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We are constantly looking for innovative ways to help improve the discoverability of the work published in the journal. This year we have launched journal collections (https://link.springer.com/journal/40273/collections) and *PharmacoEconomics Chat* (https://adisjournals.figshare.com/collections/PharmacoEconomics_Chat_with_Chris/5657281). *PharmacoEconomics Chat* provides a platform for authors to talk, in a conversational style, about interesting aspects of their work in a short video format. Initial feedback has been very promising.

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