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Procedural Sedation and Analgesia (Reply)

1. The aim of procedural sedation was to induce a state of primary sedation wherein protective airway reflexes and airway patency is maintained. Deep sedation where such reflexes are lost was not intended.
2. The mean age of the patients was 9.2 years. The post-operative questionnaire

was administered 1-7 days after the procedure. The mean and median duration between the procedure and the time the questionnaire was administered is unfortunately not available. Oral analgesics were not prescribed routinely for all patients, however since the majority of the procedures were lumbar punctures this was not deemed necessary.

3. The suggestion of having a neutral observer for objective assessment is appreciated and would definitely have added weight to the study. We accept this as a limitation of the study.
4. Most of the patient on this study had long term venous access catheters for treatment purposes. Hence, peripheral venous access was not obtained.

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