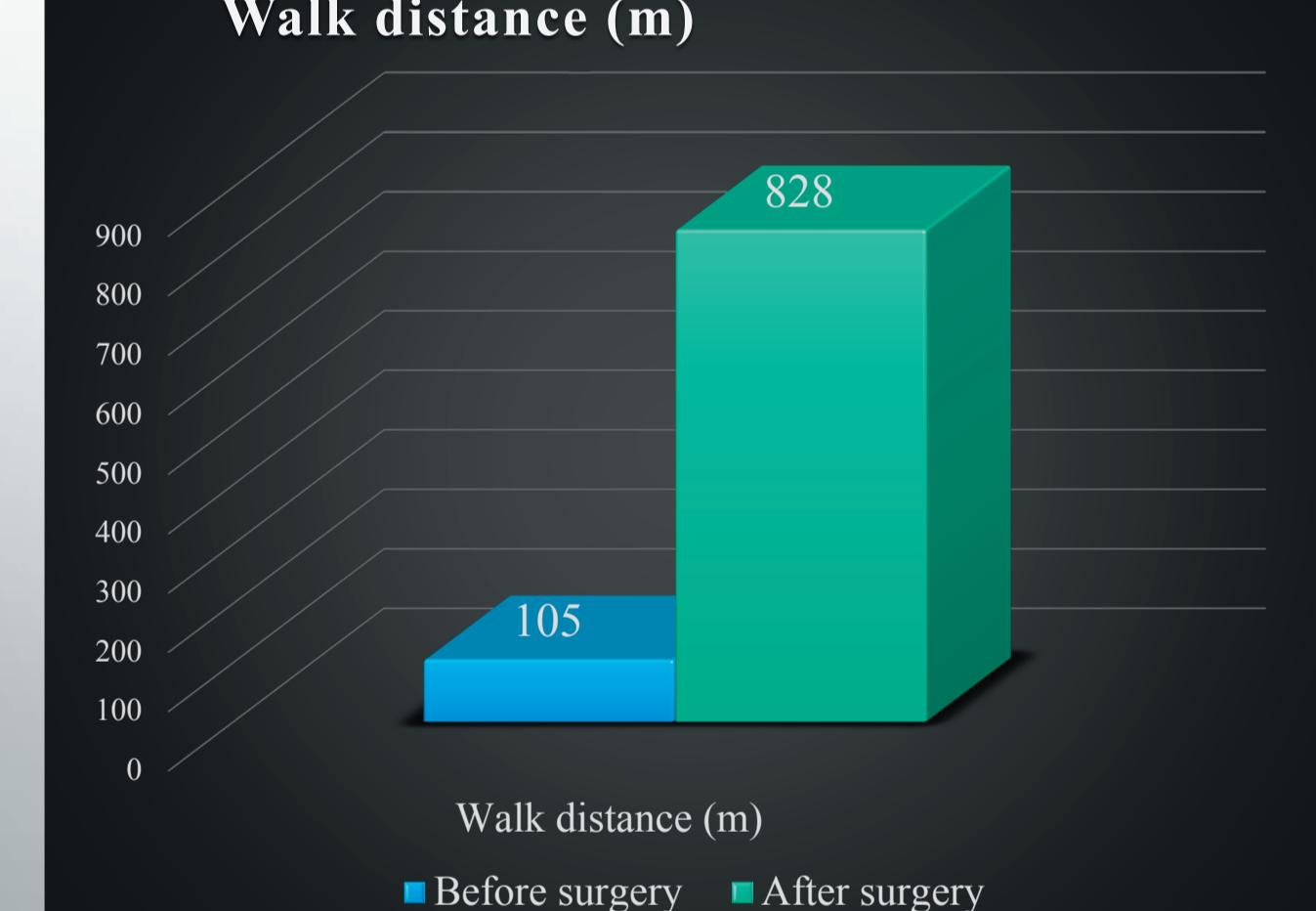
- bilateral over the top decompression 49 (43%)
- bilateral Decompression + fusion 65 (57%)



The evaluation of the clinic in patients with central stenosis before and after surgery in 12 months N - 114

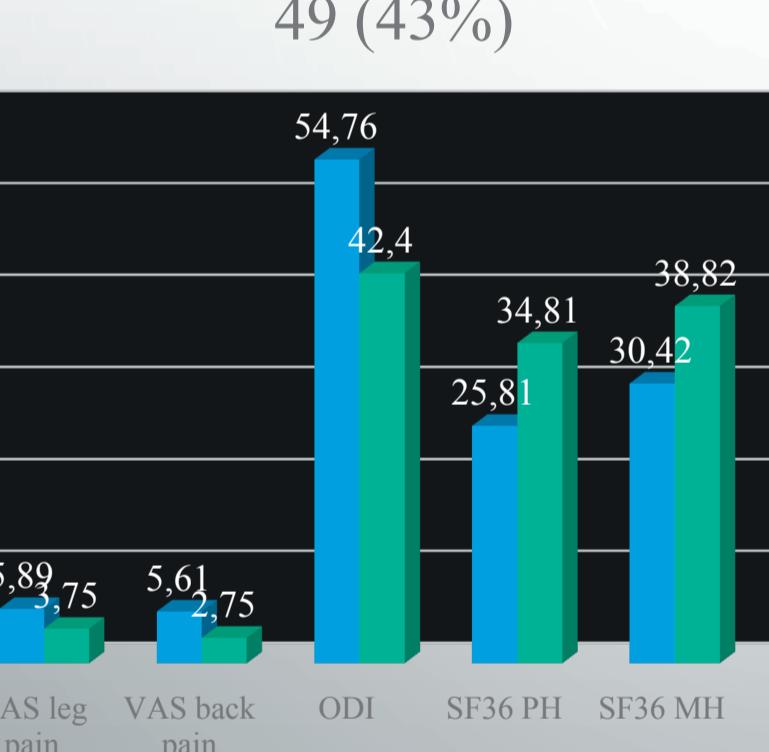
CENTRAL STENOSIS AND NEUROGENIC CLAUDICATION

Walk distance (m)

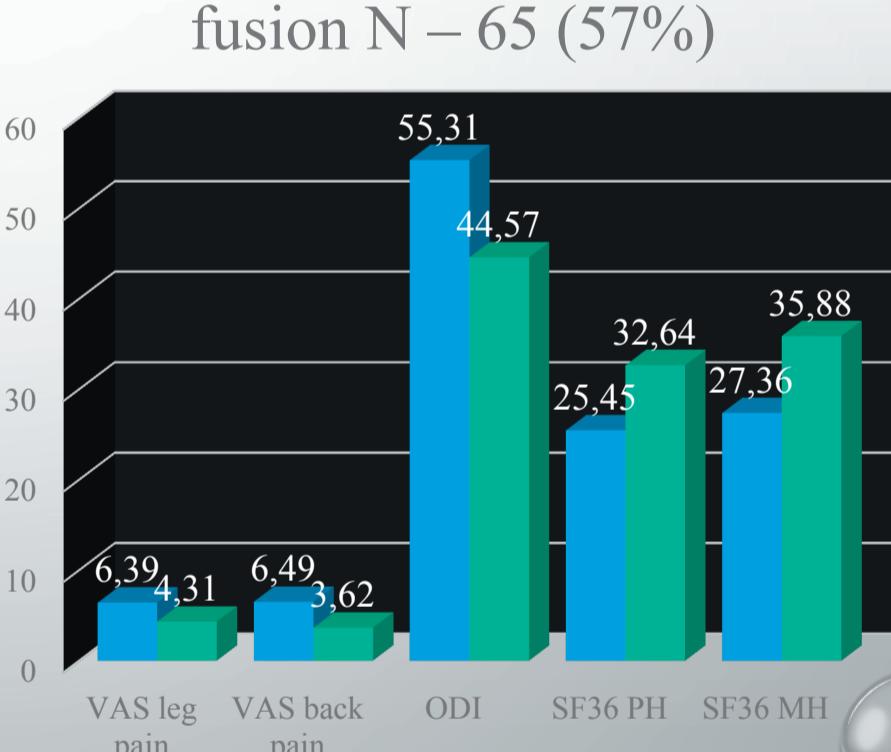


DECOMPRESSIVE AND DECOMPRESSIVE WITH FUSION SURGERY FOR CENTRAL STENOSIS

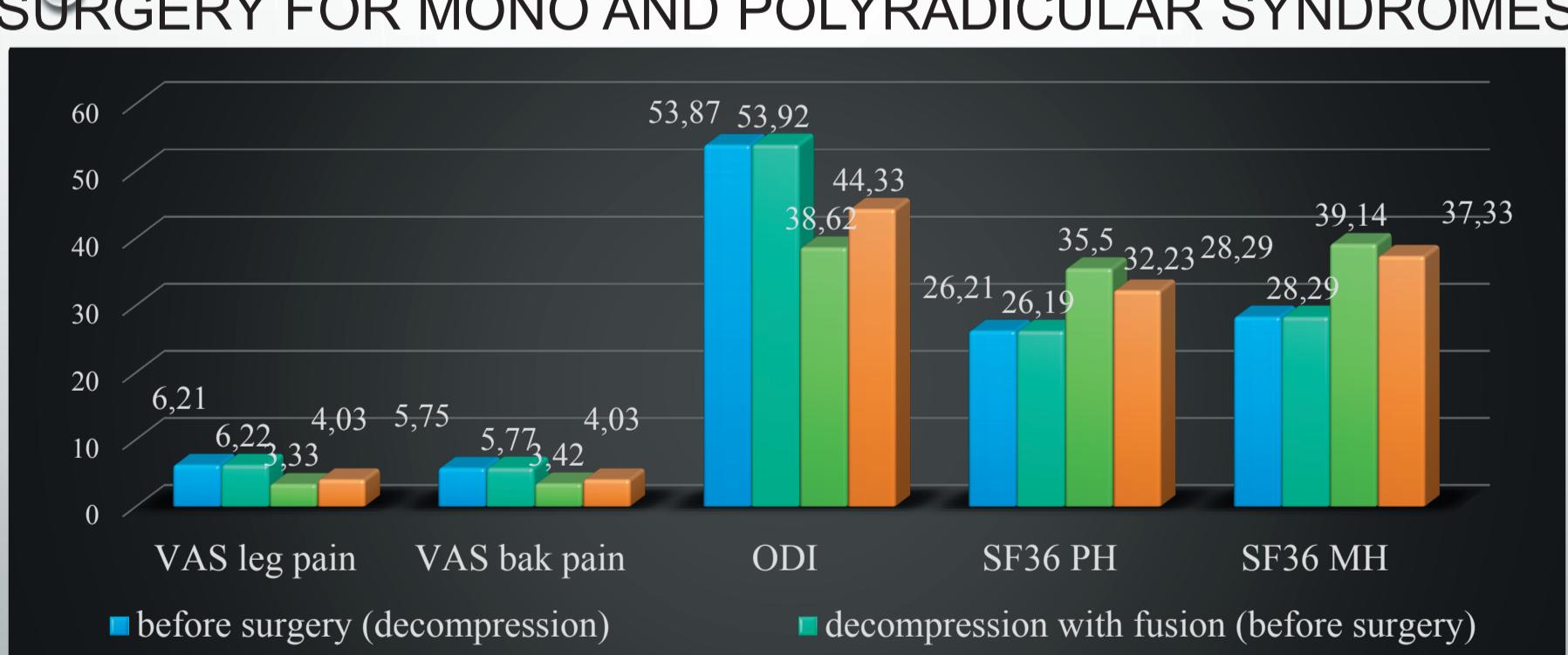
Bilateral decompression N – 49 (43%)



Bilateral decompression with fusion N – 65 (57%)



COMPARISON OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DECOMPRESSIVE WITH FUSION AND DECOMPRESSIVE SURGERY FOR MONO AND POLYRADICULAR SYNDROMES



Decompression N 183

Decompression with fusion N 95

Decompressive surgery performed better data in all parameters compared with decompression with fusion surgery

RESULTS IN 12 MONTHS AFTER SURGERY OF LUMBAR SPINAL STENOSIS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE

- Good results – 246 patients (88%) – decreased back and leg pain
- Decompressive surgery performed better data in all parameters compared with decompression and fusion surgery
- Complications - 35 (12,5%)
 - 25 – damage to the dural sac
 - 4 – epidural hematoma
 - 4 – worsening of neurological deficit
 - 1 – malposition pedicle screw system
 - 1 – purulent epiduritis

REOPERATIONS

Reoperations – 14 (5%):

- 9 cases – recurrence stenosis after decompression
- 1 case – the underestimation of the adjacent level clinic
- 1 case – failure of pedicle screw fixation system
- 2 cases – adjacent segment disease
- 1 case – incorrect interpretation of the clinic - extraforaminal compression of the root

CONCLUSIONS:

- The use of differentiated methods of microsurgical decompression in elderly patients with degenerative lateral and central spinal canal stenosis provides a better quality of life in 88% of patients.
- The fusion techniques do not improve the outcome of surgical treatment and should be used only in clinically significant instability.