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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Well written article that provides a very good, over-all reasonably balanced interpretation of the role of neuropathic pain mechanisms in LBP. - While the outcome of medications is stated as being 'significant' on a number of occasions, perhaps a comment on the affect sizes would be beneficial. This could be a global statement. - The first sentence of the conclusion requires grammatical correction. - A multimodal approach to medication probably is more rational, but I think this needs to be tempered by a statement that a lot of further research is required. Part of this could be identifying sub-groups of likely responders to specific medications/combinations of medications.



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Interesting paper which needs minor revisions before publication: 1. Tilidin in the mentioned field of (synthetic) opioids is missing. 2. Concerning adverse drug events especially in TCAs a critical appraisal would be beneficial, citing e.g. the well known PRICUS list. 3. "These sensory testings seem the most important part of this clinical examination" - What's with biomechanical findings in the clinical examination derived from chiorthrapy (i.e. testing of the affected joint, testing of the spine concerning the Lovett`rules)? 4. Emphasizing the pharmacological approach within the neuropathic LBP the use of ascorbic acid is missing. 5. From my point of view the part "discussion" with explanation of limitations is missing: A clear differentiation between a singular neuropathic LBP and classical signs of radiculopathy within the dermatom and (maybe) neurosurgical consequences is missing. Furthermore a critical appraisal of recent studies concerning the frequency of neuropathic and nozizeptive LBP is missing. 6. Structure of the paper: Where is the declaration of conflicts of interests?



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This is a narrative review on neuropathic low back pain. The topic is interesting and useful for clinical practice. Anyway,I have a few suggestions that might make this manuscript more valid. 1.The authors should put some criticisms on the available evidence whether it is valid or not and identify the gap of knowledge for further study. 2.The authors should summary the level of evidence of the efficacy and/or safety of each treatment. 3.Some minor point; accuracy of reference and format must be rechecked including language.