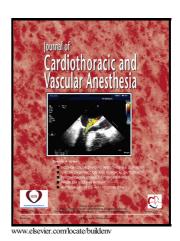
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To the Editor:

With great interest, I read the recent publication by Sanfilippo and colleagues concerning

the grading of mitral regurgitation (MR) in the outpatient setting and under general

anesthesia. The authors report that MR grading under general anesthesia (GA) results in

significant underestimation of the severity in comparison to grading in the outpatient

setting. Additionally, the meta-analysis further revealed that "hemodynamic matching"

(augmenting the afterload with vasopressors) enables accurate assessment of MR grade in

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