Supplementary Online Content


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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.
**eMethods. Data Extraction.**

True positives (TP): patients with SSEP changes and with a new post-operative neurological deficit were classified as TP; false negatives (FN): patients with no SSEP changes and with a new post-operative neurological deficit was classified as FN; true negatives (TN): patients with no SSEP changes and no new post-operative neurological deficits were classified as TN; false positive (FP): patients with SSEP changes and without a new post-operative neurological deficit. This 2x2 table was used to calculate the study sensitivity and specificity along with the 95% confidence interval (CI). If a zero-cell occurred in a study, sensitivity and specificity were calculated by adding 0.5 to all the cells to allow for statistical inference.
eFigure. Deek Funnel Plot for log Diagnostic Odds Ratio (log-DOR).

* Deek’s funnel plot to assess potential publication bias. The fitted regression line is close to being vertical and the statistically non-significant value ($p = 0.89$) for the slope coefficient suggests symmetry in the data and a low likelihood of publication bias.