

# Combined Use of Intrathecal Opioids and Dexmedetomidine in the Management of Neuropathic Pain

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## LETTERS TO EDITORS

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We have read with curiosity the enrapturing article entitled, "Safe Sedation and Hypnosis using Dexmedetomidine for Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery in a Prone Position," published in the *Korean Journal of Pain* [1]. Kim skillfully reviewed the literature on the mechanisms of action as well as the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of dexmedetomidine and its potential role in the management of pain during minimally invasive spine surgery (MISS). This article is a helpful review which attempts to resolve interpretations of the hypnotic surgical condition and the ideal sedative role of dexmedetomidine during MISS in a prone position. However, we would like to add some additional points with regard to the potential role of opioids with dexmedetomidine, administered intrathecally, in mitigating neuropathic pain, as presented below.