**Advantages**

* Provides unilateral analgesia of the paralumbar fossa for flank laparotomy. An alternative to the inverted L block.
* Preferable to a line block or an inverted L block in relation to both speed of application and safety.
* This block is more likely to provide uniform desensitisation of the peritoneum than is field infiltration, and also provides relaxation of the abdominal wall.
* For caesarean section, this technique provides good muscle relaxation, does not risk development of haematomas at the operating site and provides for good healing as well as the ewe quickly regaining her feet and mothering her lambs.

**Advantages over L-block or line infiltration:**

* Wide uniform analgesia from the last rib to the tuber coxae and ventrally to the fold of the flank, through all layers of the abdominal wall.
* Faster to carry out.
* Significantly smaller total volume of local anaesthetic solution is required.
* No [haematoma](http://wildpro.twycrosszoo.org/s/00Ref/KeywordsContents/h/Haematoma.htm) formation at the proposed incision site.
* Produces relaxation of flank muscles and decrease in intra-abdominal pressure.
* Intraoperative increase in the length of the laparotomy incision can be performed if required.
* The peritoneum is desensitised and some abdominal viscera also.

Source: <http://wildpro.twycrosszoo.org/s/00Man/VeterinaryTechniques/PainRumIndTech/Paravert_Block_Ruminants.htm>