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RE: re-submission of a manuscript for publication

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I would like to submit this manuscript, on behalf of our group, for publication in BMC Pediatrics. The ISRCTN number has been added to the title. This manuscript summarizes the results of a randomized double-blind placebo controlled trial that enrolled extremely small infants, in hope of improving the management of procedural pain. Little is known about adequate pain management in infants, especially very immature and fragile ones. Although our findings were not statistically significant, we believe they are relevant for clinicians caring for such small infants in their daily struggle to ease their necessary stay in hospital.

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