

Table 3 Profile of postoperative analgesics prescribed to the studied patients (n = 275)

Medication	Total times prescribed ^a		Delivery scheme		Route of administration				Daily dose (mg)
	No.	%	Systematically	On-demand	i.m.	i.v.	Oral	Other	Mean (SD)
			No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Pethidine	184	66.9	151	33	184	–	–	–	407 (172)
Paracetamol	117	42.5	93	24	–	15	100	2 ^b	2846 (610)
Diclofenac	74	26.9	38	36	71	–	3	–	152 (40)
Tramadol	30	10.9	9	21	22	1	7	–	132 (52)
Morphine	11	4.0	8	3	–	11	–	–	61 (43)
Bupivacaine	4	1.5	4	0	–	–	–	4 ^c	150 (0)
Ibuprofen	2	0.7	1	1	–	2	–	–	1200 (0)
Lidocaine	1	0.4	1	0	–	–	–	1 ^d	150 (0)
Celecoxib	1	0.4	1	0	–	–	1	–	400 (0)

^aThe table shows number (%) of patients; some patients received more than 1 analgesic.

^bRectal; ^cEpidural; ^dInfiltration.

i.m. = intramuscular; i.v. = intravenous, SD = standard deviation.