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Unfortunately, I'm not sure the essay is a very good fit for our journal, which focuses on the intersection of families, medical systems, and healthcare. However, I would be glad to give more detailed stylistic feedback on the manuscript if editors decide to recommend revision.

COMMENTS TO EDITOR: This essay shows the immense value that a dedicated blind reviewer can contribute to the professional development of a neophyte scholar. This is an interesting topic which I have never seen addressed in the literature. The main question for me is whether the piece is a good fit for this journal. The main connection I see is that most of our readers are in academic settings and, as such, presumably serve as reviewers of scholarly work. As someone who regularly reviews for various journals, the essay caused me to reflect more deeply on the possible impact I may have (or have had) on submitting authors; and also kindled my own appreciation for the many blind reviewers who, over the years, have significantly improved my thinking and writing. I also found the authorial voice to be open, vulnerable, and humble, and I admire the author's taking the time to acknowledge how significant this one blind reviewer was in guiding his/her entry into academic publication.

Unfortunately, other than this link, I'm not sure the essay is a very good fit for the journal. It is not clear to me that the author even works in a medical setting, or interacts professionally with healthcare colleagues. Also, although the topic is interesting, this particular story is so unique that it does not generalize easily to the reviewing process in general.

On a different level, there are some stylistic problems with the writing, as well as the occasional redundancy and repetition. I think the entire manuscript could be shortened without losing the efficacy of its message. If editors decide to recommend revision, I would be glad to give more detailed stylistic feedback on the manuscript.