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Some readers have questioned our characterization of opioid withdrawal as not life-threatening (Med Lett Drugs Ther 2018; 60:137). While death during opioid withdrawal is unusual, it is possible – for example, due to severe untreated dehydration, withdrawal-induced suicidality, or rare myocardial events. We probably should have said that opioid withdrawal is generally not life-threatening. We will make that addition to the article as it appears on our website.

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