Author Year Country Research Design Score Total Sample Size	Methods	Outcome
Tator et al. (1987) Canada Case Control N=208	Population: Injury etiology: motor vehicle accident=86, sports=47, work=29, domestic=25, other=21. Surgical (SG, n=116): Mean age: 32.5 yr; Gender: males=94, females=24. Non-surgical (NS, n=92): Mean age: 37.0 yr; Gender: males=70, females=12. Intervention: Individuals with traumatic SCI who underwent surgery or conventional treatment were retrospectively analyzed. Outcome Measures: Mortality, Complications, Length of Stay (LOS), Neurological Recovery.	 Overall, SG group was associated with a lower overall mortality rate (6.1%) than NS group (15.2%). The SG group had a higher frequency of thrombo-embolic complications. Overall, there was no difference between SG and NG groups in LOS or neurological recovery.