TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN?

George and Moreira have expressed an interesting idea on how to publish non-research papers. (1) With humble respect, I would like to share an opinion. Editorials and letters to the editor have the opposite of hierarchy in Box 1 of the article. While the former may be a solicited review or critique of original articles accepted for publication in the same issue of the journal, the latter is usually an unsolicited comment on a previously published article. (2) Lastly, review articles, which tend to be cited more frequently than non-review articles and drive the impact factor, appear to have less difficulty and impact. (1,3)

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