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Memorandum

To: Trialists

Fr: Curtis Meinert

Re: I have been wondering

If we, as trialists, are expected to register trials before starting, post the study protocol and updates as necessary over the course of the trial, post results within one year of completion, and provide deidentified datasets for use by others, why do journals think it is OK to charge for access to publications of trials?

Yes, I know. If I was in my office at Hopkins I could access almost any publication I want via my Hopkins account. But holed up here in my house, without any human contact, pecking away on my laptop, hooked into the Whatever Network, it is a different story.

What's sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose.