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### Original Articles -

This includes the original reports of trials, studies of diagnostic tests or surveys. The text would be limited to 3000-5000 words, with an abstract of 250 words, maximum of 5 tables and figures (total) and up to 40 references. Reports of original clinical and basic research of interest to the perioperative and ultrasound community are the primary material to be published as original articles. Randomly controlled trials intervention studies, studies of screening and diagnostic tests, outcome studies, cost effectiveness analysis, case-control series, and surveys with a reasonably high response rate.

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# Introduction

This section should be succinct, with no subheadings. It should be brief but complete enough for the reader to understand the reasons for the study without having to read previous publications on the subject.

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This section may each be divided by subheadings or may be combined. Results should be clear and concise.

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The observations should be related to other relevant studies in a logical sequence. It should summarize, but not repeat the Results. The conclusions should be linked with the aims and objectives of the study and should clearly state whether the objective was achieved. Limitations of the study should also be mentioned. Avoid extensive citations and discussion of published literature.

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	Attributes	Value <i>n</i> (%)
Age	15–20 years	91(32.4)
	21–30 years	118(42)
	31–40 years	49(17.4)
	> 41 years	22(7.8)
Gender	Females	205(73.2)
	Male	75(26.8)
Year of experience	Less than 5 years	83(29.6)
	More than 5 years	197(70.4)

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### Checklist

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