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Re: Consultation: Prescription of strong (Schedule 8) opioid use and misuse in Australia-Options for a regulatory response.

To Whom it may Concern,

I read with interest and welcome many of the proposals in the document "Prescription of strong (Schedule8) opioid use and misuse in Australia-Options for a regulatory response." There is one consideration that I wish to comment on, however. The proposal to classify tramadol as S4 and tapentadol as S8 is something that I do not agree with.

As both of these medications are opioids, and capable of opioid related effects, including addiction, diversion, and other forms of misuse, I feel there is no reason to differentiate them. If we are genuinely concerned about the epidemic of opioid misuse, then we should classify both as S8.

Yours Sincerely

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