

Email Marketing Checklist

I. Setup

- 1.
 Create a new domain (or subdomain) and new email address exclusively for sending marketing emails
- 2. □ Find an email marketing platform, e.g. <u>ours</u>, Mailchimp, Vertical Response, Get Response, Campaign Monitor, iContact, etc.
- II. Contact list
 - 1.
 Compile your target audience from your existing connections
 - 2. □ Compile your target audience from scientific publications, grants, and LinkedIn (We can help)
 - 3. □ Clean your list if your list is too old, or you are unsure about the quality
 - 4.
 □ Remove contacts who will likely complain (e.g. Yahoo emails)
 - 5. \Box Split large lists with 10K+ contacts to smaller lists
- III. Email template
 - 1. □ Have an "unsubscribe" link
 - 2. \Box Add physical address (PO Box is OK)
 - 3. □ Include a big "Call-to-action" button or link
 - 4. □ Avoid toxic words such as "cheap"
 - 5.
 □ Personalize the subject line and the greeting
 - 6. \Box Make the email mobile friendly
- IV. After sending
 - 1.
 Monitor results (open rate, click rate, bounce rate)
 - 2.
 □ Remove complaints from your lists
 - 3. \Box Check your spam folder
 - 4. □ Send follow-ups