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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) 26 Mar 2021

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Sincerely yours

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision (**0**)** 26 Mar 2021

Dear Editor in Chief
Based on reviewers' comments this manuscript need some corrections.
Final decision: Minor revision
Regards

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision (**0**)** 26 Mar 2021

Dear Author,
The reviewers' comments are mentioned. Please correct the details as mentioned above carefully according to reviewers' request.
Thanks.

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Associate Editor's Comments:

Associate Editor 1:

Based on reviewers' comments this manuscript need some corrections.

Answer: Corrections and additions have been made and highlighted in the manuscript.

Thank you for taking the time to review our article and offer recommendations in order to improve our work. I have implemented your suggestions in our article. However, there were two references that I could not find when searching on PubMed, *Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine*, and even when I tried a Google search. Every other one was included, and the addition is highlighted in the uploaded revised manuscript.

Your help in getting our work published is very much appreciated.

Regards,

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REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 3 Jun 2021

Dear EIC,
The author could correct the majority of requested items. The minor rest can be corrected during the publishing process.
Final decision: Acceptance
Regards

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 3 Jun 2021

Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.