

Accelerating Academic Publishing: A 15% Reduction in Article Acceptance Time



CLIENT OVERVIEW

With a rich legacy spanning over two centuries, our client is a global leader in research and education, boasting a portfolio of 1600+ journals and millions of published articles. Their contributions in diverse fields like earth science, chemistry, medicine, and computing have shaped scholarly discourse worldwide.

PROBLEM

The client faced a challenge where their turnaround times were high, with an average acceptance time of 100+ days. This was deemed unacceptable by the client, given that deadlines needed to be met. This resulted in overall poor production times and bottlenecks, creating delays. The causes of these delays were:

- Author revision due dates not being met. The author's review, at times, exceeded one year.
- Identifying reviewers surpassed standard times.
- Reviewers not adhering to deadlines.
- Prolonged editor decision process.

SOLUTION

Lumina Datamatics utilized ScholarOne to provide a report that included an analysis of the turnaround time of individual tasks and stages. With the reports, Lumina Datamatics' team of experts made precise recommendations that involved:

- Providing a list of inconsistent journals with extended review times and improper due dates.
- Introducing a 'suggest reviewer' step in the submission process to speed up reviewer selection.
- Proposing reviewers to update areas of expertise in their profile for quick selection.
- Helping editors with a list of reviewers who reviewed quickly and efficiently.

RESULT

Following the implementation of Lumina Datamatics' recommendations, the client witnessed significant improvements in their article acceptance process.

Key outcomes include:

- Average time to acceptance has been reduced by more than 15%.
- Lumina Datamatics and the client agree to meet annually to review the current process and how it can continue to improve.

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