

Supplementary Table 1. Annual progression rates and proportional distribution of different ossification of the posterior longitudinal ligament types

Type (preoperation)	No.	Proportion (%)	Median (%)	Q1 (%)	Q3 (%)	H statistic	p-value
Continuous	46	9.7	5.1	1.8	9.8	39.703	<0.001
Segmental	256	54.1	4.9	0.0	12.5		
Mixed	127	26.8	7.5	4.3	14.9		
Localized	44	9.3	0.0	0.0	4.3		

Q1 (first quartile) represents the 25th percentile of the annual progression rates; Q3 (third quartile) represents the 75th percentile of the annual progression rates; H statistic is the test statistic from the Kruskal-Wallis H-test.