

Digital Publishing

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Researchers' habits are changing

- Historically, Portable Document Format (PDF) has been traditional method of online scientific journal communication
- Shift away from PDF has been gradual PDFs are well established, familiar and visually pleasing, permanent, secure, accessed offline

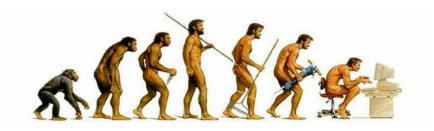
However...

- The scientific community now have more content than ever to read and less time to read it
- Changed the way they search for information looking to 'dip in' to an article for the key messages
- Increasing interest in innovative ways to display data and disseminate results
- Looking for ways to broaden reach of their data to physicians, patients and other stakeholders



Technology is changing

- More content now read via iPads and smart technology: >80% of doctors use smartphones and apps every day
- Readers are accessing materials on multiple platforms there is an expectation of availability and consistency across devices
- Daily exposure to text and animations/videos alongside each other, e.g., CNN/BBC website, has become the expectation
- 'Digital natives' communicating and learning through different routes





What about publishers?

- Scientific publishers realised they needed to start investing and embracing technology that could support enriched content
- Great variation amongst publishers:
 - A few publishers still use PDF as basis for tablet display
 - Many big publishers have moved onto responsive design
 - Some are offering Living Articles e.g. <u>Article of the Future</u> (Elsevier) and <u>Smart Article</u> (Wiley)
- Most publishers now offer the opportunity to publish digital supplementary content



Video abstracts and educational videos

- Presentations delivered in video format
- Usually author of paper giving short introduction to an article, outlining what the article covers, the issues raised and reasons why it matters
- Not just reading out abstract but summarizing findings in engaging manner
- Aim is to give the reader a short teaser to the full article
- Designed to be a more visual, accessible way of explaining your research/review to the reader
- Also helpful to present complex topics in easy-to-understand ways
- Can be used to educate different stakeholders/audiences



Video Abstract

Surgical/practical videos

- Short videos demonstrating procedures, for example:
 - ➤ Surgical techniques
 - ➤ Administration of a product
 - **ECGs**
- These are designed to bring the article to life in ways not possible through words alone



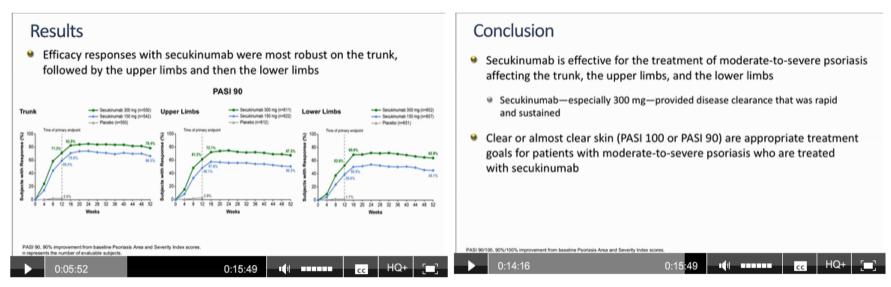


Video S1



Audio slides and slide sets

- Designed to mimic a real-life presentation
- Either slides on their own or authors can talk through the key points of their data alongside online slide presentation
- An audio recording can be layered on top of the slides
- May be able to re-use slides in real-life presentations at conferences



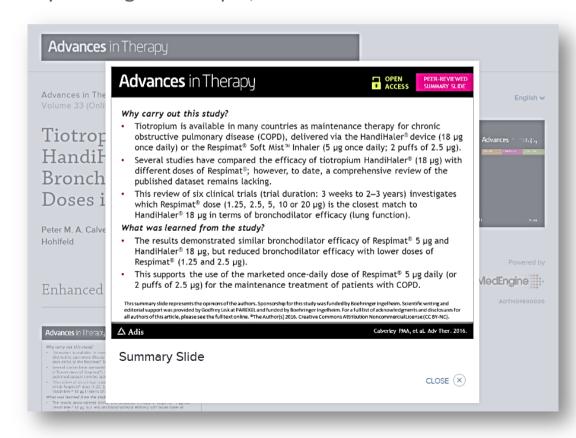
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Summary slides

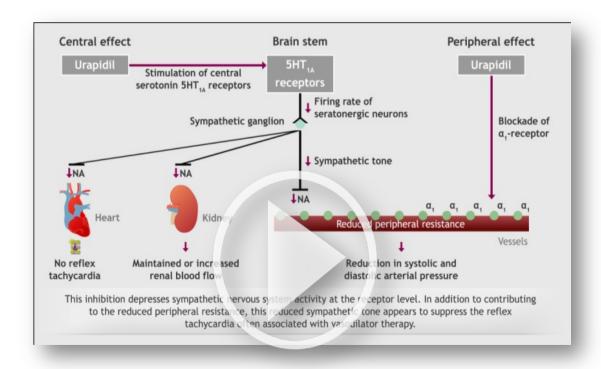
- Accompanies article to give brief overview of the key points of the paper
- Summarizes why the study/review was carried out and what was learned
- Allows reader to obtain the key messages in simple, concise manner





Animations

- Animations can be used to bring a static figure to life
- Helps to visually demonstrate complex aspects such as a products mode of action





Digital experimentation



MEJM QUICK TAKE

Longer-Term Therapy for Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is a tickborne illness that can cause persistent arthralgia, fatigue, and neurologic and cognitive disturbances despite appropriate initial treatment with antibiotics. Would longer-term treatment improve outcomes? New research findings are summarized in a short video.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Randomized Trial of Longer-Term Therapy for Symptoms Attributed to Lyme Disease

March 31, 2016 | A. Berende and Others

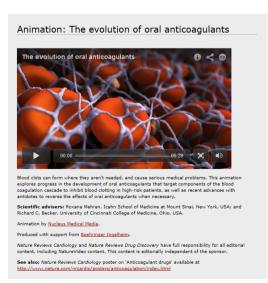


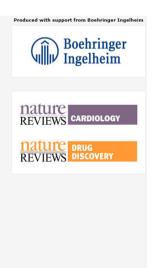
Recent infographics



Managing type 2 diabetes in adults

A visual summary of the NICE guidelines on the use of single, dual or triple therapy with blood glucose lowering drugs, and when to consider an insulin programme.







Considerations when creating digital features

- What are the costs?
 - Creation and hosting
- Is additional internal approval required?
- Are the features peer reviewed?
 - > Fair and balanced, educational
- What are the timelines?
- Where are the features hosted?
- What about copyright?
- Are relevant disclosures displayed?
- Can reader metrics and ROI be obtained?

Thank you!

Any questions?

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any further questions:

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