

Summary attachments for 2021-003218-38

In 2021 a series of reviews and correspondences were published indicating the effect of liposomal bupivacaine might not be as first perceived [1–4]. These articles evaluated the published literature in relation to the producer (Pacira Pharmaceuticals) and found that the majority of studies supporting liposomal bupivacaine were also financially supported by Pacira. Pacira’s response to these publications was a lawsuit against The American Society of Anesthesiologist, the journal *Anesthesiology*, the editor of *Anesthesiology*, and the authors of the mentioned articles. The current study was first postponed while awaiting the result of this lawsuit. The company lost the lawsuit and subsequently their entrance to the European market has been delayed/cancelled. We therefore have can’t get the medicine for the trial and hence cannot complete the trial. The study has not been initiated and no patients included.

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