



Project Name

Improve the Nature and Quality of Submissions to the *Annals of Saudi Medicine*

Site	Department
Riyadh	Academic and Training Affairs (ATA), Scientific Publications Office

Project Status	Project Start Date	Project End Date
Completed	01-01-2016	12-31-2016

Problem: Why the project was needed?

The *Annals of Saudi Medicine* (ASM) is moving towards its goal of being an international journal through improving the nature and quality of submissions. ASM has updated its Information for Authors and Author Instructions; this has helped in decreasing the number of low-quality submissions such as plagiarized/duplicated studies and studies that lack originality. In addition, the ASM now requires that datasets used in the study be submitted with the manuscript on initial submission, which allows for checking the data analysis and summary statistics. Revisions can also be made to figures and tables to improve the presentation of data.

Benefits/Impact: What is the improvement outcome?
(check all that apply)

- Contained or reduced costs
- Improved productivity
- Improved work process
- Improved cycle time
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Other (please explain)
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Aims: What will the project achieve?

To continuously decrease the publication of low-quality papers and increase the publication of high-quality papers to the ASM by at least 5% from baseline before the end of 2016

Quality Domain: Which of the domains of healthcare quality does this project support?
(Select only one)

Effective

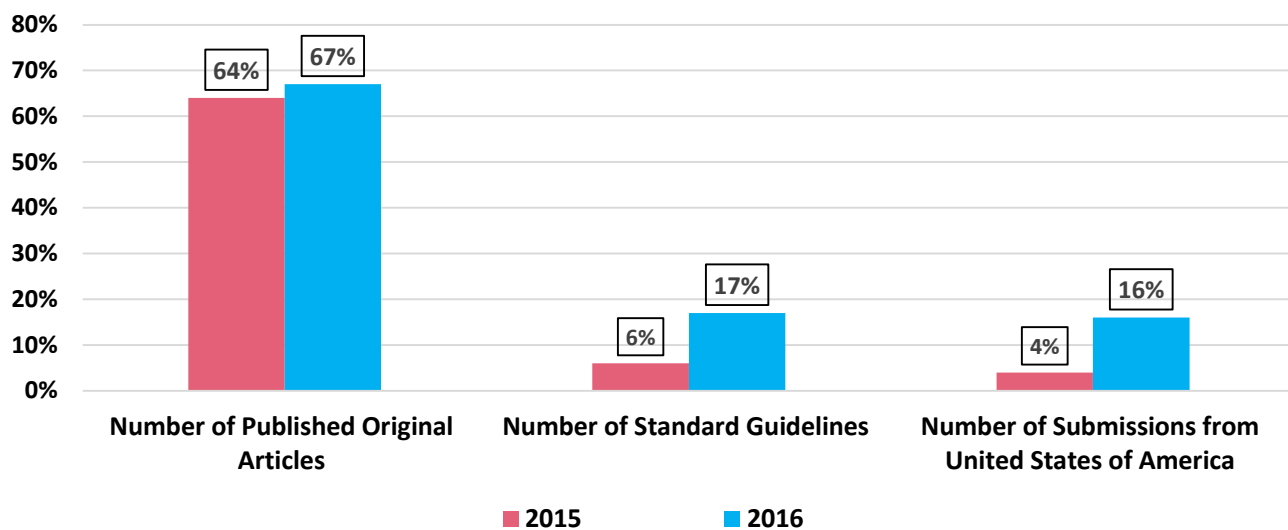
Measures: Performance metrics to be evaluated	Targets: Expected outcomes
1. Percentage of published original articles	1. 67%
2. Percentage of standard guidelines	2. 17%
3. Percentage of submissions from the United States of America	3. 16%
4. Percentage of documents with low citability (case reports)	4. 13%

Interventions: Overview of key steps/work completed

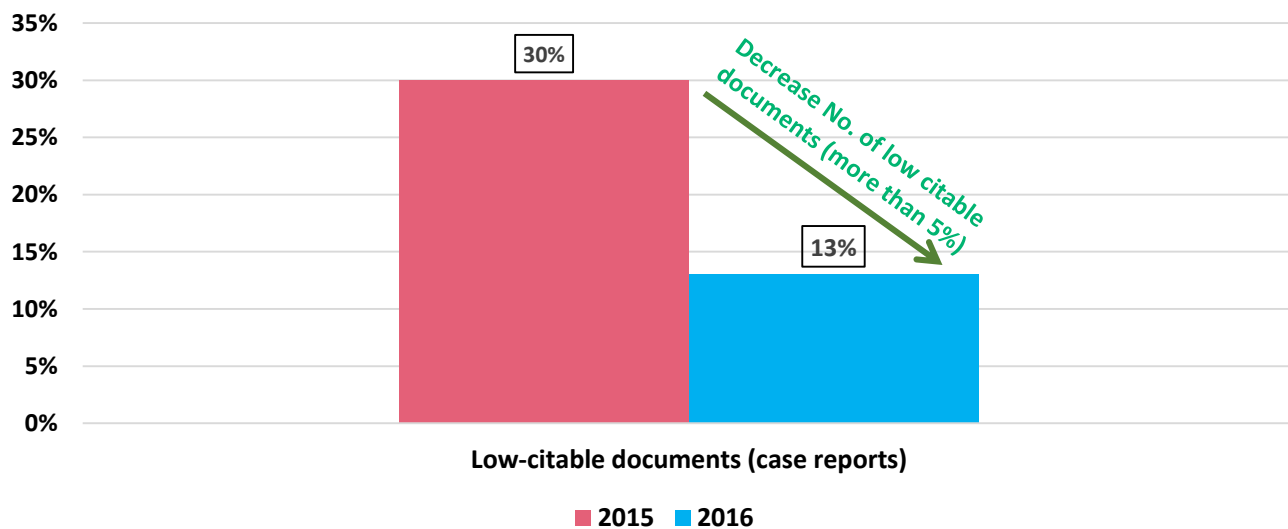
- Update Information for Authors and Author Instructions.
- Mandate the submission of datasets used in the study to be submitted with the manuscript.

Results: Insert relevant graphs and charts to illustrate improvement pre and post project
 (insert relevant graphs, data, charts, etc.)

Comparing the percentage of published papers in 2015 & 2016



Comparing the percentage of documents of low citability (case reports) in 2015 & 2016



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