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In this paper, we characterize up to finitely many exceptions all the solutions of the Diophantine equation  $x^4 - q^4 = py^r$  with  $r > 3$  a fixed prime. When  $r = 5$ , we show that there are no exceptions.

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