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Call for Letters to the Editor

This issue is put forth to our readers in an effort to present an oftentimes controversial subject – the causes and treatments of low back pain. It was developed to inform you, our readers, of the various schools of thought that exist with regard to an ailment, that in our field of medicine, is all too common.

Where appropriate, we have asked the reviewers of the manuscripts, Editorial Board members, to participate in a Point/Counterpoint format on the subject presented, along with the authors, who have responded to the points made by the reviewers.

It is the intent of this issue, and of the Journal as a whole, to act as a sounding board, to disseminate widely divergent opinions, and to present the

various feedback we receive on the topics covered. To accomplish this, we call on you, our readers, to take what you have read, consider the literature referenced in the articles and commentaries, and develop a response to the views presented. In a future issue, we will publish these responses in the form of a Letter to the Editor, Commentary, or Point/Counterpoint.

We look forward to receiving your input on this issue as well as your thoughts on the issues that have been presented over the last year.

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