

Table IV

Operative procedure	Reference <i>Abstracts corresponding to references can be found using the listing "RCTs by alphabetical order" or "RCTs by topic."</i>	Summary
Operative surgery <i>versus</i> HL + tributary phlebectomy +/- perforator ligation	<p>Campanello M, Hammarsten J, Forsberg S,C,Bernland P et al. Standard stripping versus long saphenous vein saving surgery for primary varicose veins : a prospective, randomized study with the patients as their own controls. <i>Phlebology.</i> 1996;11:45-9.</p> <p>Hammarsten J, Pederson P, Cederlund C-G, Campanello M. Long saphenous vein saving surgery for varicose vein. A Long term follow-up. <i>Eur J Vasc Surg.</i> 1990;4:361-4.</p> <p>Hammarsten J, Campanello M, Pedusen P.Long Saphenous vein saving surgery for varicose vein. <i>Eur J Vasc Surg.</i> 1993;7:763-764.</p>	<p>Group I (N=18): OS of GSV <i>versus</i> Group II (N=18): HL+ tributary phlebectomy +/- perforator ligation of GSV Post-operative results Less subjective postoperative discomfort in group II Results at 4 years of follow-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No difference between groups in terms of clinical outcome and plethysmography as far as incompetent perforators had been treated · Ultrasound examination: Patent and compressible GSV in group II
	<p>Dwerryhouse S, Davies B, Harradine K, Earnshaw JJ. Stripping the long saphenous vein reduces the rate of reoperation for recurrent varicose veins.five-year results of a randomized trial. <i>J Vasc Surg.</i> 1999;29:589-92.</p> <p>Winterborn R.J, Foy C , Earnshaw J.J. Causes of varicose vein recurrence: late results of a randomized controlled trial of stripping the long saphenous vein. <i>J Vasc Surg.</i> 2004;40:634-9.</p>	<p>Group I (N=52): OS of GSV <i>versus</i> Group II (N=58): HL+ tributary phlebectomy +/- perforator ligation of GSV Results at 5 and 11 years of follow-up: No difference between groups in terms of VV recurrence rate but more redo surgery in group II</p>

Abbreviations:

OS= Open surgery: High ligation + Saphenous stripping+/- Perforator ligation +/- tributary phlebectomy; HL= high ligation; GSV = Great saphenous vein; VV, varicose veins.