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Dear *AJNR* Reader, Author, and/or Reviewer,

I trust this letter finds you well and that you have appreciated the recent changes we have introduced in the *American Journal of Neuroradiology* (*AJNR*), including an expanded Editorial Board with comprehensive expertise, an Academy of Reviewers, a streamlined submission process, a shortened turnaround review time for articles submitted, and a shorter time from acceptance to publication.

I am writing to share an important update regarding the future of the *American Journal of Neuroradiology*.

Toward the end of the year, *AJNR* will undergo a significant transformation, embracing a fully electronic format and bidding farewell to its traditional paper publication, like many radiology journals have done before us. This strategic shift is driven by the need to manage escalating costs associated with printing, shipping, and storage. Our goal is to achieve fiscal equilibrium without imposing substantial increases in article-processing charges for our valued authors.

The transition to an electronic milieu heralds numerous advantages for both authors and readers. Specifically, it introduces the exciting prospect of increased and more personalized content, allowing readers to tailor their *AJNR* experience to their individual preferences. The electronic format will also facilitate a richer and more immersive visual experience by accommodating more images and incorporating a broader array of media types, including videos. Readers may even have the ability to scroll through stacks of images, a particularly valuable feature in the field of neuroradiology.

Moreover, the electronic format enables the addition of secondary content, enhancing the reader's experience by providing

seamless access to supplementary materials, commentaries, and related resources. Our aim is to offer a comprehensive understanding of *AJNR* content. We are also committed to implementing an enhanced searchability feature in our revamped electronic journal, catering to the diverse needs of practicing neuroradiologists, researchers, trainees, and students.

As an avid enthusiast of printed books and a devoted collector of physical copies of *AJNR* for more than 2 decades, I am touched by a sense of sadness at the realization that the cherished tradition of receiving *AJNR* in my mailbox will come to an end. Undoubtedly, I anticipate that many of our printed journal readers will resonate with these sentiments. Nevertheless, financial pragmatism impels us to embrace the technological advancements that represent the future of the publishing industry and to navigate this transition with optimism and adaptability.

In the spirit of this transition, *AJNR* recognizes the importance of engaging our readership, authors, reviewers, and all stakeholders. Plans are underway to organize sessions aimed at gathering valuable feedback, concerns, and innovative ideas. Through fostering an open dialogue, *AJNR* aspires to sculpt its electronic platform to align with the evolving expectations of our audience.

In embracing the digital evolution, *AJNR* not only adjusts to the current academic publishing landscape and embraces sustainability goals but also moves toward a more dynamic and interactive future in neuroradiologic literature. I extend a warm invitation to our readers, authors, and reviewers to partake in this journey, contributing your insights to redefine the boundaries of scholarly communication in the realm of neuroradiology.

Thank you in advance for your engagement.

Sincerely,

Max Wintermark, Editor-in-Chief