A systematic review of percutaneous endoscopic laser discectomy (update and reappraisal)

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Authors' objectives
To assess the literature relating to the surgical procedure percutaneous endoscopic laser discectomy and compare it to literature reviews of the gold standard procedure open discectomy. Recommendations about the safety and efficacy of this new, minimally invasive spinal surgery will then be made.

Authors' conclusions
This review found that the safety and/or efficacy of the procedure cannot be determined at the present time due to an incomplete and/or poor quality evidence-base. The procedure should only be used with caution and it is also recommended that further research be conducted to establish safety and/or efficacy.

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