Reviewer's report

Title: Continuous spinal anaesthesia versus ultrasound-guided combined psoas compartment-sciatic nerve block for hip replacement surgery in elderly high-risk patients: A prospective randomised study

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

The author must respond to these before a decision on publication can be reached. For example, additional necessary experiments or controls, statistical mistakes, errors in interpretation.

Comment 1. page 4 Please correct the end date of recruitment

Comment 2. the number of patients requiring rescue anesthesia in the first postop day is higher in the PC group, what is your explanation for this?

Comment 3. In the discussion section: Based on our clinical experiences in elderly patients with comorbidities, we used a starting low dose of isobaric bupivacaine and we administered it gradually to achieve better hemodynamic stability in patients of CSA group. The success rate of CSA providing surgical anaesthesia was achieved in 100% of patients in our study.

Totally how much local anesthetic was given during the case?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'!