

## [ Letter to the Editor ]

**D**ear Editor:

Your April 28, 2020, editorial, “We Are Guilty,” serves as an important reminder that the scourge of opioid addiction has continued for many years and will remain a vexing problem for years to come. To bring our attention back to the myriad issues concerning opioids at a time when the world is so intently focused on the coronavirus is a daunting task.

The description of the coronavirus as the “Chinese invader,” though, is unnecessarily provocative and distracts from the many important issues around opioid prescription and abuse that you discuss. Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic has been politicized, and it would be unfortunate if the highly respected *Sports Health: A Multidisciplinary Approach* contributed to that politicization.

Consequently, I respectfully request that the term “Chinese invader” be removed from your editorial.

Yours truly,  
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## [ Letter to the Editor: Response ]

**D**ear Dr Fu and all readers of *Sports Health*:

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. My editorial, “We Are Guilty” (April 28, 2020), was never meant to be polarizing or provocative. I apologize to anyone who thought it was discriminating or derogatory, as that was never my intention. The editorial was meant to only address the opioid crisis and nothing else. The “Chinese invader” wording will be removed from the online version, as we understand the implications that come with this language.

Sincerely,  
—Edward M. Wojtys, MD  
*Editor-in-Chief*

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