To the Editor.—We have read with great interest the manuscript by Davidson et al., related to the incidence of awareness in a pediatric population. We should congratulate the authors for their effort. They report an incidence of awareness of 0.2%. This value is significantly lower than others studies, including a previous one from the same author.

We would like to add some comments to the discussion, and specifically another possible explanation for the lower incidence of awareness.

The authors in this study conducted only two postoperative interviews, at 24 and at 72 hours. They claimed that a third interview at 30 days had low positive findings, although in the previous study by the same authors they conducted three interviews and the last had a positive finding of 29%. Two of the seven reported cases appeared with the third interview.

The overall incidence of awareness in the pediatric population was 0.8%, over 92%, significantly higher than the present study.

The Brice test, to our knowledge, seems to be the best methodology to study this complication, with different modifications depending on the population undergoing the study. According to that test, ideally three interviews should be conducted: within 24 hours, between 24 and 72 hours, and at 30 days after surgery.

In a clinical condition as the one reported, we should ideally follow methodology already validated or at least accepted by current anesthesiologists. In this study, the change in the protocol may be one of the reasons explaining the lower incidence of awareness.

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