

Response to “the Future of Pain Medicine: Emerging Technologies, Treatments, and Education” [Response to Letter]

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Dear editor

We want to thank the authors for their input as our goal with this editorial was to spark discussion regarding the future of pain medicine.^{1,2} However, as this was an editorial piece, no control was necessary, as its purpose is to inspire dialogue and present views on these topics, as opposed to providing a systematic evaluation. The authors mention a concern for professional barriers, however our goal for artificial intelligence is to reduce the complexity of utilizing these technologies. Why make something overly complicated if it is meant to improve our lives?

We do agree with you that input from many different fields including representation from different backgrounds and cultures is necessary to ensure proper representation. One way to achieve this is through a diverse team, especially from the start. As we have mentioned in our prior response, our diversity can be reflected in our author list as we do not come from one single specialty but several. While different communities, regions, and countries have varied access to medical resources, the inherent limitations of an editorial restricted how in-depth we could discuss topics. Fortunately, projects in developing countries are underway as our team saw the need across the globe. We aim to lower the point of entry so that these technologies can be widely available and personalized to meet the user's abilities.

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