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The Quality of Reporting of Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs) in Postoperative Pain Management

Good reporting of RCTs is important because it is a proxy for researchers to appraise RCT methodological rigor. The aims of this study were to assess the quality of reporting (QOR) in postoperative pain management RCTs – using the CONSORT criteria – and to determine factors associated with high QOR. Overall, the QOR of anesthesia trials was found to be poor to moderate, results which are consistent with observations from other clinical disciplines. The information gained from this can be used by journals to register the urgency for enhancing the reporting to make RCT findings accessible and comparable.