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|  | **Complete case analysis** |  | **Mixed linear model analysis** |
|  | **Standard discectomy** | **Microdiscectomy** | **Difference in mean change between groups (95% CI)** | **P for equivalence** |  | **Standard discectomy** | **Microdiscectomy** | **Difference in mean change between groups (95% CI)** | **P for equivalence** |
|  | **Baseline** | **One year** | **Mean change** | **Baseline** | **One year** | **Mean change** |  |  |  | **Baseline** | **One year** | **Mean change** | **Baseline** | **One year** | **Mean change** |  |  |
| **Aggregate cohort** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *ODI*  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *EQ-5D*  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Matched cohort** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *ODI*  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *EQ-5D*  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# Table 3; Changes in ODI and EQ-5D between baseline and one year after the operation within each treatment group for both the aggregate cohort and the matched cohort.