Comparison Parasacral and Posterior Sciatic Nerve Blocks Combined Anterior Lumbar Plexus Block

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To the Editor,

I read the article titled "Comparison of Parasacral and Posterior Sciatic Nerve Blocks Combined with Anterior Lumbar Plexus Block" published in the Turk J Anaesth Reanim 2013; 41: 171-4 with interest.

The authors stated that they used inguinal paravascular block (3 in one block) in the methods section of the article. This technique is currently named as "femoral block". Lumbar Plexus Block technique mentioned in the title is a block performed from a very different anatomical region, lumbar region instead of inguinal region.

For this reason, I am in the opinion that the title of the article would better be changed as "Comparison of Femoral Block Combined with Parasacral and Posterior Sciatic Nerve Block". With my best wishes.

Authors Reply

To the Editor,

We read the comments about our article titled "Comparison of Parasacral and Posterior Sciatic Nerve Blocks Combined with Anterior Lumbar Plexus Block". Although it was suggested that the title should be changed as "Comparison of Femoral Block Combined with Parasacral and Posterior Sciatic Nerve Block", as is known posterior and anterior approaches from different levels can be used in "lumbar plexus block" and all are named as "lumbar plexus block" (1). Therefore lumbar plexus blocks are either named according

to the level of the block or are simply called as lumbar plexus block. In the materials and method section of our article, it was indicated that "lumbar plexus block was performed with inguinal paravascular technique". As a matter of fact, the cornerstone studies that used inguinal approach also used the term "lumbar plexus block" (2, 3).

Although currently different names have been proposed to be used for this block, we are in the opinion that the title we used adequately reflects the content of our study.

Best regards

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