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My one complaint or criticism, refers to the labeling the groups. I think it would be easier to follow the text if the name of the group pointed to presence or absence of COPD and type of sedation.



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Some shortcomings as below: 1) Title: focus on Mild/Moderate COPD groups as stated by pt selection section. 2) Patient selection: what's the definition of elderly people? Is there any declaration for definition of pure COPD cases? (Because, as well known, COPD cases usually have several comorbidities as well.) 3) Methods: (a) Uncertainty of exact procedure of stepwise method, step up? or top down?, In addition, paucity of well documentation of the procedure is also noted. (b) Is there a routinely recognized use of dilution of Propofol in daily practice? (c) Is there any anesthesiology doctor audit during the procedure? (d) Is there computer assisted intravenous pumping in giving drug? (e) Is there any other medication prescribed during the procedure? 4) Results: What's the reason for diverse difference of drug doses between COPD and Non COPD group? And choice of dose by what? 5) Discussion: More detailed theory discussion of conscious sedation is needed.