

Attesting Authorship and Conflicts of Interest

A simple and effective way to activate co-authors

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An “Imperfect System”

- Federal Sunshine Act requires drug and medical device companies to track and report payments to U.S. physicians and teaching hospitals.
- When authors submit a manuscript they are responsible for disclosing all financial and personal relationships that might bias or be seen to bias their work.
- In 2018, NYT published several reports about prominent physicians who did not disclose conflicts in prestigious medical journals.

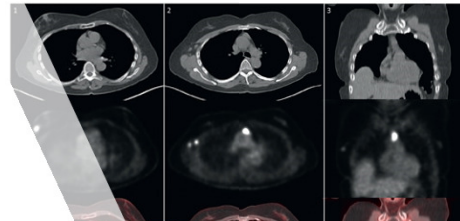


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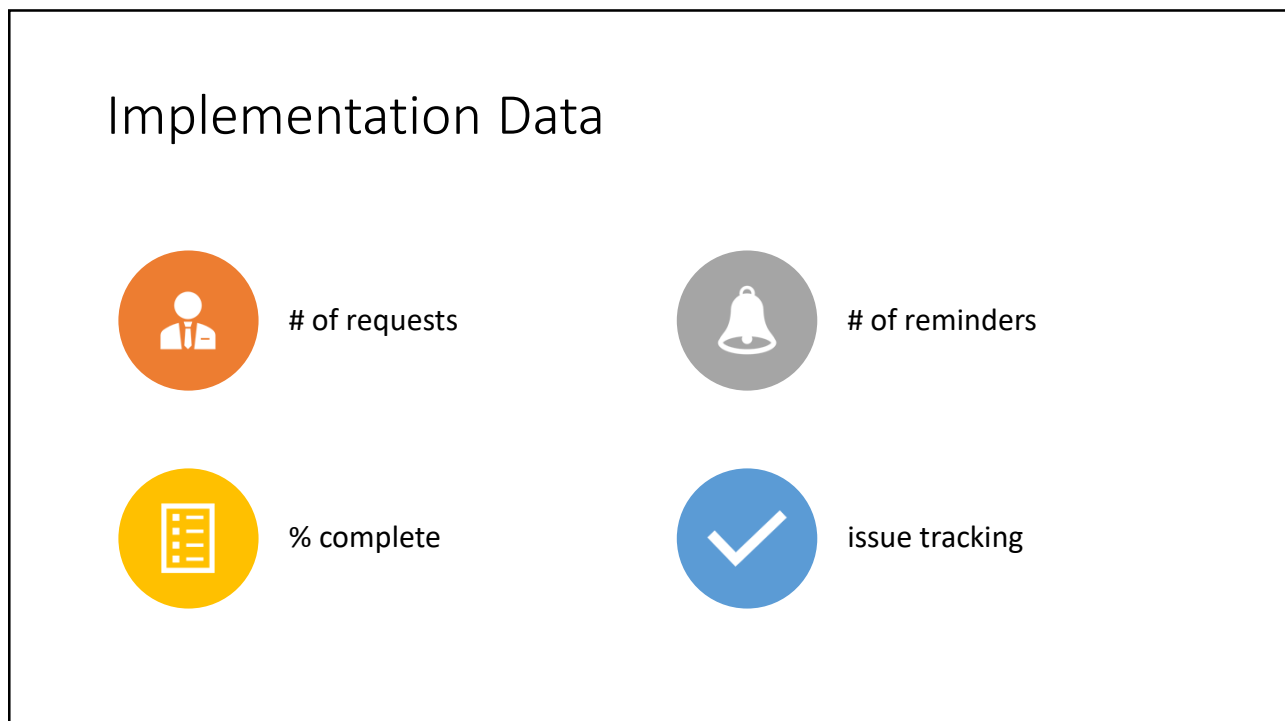
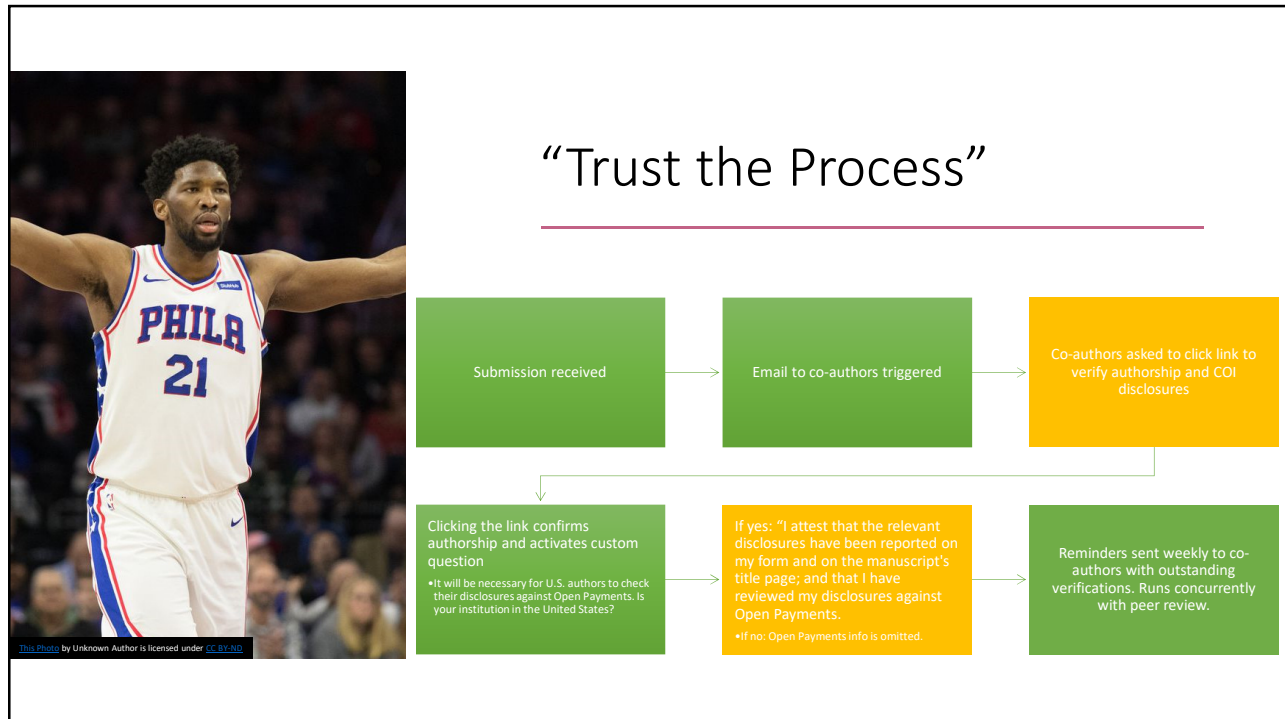
ASTRO's Response

- Process audit
- Risk mitigation
 - Raise awareness – enhance prominence of Open Payments.gov
- Result
 - Enhanced verification process

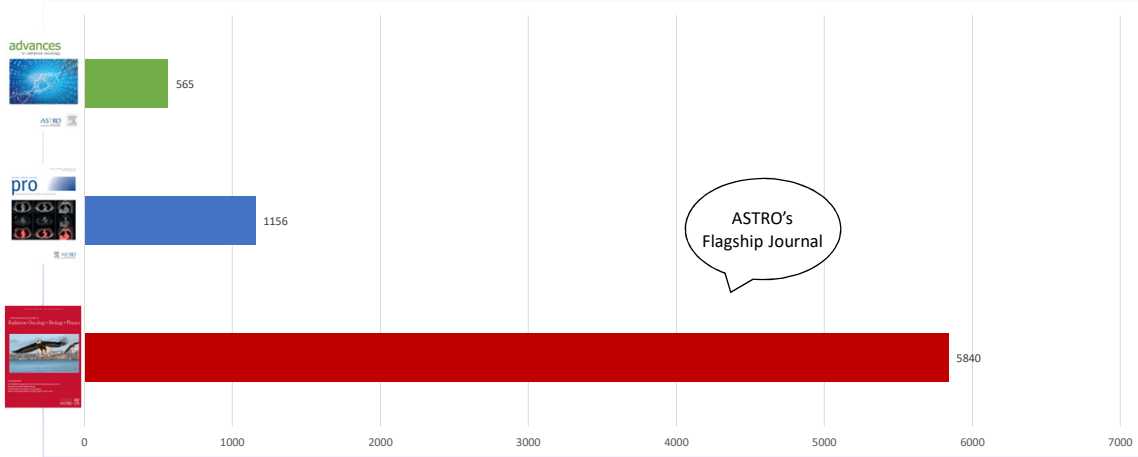


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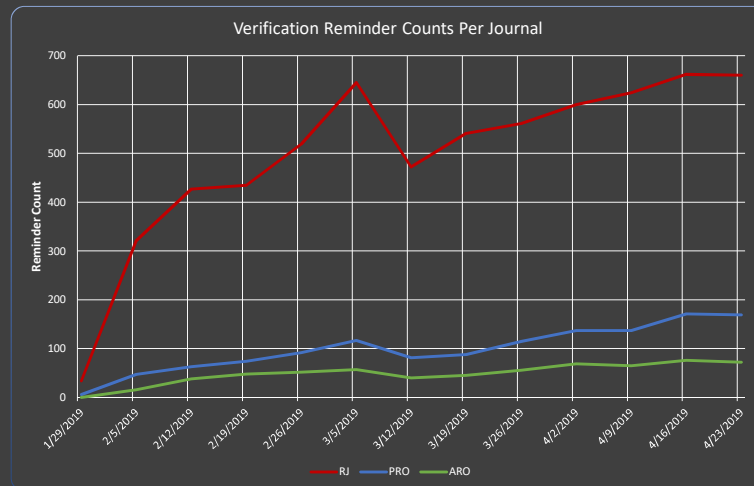
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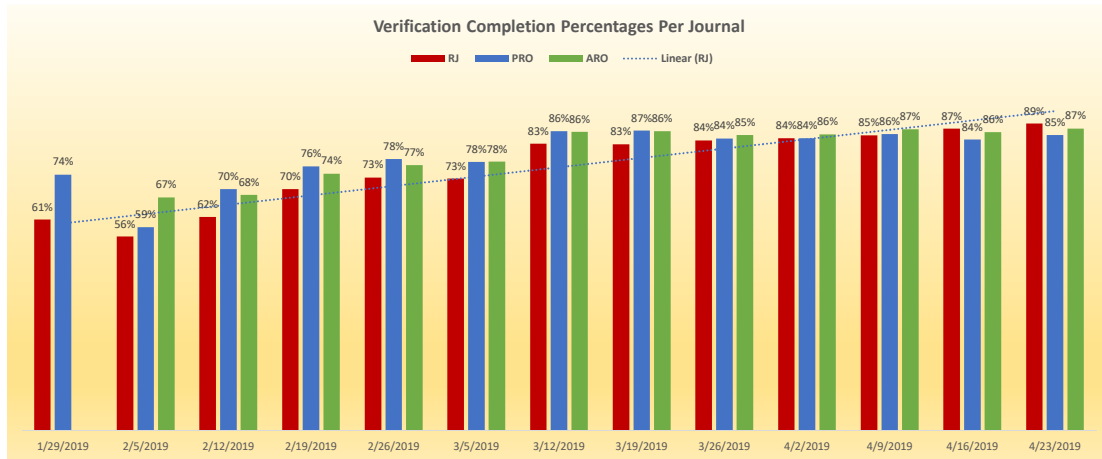
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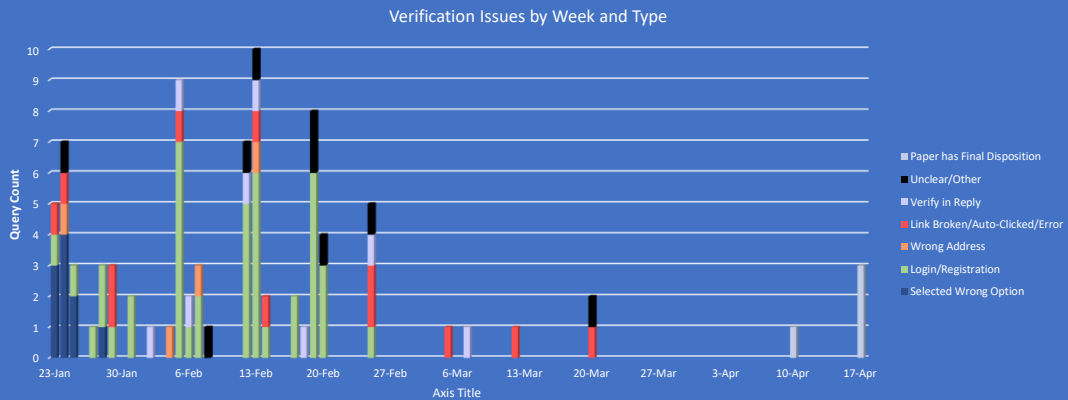
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Verification
Reminders



Percentage of Completed Verifications



Issue Tracking



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