The Shortest Article in Law Review History

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This is it.¹ ²

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1. A reader suggested to me that this article has insufficient legal content, that “Res ipsa loquitur” (or some other pompously legal slogan) would serve my purposes better. But it’s been decades since law review articles had to have anything to do with the law. For that matter, it’s been a long time since law review articles had to have anything to do with anything. This article has as much content as the other stuff in this issue, doesn’t it?

2. You think that, given this expansive text, you can write an even shorter article? Forget it. “The Shortest Article in Law Review History—Abridged Version” is already in the works.

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