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Dear Editor,

Mike Jaskilka is deluding himself if he thinks that having yet another example of so called "Intelligent Design" explained by science is cause for hope for those who are constitutionally incapable of accepting the scientific consensus on evolution. Just because an idea can be discredited by science does not make it scientific, it might merely be pseudo-scientific. In fact, this is exactly the case for supporters of ID who disingenuously claim that ID is not religion. Since the fundamental argument from ID is that because science hasn't yet explained the complexity or apparent design of say, X, then that complexity or appearance of design must be from God. This is simply the argument from ignorance or incredulity: "I can't understand, or I can't imagine... therefore God". Science can falsify any number of bad ideas (scientific or otherwise), the problem is, will the believers ever change their minds and accept the science?

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