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

* This technique is technically relatively difficult, particularly in fat animals.
* It is difficult to identify the landmarks for injections in animals which are obese or very heavily muscled.
* Vasodilatation may increase [haemorrhage](http://wildpro.twycrosszoo.org/s/00Ref/KeywordsContents/h/Haemorrhage.htm); this is considered of minor importance.
* Bowing of the flank may make closure of the laparotomy incision more difficult; this is considered of minor importance.
* There is a risk of penetrating the aorta or thoracic longitudinal vein on the left side of the spine or the posterior vena cava on the right side.
* Caudal migration of the drug to the femoral nerve may occur with resultant loss of motor control to the hind limb.