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Dear Author It is a well written solicited review paper which counteract the myth about opioid use in elderly population. I have following minor suggestions to further improve the manuscript. 1. It would be more logical to make the core-tip "informative" rather than to leave it "indicative" because already the title of your review is "indicative" [see the reference below and file attached]. 2. Elaborate the psychiatric condition a little bit because a suicidal attempt by using opioids overdose will be disastrous. 3. Transition from oral to transdermal route or vice versa requires some caution. 4. No sudden withdrawal of opioids as it can be dangerous for elderly. References: <http://www.respond2articles.com/ANA/forums/post/2016.aspx>

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