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- Colored images of aesthetic and breast reconstruction surgery: 2441

- Higher white skin images for most procedures: 67.9%
- No difference for rhinoplasty
- More non-white skin images for blepharoplasty
- European journals had more non-white skin images than USA journals
- Diversity of white skin and non-white skin images varied by geographic location

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