Author’s response to reviews

Title: Pelvic plexus block to provide better anesthesia in transperineal template-guided prostate biopsy: a randomised controlled trial

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Author’s Responses to Reviewers and Editor
Dear Editor:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers’ comments concerning our manuscript entitled “Application of pelvic plexus block in transperineal template-guided prostate biopsy” (ID: BURO-D-18-00341R1). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer’s comments are as follow.

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Responds to the reviewers’ comments:

Reviewer #2:

Dear prof. Ahmad #2:

I am very grateful to your comments for the manuscript. And your advises make our study more rigorous and scientific. According with your advice, we amended the relevant part in manuscript.

1. The only comment I have is about table 2. Per statistical section of the manuscript, VAS and VAN are presented as medians and IQR. ANOVA test is used for continuous variables to compare means and not medians. Medians of 2 or more groups can be compared with Keruskal-Wallis test. If Keruskal-Wallis test shows a significant difference then post-hoc test to determine which group or groups are different can be used.

Response: Thank you for your valuable advise. According to your opinion, we have change the presention of the VAS scores and VAN scores as mean± SD.
Special thanks to you for your good comments.

Yang Luan

Response to Editor:

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your kind reminder. Meanwhile, we apologize for our negligence. This study is a continuation of our previous research, and most of the overlapping contents (including operation steps, etc.) are repeated with our previous articles (PMID: 27428215 and 30515888). We apologize for this and, at the same time, we try our best to revise our manuscript to be in original language across every section of the manuscript.

Special thanks to you for your good comments.

Yang Luan