

## In response to Goyal R, et al. J Anesth, Dec. 9 (2012)

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To the Editor:

I read with interest the article “Ketodex, a combination of dexmedetomidine and ketamine for upper gastrointestinal endoscopy in children: a preliminary report” by Goyal R, et al. in the *Journal of Anesthesia*, December 9 (2012) (epub) [1]. It was interesting to note that authors have “coined,” as a new name for the ketamine and dexmedetomidine combination, the term “Ketodex.”

I wish to bring to your kind notice that the term “Ketodex” is neither new nor appropriate because this brand name already exists in the pharmaceutical world. Berlin-Chemie AG (Menarini Group), a pharmaceutical company

of Hungary, uses the brand name “Ketodex<sup>®</sup>” for Dexketoprofen tromethamine (a derivative of Dexketoprofen) [2]. It is also important to note that it is a registered name, “Ketodex,<sup>®</sup>” and if used without information and consent from the manufacturers may have legal implications.

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