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Title: Sciatic lateral popliteal block with clonidine alone or clonidine plus 0.2% ropivacaine: effect on the intra- and postoperative analgesia for lower extremity surgery in children. A randomized prospective controlled study

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Dear Editors,

Thank you and the reviewers for the constructive comments of research article, MS: 1324466156509649, entitled: Sciatic lateral popliteal block with clonidine alone or clonidine plus 0.2% ropivacaine: effect on the intra- and postoperative analgesia for lower extremity surgery in children. A randomized prospective controlled study.

We responded to yours comments as follows:

1. This research article has been approved by of The Scientific Ethics Committee (General Children’s Hospital, Penteli Athens, with a reference number 41. Preoperatively, we explained to parents our intervention treatment. After understanding and accepting the alternative treatments by randomization, without coercion or manipulation, written informed consent was obtained in the card anaesthesia.

2. The Trial Registration Number is: ISRCTN90832436 and is referred at the end of the abstract.

3. The power calculation was performed by statistic program G*Power vr 3-1-2, using the mean time period from the end of anesthesia to the first analgesic request.

4. The first page is included in the revised manuscript.

5. Background was corrected in the abstract.

6. Background section of the manuscript was corrected.

Sincerely yours

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