**Advantages**

* bloodless
* can be used at any time of the year

**Disadvantages**

* can only be used solely on young calves up to 12 weeks of age.
* unreliable when done incorrectly, leads to scurs (partial horn growth). Thus it is necessary to ensure that a uniformed circumference of necessary skin is burned around the horn to prevent this.
* requires expertise – as it relates pain control and technique.