intubation: group A (antegrade) and group B (retrograde). The primary outcome variable of the study was the successful completion of the procedure. Failed procedure is defined as the procedure can not be completed by using PBS technique or sedation-related serious adverse events such as severe hypoxaemia (SpO2 <85% more than 3 min and can not relief by airway management), severe cardiorespiratory instability, are occurred. The secondary outcome variables were sedation-related complications, mortality rate and haemodynamic parameters.

Results
108 patients underwent SBE procedure during the study period. After matching age, gender, weight, height, ASA physical status, duration of endoscopy and indications of procedures, there were 21 patients in group A and 19 patients in group B. There were no significant differences in age, gender, weight, height, ASA physical status, duration and indication of procedures, type of endoscopy, anaesthetic personnel and haemodynamic parameters between the two groups. All procedures were successful completion of the endoscopies. Mean dose of propofol, fentanyl and midazolam in both groups was comparable. Overall and cardiorespiratory-related adverse events were not significantly different between the two groups. All adverse events were transient, mild degree and easier treatable. Serious adverse events were none.

Conclusion
PBA for SBE procedure in adult patients by experienced anaesthesiologist is relative safe and effective. The success rate of the endoscopy does not depend on the route of intubation. Serious adverse events were rare in our population.

Competing interests
None declared.

Intervention
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Methods
We undertook a retrospective review of the sedation service records of patients who underwent EUS procedures from December 2006 and September 2009. All patients were classified into two groups according to the type of procedure. In group A, EUS was only done for diagnosis. In group B, EUS with FNA was done. The primary outcome variable of the study was overall complication rate. The secondary outcome variables were sedation and procedure-related complications during and immediately after the procedure and haemodynamic parameters.

Results
PDS was provided for 513 patients. After matching age, gender, weight and ASA physical status, there were 47 patients in group A, and 40 patients in group B. There were no significantly differences in age, gender, weight, ASA physical status, mean sedative agents used, and indications of endoscopy between the two groups. However, duration of procedure in group B was significantly longer than in group A. All patients in both groups were concluded with the successful completion of the procedure. There were no significant differences in overall complication rate, sedation and procedure-related complications as well as haemodynamic parameters among the two groups. All complications were easily treated, with no adverse sequelae.

Conclusion
PDS for EUS with or without FNA procedure in elderly patients by trained anaesthetic personnel with appropriate monitoring was relatively safe and effective. Complications in both groups were comparable. Serious complications were rare in our population.

Competing interests
None declared.

PROPOFOL DEEP SEDATION FOR ELDERLY PATIENTS: A COMPARISON BETWEEN EUS WITH OR WITHOUT FINE NEEDLE ASPIRATION PROCEDURE

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BILE DUCT LEAKS FROM AN ABERRANT DUCT OF LUSCHKA

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Introduction
The Duct of Luschka is an accessory biliary radicle first described by the German anatomist Hubert von Luschka in the 19th century. If this aberrant duct goes unnoticed at the time of cholecystectomy, the patient is likely to develop a biliary leak post-operatively. The majority of post-operative leaks are from the cystic duct remnant and standard management is ERCP and stent insertion across the cystic duct +/- sphincterotomy. The aim of our study was to identify the number of leaks from an aberrant “Duct of Luschka” in patients who underwent laparoscopic cholecystectomy over a 14-year period and to evaluate the efficacy of ERCP in their management.

Methods
This retrospective study included all patients undergoing cholecystectomy between 1994 and 2010. Those who had a subtotal cholecystectomy were excluded. ERCP reports were reviewed to identify the number of biliary leaks. The medical notes of each patient with an aberrant duct leak were reviewed to evaluate their management.

Results
For 5221 laparoscopic cholecystectomies there were 97 biliary leaks (1.9%), 86 from the cystic duct remnant and 11 from an aberrant duct. In two patients found to have leaks from a Duct of Luschka during surgery, the laparoscopic approach was converted to an open procedure and one patient had a drain inserted at initial laparoscopy. Eight patients had a repeat laparoscopy with a washout and drain insertion. Two patients had CT guided drain insertion. Time to ERCP after presentation varied from 1 to 10 days, with the majority being done between day two and day five. Of the eleven, four patients had a sphincterotomy and stent insertion, five had stent insertion alone and two patients had no therapeutic intervention as the leak was felt to be too small. Eight patients had a repeat ERCP with stent removal and no residual leak on cholangiogram. One person was lost to follow-up. No patients required surgery after ERCP to control the leak. Arrow below: leaking aberrant Duct of Luschka.