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## ***Article Should Be Read and Widely Referenced***

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I thoroughly enjoyed the excellent article by Gagnier and Morgenstern in the current JBJS on the misuse of the p-value and the concept of statistical significance in general. I review articles for JBJS and several other journals, and for many years I have been critical of the errors that this article discusses.

Unfortunately, this generally amounts to trying to teach statistical significance in the context of a review, which is very time consuming and frustrating.

From now on, I will simply refer the authors to this article and request that they follow these guidelines. This will be helpful to me, the editors, and the authors.

I also make reference to an Instructional Course Lecture (ICL) that my colleagues and I wrote in 1994 (1), which makes many of the same points as this article, albeit less eloquently. Unfortunately, the ICLs have a limited readership, and to my knowledge, our chapter has been cited only once in the literature. I'm certain that the Gagnier and Morgenstern article will be widely referenced.

## **References**

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