

**On-line Table 1: Formatted questions for telephone interview****Questions**

- Q1: From the interlaminar ESI in 2007 (or 2008), did you have relief from your back pain at that time? (completely, much, slight, no improvement)
- Q2: Since the interlaminar ESI in 2007 (or 2008), have you had relief from your back pain until now? (completely, much, slight, no improvement)
- Q3: How about current back pain compared with 2007 (or 2008) before the interlaminar ESI ? (aggravated, no change, slightly improved, much improved, no discomfort)
- Q4: Did you have an operation after the interlaminar ESI? (Yes/No)
- Q5: Would you repeat the interlaminar ESI if necessary? (Yes/No)
- Q6: Would you recommend the interlaminar ESI to others who have similar symptoms? (Yes, No)
- Q7: NASS patient-satisfaction index (1 = interlaminar ESI met my expectations; 2 = I improved less than I had hoped, but I would undergo the same procedure again for the same result; 3 = interlaminar ESI helped, but I would not undergo the same procedure again for the same result; 4 = I am the same or worse than before interlaminar ESI)

**On-line Table 2: Q1: From the interlaminar ESI in 2007 (or 2008), did you have relief from your back pain at that time?**

	No. Patients	%
Completely improved	2	2.9
Much improved	39	57.4
Slightly improved	11	16.2
Not improved	16	23.5
Total	68	100

**On-line Table 3: Q2: Since the interlaminar ESI in 2007 (or 2008), have you had relief of your back pain until now?**

	No. Patients	%
Completely improved	1	1.5
Much improved	19	27.9
Slightly improved	17	25.0
Not improved	31	45.6
Total	68	100

**On-line Table 4: Q3: How about current back pain compared with 2007 (or 2008) before the interlaminar ESI?**

	No. Patients	%
No pain	1	1.5
Much improved	27	39.7
Slightly improved	16	23.5
No change	22	32.4
Aggravated	2	2.9
Total	68	100

**On-line Table 5: Q7: NASS patient-satisfaction scale**

NASS <sup>a</sup>	No. Patients	%
1	29	42.6
2	15	22.1
3	8	11.8
4	16	23.5
Total	68	100

<sup>a</sup> The NASS patient-satisfaction index: 1 = interlaminar epidural steroid injection met my expectations; 2 = I improved less than I had hoped, but I would undergo the same procedure again for the same result; 3 = interlaminar epidural steroid injection helped, but I would not undergo the same procedure again for the same result; 4 = I am the same or worse than before the interlaminar epidural steroid injection.