Introduction to the New Point—Counterpoint Section of Journal

Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology is pleased to introduce a new section in which we present a combination of two papers where each of the sets of authors argues a particular position with regard to a specific theoretical and/or practical neuropsychological topic. The papers are presented ‘as is’, without any evaluative comments or otherwise ‘taking sides’ by the editorial team in the matter at hand. Our intent is to allow readers to read two constructively and succinctly written position papers and then make up their own mind.

The first topic, presented in this issue, pertains to the value of comprehensive cognitive assessments in the identification and treatment of learning disabilities in children. Two sets of authors were invited to contribute an opinion about this topic, respectively, Drs Fletcher and Miciak on the one hand, and Drs Schneider and Kaufman on the other hand. Both sets of authors were encouraged to clearly outline their position, supported by references. They were not given access to the writing of the other group, and no comments or rebuttals were solicited. Although the articles were invited, they did go through the normal peer review process.

The editorial team at Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology hopes that these articles will stimulate further discussion among the readership as well as more in-depth exploration that could result in submission of future empirical papers. Readers who have suggestions about topics that might be appropriate for the Point—Counterpoint series are encouraged to contact Dr Jacobus Donders, Associate Editor directly (jacobus.donders@maryfreebed.com).

Format:

- Both articles should have part of the same stem in the title but still indicate clearly what position the authors take on the issue. For example, one title might be “PTSD can occur after severe TBI” whereas the other one might be “PTSD is not possible after severe TBI.”
- The articles should clearly outline a position, in a constructive manner, supported by relevant and recent references. It is not intended for the papers to be any kind of “attack” on someone else’s work.
- Each paper will be limited to 2,500 words, not counting the title page (including Author Note), Abstract, References, and any tables or figures. In addition, each paper will contain no more than two tables or figures, and no more than 25 references.
- The two manuscripts will be solicited at the same time, with one person/group not knowing the exact content of the other’s piece. There will not be an opportunity to “comment” on the opposing paper.
- Timeline for submission of the papers will be 100 days after agreement to the solicitation.
- Although the manuscripts are invited, they will be subjected to external peer review. Both manuscripts will be critiqued by the same set of reviewers. You will have the option to suggest “preferred” reviewers but the action editor will also include at least one independent review.

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