Painless Electromyography in children

Abstract:
Thanks to new techniques in Pediatric Neurology, nowadays we are more able to detect and differentiate different diseases of the nerves and muscles in children. Although these techniques are sometimes more sensitive and specific than EMG in children, but EMG and NCV study has its specific role in pediatric neurology and this is because of more availability and feasibility of these tests in children. One of the main Limitations of EMG techniques especially in pediatric age group is the pain induced by the insertion of needle electrodes into muscle as well as electrical stimulations needed to do NCV and other studies. So, all the experts in the field are trying to find some methods to reduce the pain induced by this technique. I have tried to introduce some of these methods after a brief explanation about pediatric EMG technique.