The Formula for Journal Success
Committed, Dedicated Reviewers—A Necessary Component

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As I complete another chapter in my academic career, as noted in the Editorial elsewhere in this issue,1 I finish my 10-year tenure as Editor of JAMA Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery, previously Archives of Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery, this month. While much has changed since I began this position, there are a few things that have not, and one of them is the formula for a professional journal’s success.

The formula is relatively simple. Supportive administrative leadership + interesting and innovative manuscript submissions + thoughtful, respectful reviewers + an engaged editorial review board + a committed editor = a timely, meaningful, and successful journal. Invariably the most overlooked and least rewarded component of this equation is the thoughtful, respectful reviewers. As we have done for our previous 9 years, my staff and I wish to take the time and journal space to again recognize those of you who have selflessly given to the journal as reviewers. This effort is especially appreciated in this hectic age of medical change.

While there are no trophies for this effort, the rewards are both as teacher and student as well as the personal satisfaction of giving back to our specialty.

So as I bid goodbye, I ask that those on the 2015 peer reviewers list accept my sincere thanks and gratitude for a job well done. My personal hope is that this list continues to grow as does the scope and practice of the field of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery.

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