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Page 21, Line 453 to 462 It is suggested to use the term medical abortion as opposed to the use of Medication abortion.

Were patients with retained products of conception following medical abortion excluded from the study sample?

Was ultrasonography done in every patient to assess that abortion process was complete

Description of pain scoring scale used, if any.
The feedback from the sample patients has been reported verbatim in an extremely lengthy format and is too elaborate. It needs to be concise, with significant points highlighted which would make for a more targeted and relevant reading.

Details of an emotional scoring scale used, if any.

Range of pain scores to be explained

Better outcome indicators need to be defined to make the findings relevant since most of the findings seem to be assessed in a qualitative manner.

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