**Advantages and Disadvantages of the Distal Paravertebral Nerve Block:**

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| Advantages | Disadvantages |
| * The use of more routine size needles      * No risk of penetrating a major blood vessel      * Lack of scoliosis, minimal weakness in the pelvic limbs and ataxia | * Larger doses of anaesthetics are needed * Variation in efficiency exists, particularly if the nerves vary in their anatomical pathway |