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Average 10-year Follow-up Outcomes of Lumbar Total Disc Replacement in 109 Patients

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Objective: The purpose of this study is to report long-term serial clinical and radiological outcomes of 109 patients who underwent total disc replacement (TDR) with an average follow-up of 10 years.

Material-Method: Data at preoperative, postoperative, 2-, 5-, and last follow-up were analyzed. Clinical outcomes were evaluated using Visual Analog Scale (VAS), Oswestry Disability Index (ODI) and subjective satisfaction. Radiological outcomes included segmental range of motion (ROM), L1-S1 lordosis, disc height of each level, and heterotopic ossification. The clinical success rate was assessed according to the FDA criteria.

Result: Total study population consisted of 109 patients with 123 segments. The mean follow-up duration was 122.0 months. The mean VAS and ODI score decreased significantly up to the postoperative 5 years. The overall satisfaction rate was 89% at the last follow-up. The segmental ROM was significantly increased up to postoperative 5 years. The mean disc height of index level increased significantly after surgery, gradually decreasing until the last follow-up, but remained higher than preoperative assessment. Heterotopic ossification was detected in 104 segments at final follow-up. The clinical success rate at the last follow-up was 83.5%.

Conclusions: This study demonstrated successful clinical and radiological outcomes in long-term follow-up. Lumbar TDR not only maintains ROM but also restores disc height, being an alternative to treat lumbar degenerative disc disease.

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