DEAR AMSRJ READERS:

When I was a medical student, the idea of something going viral was not a good thing. Today, of course, a publication has become a true success when it has gone viral.

That’s the case with the AMSRJ.

It began as an educational venture of three students on our small campus to learn principles of peer and article review and provide editorial, publishing and leadership learning experiences. From there, it has grown in only a year to become a multi-institutional academic platform showcasing the unique research, case studies and perspectives of medical students from all over the world.

Creating a medical research journal that is authored, reviewed, edited and published by medical students for medical students is a great and unique accomplishment in itself. However, the AMSRJ editors set their sights higher. They instituted standards and procedures on a par with professional research journals and recruited top faculty reviewers from 49 different medical schools. The result is a high quality robust publication that is widely-read.

In Louisiana, we call that lagniappe – a little something extra.

I could not be any prouder.

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