

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Ossendrecht Narco A Lifestyle, Tragedy, and Survival

### Recommendation:

Accept as it is .....

✓Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision .....

Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

| Rating         | Excel. | Good | Fair | Poor |
|----------------|--------|------|------|------|
| Originality    |        | ✓    |      |      |
| Techn. Quality |        |      | ✓    |      |
| Clarity        |        |      | ✓    |      |
| Significance   |        | ✓    |      |      |

Reviewer Name: **Dr.Touseef Malik**

### Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The manuscript presents a topic of clear practical interest and hints at useful implications for teaching/learning practice. However, in its current form the study's research design, reporting transparency, and evidence base need strengthening. Clarifying the research question(s), detailing the sampling and procedures, and expanding the statistical and validity evidence would considerably improve the contribution. With focused revisions to methods, analysis, and write-up, the paper could offer actionable insights for educators and programme leads.

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### Detailed Reviewer's Report

#### STRENGTHS

1. Tackles a timely and under-documented locale, linking micro-level narratives (families, youth, workers) to macro forces (cross-border trade, policing, media).
2. Potentially strong qualitative texture (vignettes, settings, routines) that can humanize policy debates on narcotics and community safety.
3. Practical implications for prevention, harm reduction, and community services are apparent and can inform local stakeholders.
4. The triadic frame, lifestyle, tragedy, and survival, offers a clear organizing lens for sections, themes, and discussion.
5. Opportunity to situate Ossendrecht within comparative Benelux/EU corridors, improving external relevance and theoretical reach.

#### WEAKNESSES

1. Research aims and questions are not yet crisply stated; scope creep risks mixing journalism, memoir, and scholarship.

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2. Methods are insufficiently specified (site access, participants, data types, consent/anonymization, risk protocols).
3. Analysis lacks a transparent coding/analytic strategy; claims are not consistently grounded in traceable evidence.
4. Limited engagement with core literature (drug markets, border regions, organized crime, public health, stigma).
5. Tables/figures and reliability/validity evidence for any instruments or coding are missing or minimal.