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# From inbox to impact: How targeted email marketing builds brand awareness among scientists and HCPs



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In scientific and healthcare fields, attention is not easily won. It is earned through precision, credibility and context.

That's exactly why email remains one of the most effective ways to build brand awareness among scientists and healthcare professionals (HCPs). Email offers something few other channels can: direct, targeted access to highly engaged scientific audiences, delivered in a format they already rely on.

However, there's an art to effective email communication. Scientists don't ignore emails because they receive too many. They ignore them because most aren't relevant.

Let's look at how to better engage scientists through email and how Springer Nature helps get your message in front of the right audience.

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## **Why email still matters in scientific marketing**

Email continues to play a central role in how scientific audiences consume information. Researchers, clinicians and technical specialists rely on curated updates to stay informed about industry developments and peer-reviewed insights.

Much of this engagement is driven by journal e-alerts; regular, trusted updates that scientists depend on to stay current in their field. These alerts are embedded in daily workflows, making email a natural and expected channel for relevant, high-quality content.

And crucially, it is permission-based. Subscribers have opted in. They expect value and they trust the source. That makes email fundamentally different from many other digital channels.

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Through Springer Nature, marketers can access highly engaged, opted-in audiences at scale, including more than 240,000 targeted email subscribers and up to 9 million e-alert subscriptions across its journal portfolio. This combination of reach and relevance is difficult to replicate elsewhere.



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## The problem with generic email campaigns

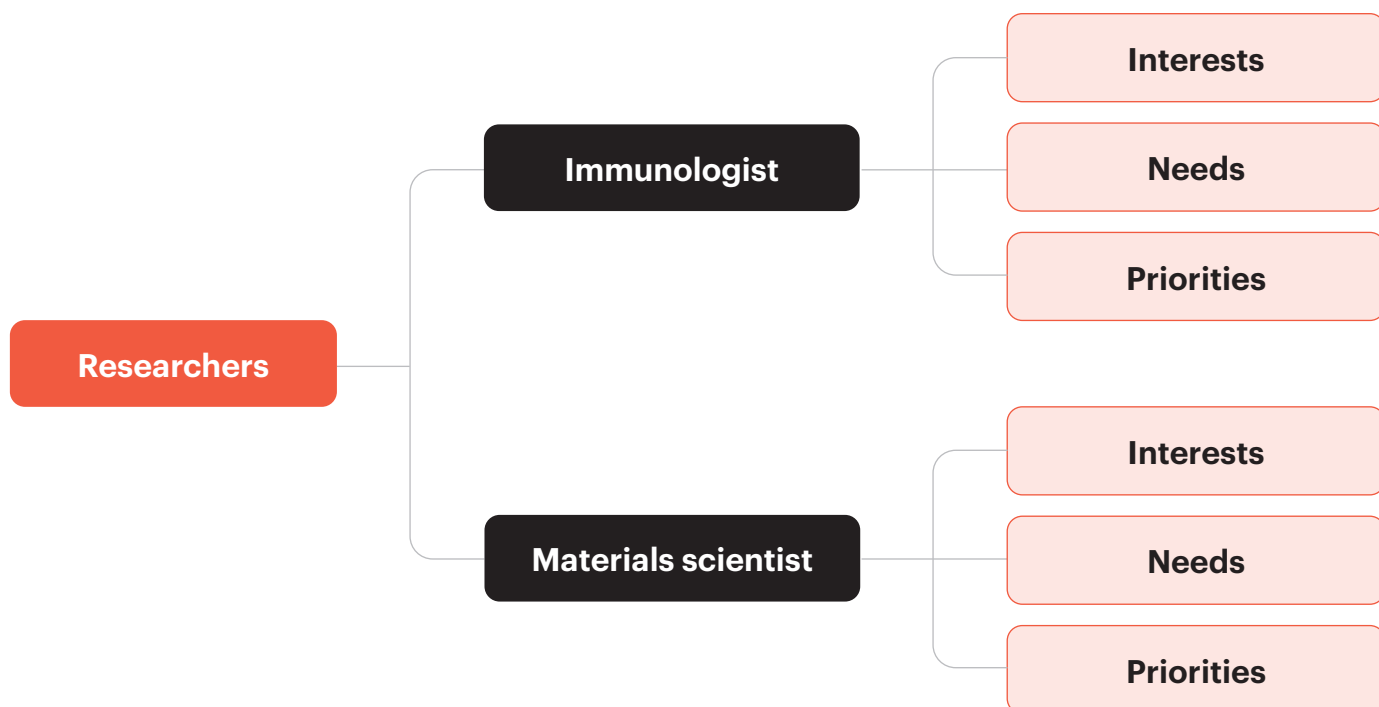
Despite its potential, email marketing often underperforms in scientific sectors for one simple reason: it is treated like a mass channel.

Broad messaging with minimal targeting and generic value propositions leads to low engagement and – even worse – it actively undermines credibility.

Scientific audiences operate in highly specialized domains. An immunologist and a materials scientist may both be researchers, but their interests, needs and priorities are entirely different. The same is true for clinicians across specialities.

When messaging doesn't reflect that reality, it signals a lack of understanding. In science, that irrelevance is remembered and trust is hard to regain.

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## Segmentation and personalization: from tactic to expectation

Effective email marketing in scientific fields starts with a simple principle: relevance is respect.

Segmentation allows marketers to align content with the specific interests and behaviors of their audience. This can include:

- Discipline or research area
- Career stage or seniority
- Clinical specialty
- Demonstrated content engagement
- Geographic or institutional context

Personalization is far more than adding a first name to a subject line. It's about delivering content that feels intentionally designed for the recipient.

Best-practice email campaigns are built around personalization. Subject lines are optimized for clarity and brevity (often around 50 characters) because scientific audiences value efficiency. Content is structured to communicate value quickly, without unnecessary complexity.

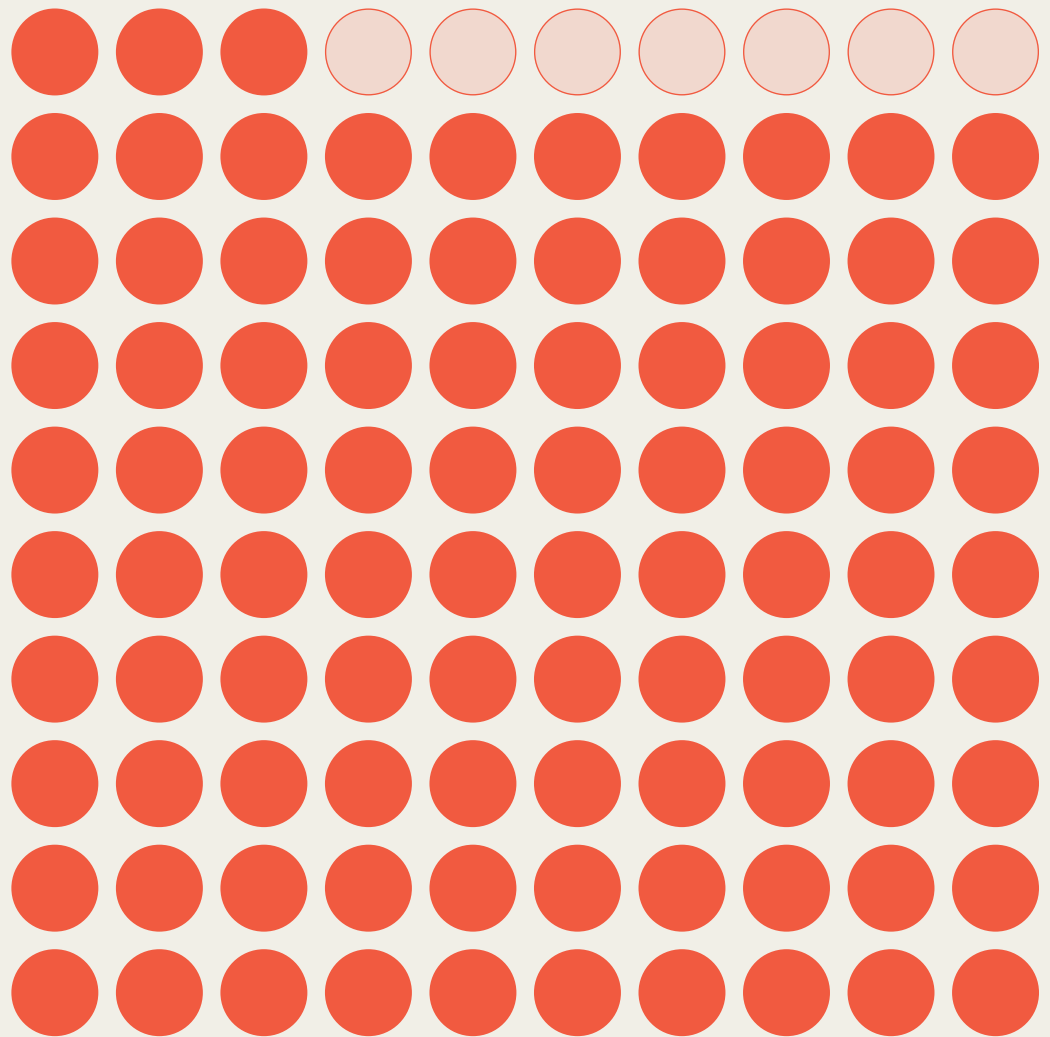
Research consistently shows that relevance is one of the strongest drivers of email engagement. 93% of people check their emails daily and 89% say they open emails due to high relevance.

In a scientific context, it also reinforces credibility. When content aligns with a reader's field or focus, it demonstrates understanding. And understanding builds trust.

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## **Why context matters as much as content**

Targeting the right audience is only part of the equation. The environment in which a message appears is just as important.

Scientific audiences place a high value on trusted sources. The credibility of the sender influences how content is received, interpreted and acted upon.

This is where Nature Partnerships plays a critical role. By delivering campaigns within the trusted ecosystem of Springer Nature publications, brands benefit from an established relationship between audience and platform. Emails are arriving from a familiar, respected context. It signals quality, reduces skepticism and increases the likelihood that content will be opened, read and remembered.

In other words, the message doesn't stand alone. It is strengthened by where it appears.

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## From performance to brand building

Email marketing is often associated with performance metrics, such as open rates, click-through rates and conversions. And in scientific marketing, it plays a clear role in driving action, whether that's downloading gated content, registering for webinars, or engaging with new research.

These metrics matter. But they only tell part of the story.

For organizations targeting scientists and HCPs, brand building is a long-term investment. It is about establishing credibility, maintaining visibility and becoming a recognized presence within a specific field.

Email supports this in a way few other channels can. It allows brands to:

- Stay consistently visible in a professional context
- Share valuable, insight-led content over time
- Reinforce expertise and authority
- Build familiarity through repeated, relevant touchpoints

This is particularly important in scientific markets, where decision-making cycles are longer and trust plays a central role.



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## What effective scientific email marketing looks like

Successful campaigns in this space share a number of common characteristics.

They are:

- **Targeted** - Audience segmentation is built into the campaign from the start. Messaging reflects specific disciplines, roles, or interests.
- **Clear** - Content is concise and focused. Subject lines prioritize clarity over creativity. Value is communicated quickly.
- **Relevant** - Each element of the email is aligned with the recipient's needs or priorities. There is no unnecessary information.
- **Credible** - Messaging is grounded in evidence and expertise. It reflects the standards expected in scientific communication.
- **Contextual** - Campaigns are delivered within trusted environments, enhancing both visibility and perception.

Just as importantly, they avoid common pitfalls:

- Overloading emails with product messaging
- Using vague or generic headlines
- Ignoring audience differences
- Treating all scientists or HCPs as a single group

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## **The role of Nature Partnerships**

For marketers navigating complex scientific audiences, execution is often the biggest challenge. Reaching the right people is difficult and ensuring relevance at scale is even harder. Maintaining credibility throughout is essential.

Nature Partnerships aims to address exactly these challenges.

Our offering combines:

- Precision targeting across highly defined scientific audiences
- Access to trusted editorial environments within the Springer Nature portfolio
- Dedicated (solus) email formats designed to deliver focused, high-impact messaging
- Placement within journal e-alerts, aligning campaigns with existing audience behaviors
- Integrated, multi-channel support to reinforce messaging over time

Campaigns are supported by detailed performance reporting, giving marketers clear, measurable insight into engagement and outcomes. This allows for continuous optimization, ensuring that each campaign not only reaches the right audience but drives meaningful results over time.

This allows brands to apply best practice email marketing principles within a framework that is already aligned with scientific expectations.

The result is stronger, more consistent brand presence within the communities that matter most.

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