Reviewer’s report

Title: Sciatic obturator femoral technique versus spinal anaesthesia in patients undergoing surgery for fixation of open tibial fractures using Ilizarov external fixator. A randomised trial

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Reviewer: Dita Aditianingsih

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Thank you for the opportunity in reviewing this article, I have some comments that might improve the article:

- I believe the correct term is paraesthesia/paresthesia instead of parathesia for abnormal dermal sensation as one of block complication

- "The duration of soft block and time …" Please use consistent capitalization (soft / SOFT)

- Please adhere to one English style either British or American English, as required from BMC

- This manuscript still got plenty of room for grammar and redactional improvement.

- Please refer to uploaded attachment for additional comments

Background

- Please give abbreviation note in brackets for first use (page 4, line 15 US-guided)

Methods

- Why did the authors use Bupivacaine 0.25% for SOFT block?

- ECG should be unabbreviated

Results

- Demographic data: for sex data, author could show the most prevalent group only

- How about the time to first effect after the block?
Discussion

- The paragraph punctuations and discussion could use more improvements and elaborations, written in a better flow and connecting previous studies with this study's findings rather than citing and mention their findings.

- Same topic paragraph could be merged

- As the authors stated that the SOFT block is a recent block, some background of the block could be added

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