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This is really a commendable review of neuroendocrine, epigenetic, and intergenerational effects of general anesthetics. Generally, general anesthetics is considered relatively safe by the public, but it surely has many potential adverse effects. In this sense, the topic this paper deals with is very important. This review encompasses a wide range of papers, and yet the selection of them is really focused. And the papers reviewed here are sufficiently digested for the readers with a good command of English. I believe this review can play a significant role to enhance the attention of the public to the field of anesthetics.

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In this manuscript, the author explains the results of several recent studies regarding the adverbial influence of general anesthesia in young-adults particularly in the neurocognitive development and transgenerational effects. This issue is of importance and worthy to be discussed more deeply. This manuscript is, however, only a narrative review. The author introduced some latest study of their own as well as recent studies by others. Their quality as an experimental study has not been examined by the author. At least there is no proof of critical reviewing in this manuscript. Therefore, readers cannot completely trust the claim of the author as scientifically appropriate. As far as I know, the adverse effect of GA to offsprings is yet under argument. A systematic review is required to judge the correctness of the author's conclusion. Past studies suggesting harmlessness of GA should also be referred, to be fairly examined. Otherwise, the author should mention the limitation of the presentation in this manuscript. As a minor point, in the introduction section, the author wrote "Such co-ocurrence of ADHD and ASD suggests that early-life exposure to anesthesia may be a contributing to a rising number of neurodevelopmental disorders, whose cause are frequently unknown." This sentence is logically invalid because the author never mentions the relationship between ADHD and ASD. To begin with, it is declared that the cause of neurodevelopmental disorders is unknown in the same sentence. In the later sections, the author never discuss particular mental disorders. This sentence should be deleted.

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