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Given the opportunity, what changes would you make to the peer-review process for ophthalmology journals?

The peer-review process is the mechanism by which journals assess and affirm the academic rigor and merits of scholarly work and, in turn, ensure that the published work leads us closer to "truth." Though indispensable, the peer-review process could use some work.

Just as we expect our highest caliber prospective studies to be double-masked, the peer-review process should be as well; that is, the editors and reviewers should not be aware of the authors' names and affiliations (and vice versa) when performing their review. Additionally, for accepted manuscripts, there should be more transparency into the peer-review process itself. Reviewers' and editors' comments and authors' responses should be published, perhaps as online supplementary material. This would demystify the peer-review process for the academic community, recognize the efforts of editors and reviewers, and might also improve the quality of the reviewers' work.

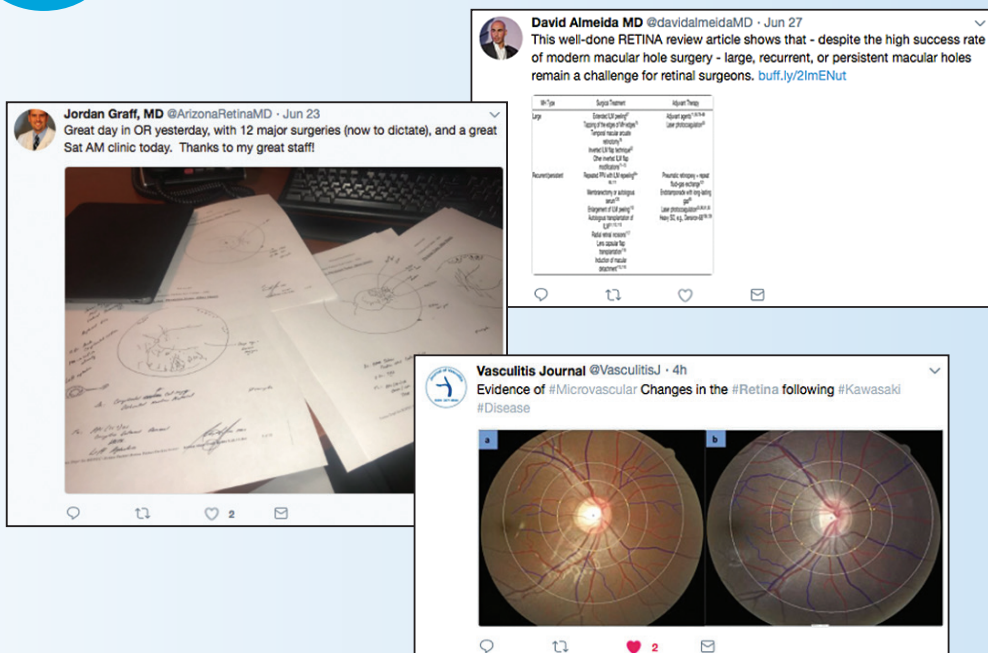
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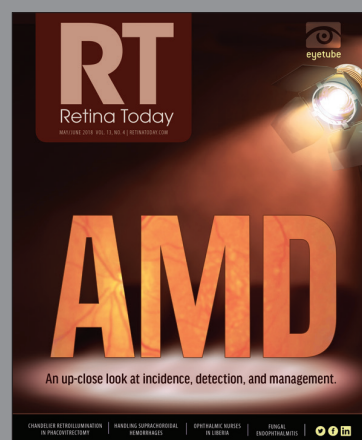
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