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Opioid abuse, the escalating crisis, xylazine co-use, and the forensic toxicology challenges

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Introduction: The opioid crisis represents a longstanding public health emergency, significantly worsened by the concurrent use of xylazine. This epidemic has led to a surge in opioid-related fatalities, marking it as a pressing health crisis with global implications. The combination of xylazine with fentanyl and its analogs significantly increases the risk of overdos ...

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