



## **Health & Wellness Products Firm**

(A/B Testing)

Built A/B testing models to evaluate the impact of marketing campaigns by analyzing and comparing the customers behavior (from the control and target group) in response to the campaign

## **SUMMARY OF A/B TESTING INITIATIVE**



### **ABOUT THE CLIENT**

Client is a direct-to-consumer health and wellness brand with presence in the U.S. and multiple countries across the world.



#### **SITUATION**

- Client was evaluating multiple marketing strategies (Email, Voicemail, SMS etc.) to enhance customer conversion rates, retention and reactivations, and wanted to understand the effectiveness of each strategy using control and test groups
- Merilytics partnered with the client to build A/B testing models to evaluate the impact of marketing campaigns by analyzing and comparing the customers behavior (from the control and target group) in response to the campaign

### **VALUE ADDITION**



- Segmented customers into control and test groups for each marketing campaign, ensuring the groups are comparable and statistically similar based on demographics, age, lifetime orders/tenure etc.
- Defined pre-period and post-periods for each campaign to estimate the impact of the marketing campaigns and compare the results across the groups
- Calculated key metrics such as customer conversion rate, retention, and reactivations in the pre-period and post-period for test and control group for each campaign to identify the optimal marketing strategy
- Devised checks to ensure the post period lift is attributable to the marketing campaign by measuring the statistical significance of the A/B test results



#### **IMPACT**

- Our analyses helped Persona to evaluate the marketing strategies and identify the marketing campaigns and parameters that are delivering best performance in terms of customer conversion, retention, and reactivations
- The analyses also helped the client avoid marketing campaigns that do not deliver any incremental value against the cost incurred in running the campaigns

## MARKETING STRATEGY SCENARIOS FOR A/B TESTING



### Direct Mail (DM) vs. E-Mail (EM)

Analyzed customer retention trends of customers from different groups i.e., **DM**, **EM**, **DM**+**EM** and **Holdout** 

#### "Letter Friend"

Analyzed customer subscription reactivations across three variations in handwritten letters sent to a group of lapsed customers

### SKU Opt-in/Opt-out

Compared customer conversion rate for **Opt-out vs. Opt-in scenario** and impact on average order value for a particular product recommendation

### Slybroadcast

Analyzed the customer subscription reactivations from the two segments of the Slybroadcast (**long vs. short mail version**)

#### **Email Type**

Compared the performance of **Generic vs. Social Impact themed emails** sent out to lapsed customers

#### Direct Mail (DM) vs. Voice Mail (VM)

Compared conversion rate from different groups i.e.,  ${\bf DM}$  vs.  ${\bf DM+VM}$ 

## A/B TEST RESULTS FOR A FEW STRATEGIES

#### **ILLUSTRATIVE**

A/B testing analysis measuring the impact of Test group (SKU Opt-in) vs. the control group (SKU Opt-out) across the metrics like conversion

rate, Average order value (AOV) and revenue per potential customer

(Vitamin Assessment (VA) taker)

#### A/B TEST RESULTS FOR "SKU OPT-IN/OPT-OUT" SCENARIOS

Control Group	Targeted VA Takers	Converted Customers	Conversion (%)	SKU Purchased(%)	AOV	1st order Gross Revenue per VA taker
T1	15,112	1,030	6.8%	57.5%	\$92	\$6.26
С	15,034	1,174	7.8%	23.6%	\$82	\$6.38

#### A/B TEST RESULTS FOR "EMAIL TYPE" SCENARIOS

Mailing Theme	Targeted customers	Reactivations	Reactivation rate	Standard Error
Split A	2,675	39	1.46%	0.23%
Split B	2,672	51	1.91%	0.26%
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Z-Score	-1.28116			
P-Value	0.10007			
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Statistica	Ily Significant			
99% Confidence	No			
95% Confidence	No			
90% Confidence	No			

Measuring the impact of retargeting lapsed customers via two different types of Mailing themes and checking if the impact is statistically significant

#### A/B TEST RESULTS FOR "DIRECT MAIL (DM) VS. E-MAIL (EM)" SCENARIOS

Target Method 🔻	Target Audience	<b>Converted Customers</b>	<b>Conversion Rate</b>	<b>Total Orders</b>	Gross AOV
DM	124,793	209	0.17%	324	\$90
DM+EM	43,458	79	0.18%	109	\$89
EM	115,888	135	0.12%	190	\$93
Holdout	49,875	59	0.12%	82	\$91
Grand Total	449,191	686	0.15%	1,033	\$90

A/B testing analysis measuring the impact of various marketing campaigns i.e., Direct Mail (DM), E-Mail (EM) & DM+EM and comparing it to the **Conversion rate** of holdout group.

# BREAKEVEN ANALYSIS FOR "DIRECT MAIL (DM) VS. E-MAIL (EM)" SCENARIOS



**ILLUSTRATIVE** 

#### **TARGET LIFETIME ORDERS FOR BREAK-EVEN**

		Total Cost as										
	Discount	Percentage (	of Gross	#Target Consider	ed Ba	seline LTO						
		50%	52%		100,000	5.8						
									Baseline Gross	Target Gross	Additional Orders	
Target Method	AOV	Mailing Cost		<b>Conversion Rate</b>	Dis	scount	Total Cost per Order	<b>Gross Revenue</b>	Margin	Margin	Required	Target LTO
DM	\$	90.0	\$45,082		0.17 %	\$45	\$47	\$86,851	(\$10,933)	\$24,640	4.9	10
DM+EM	\$	89.0	\$45,082		0.18 %	\$44	\$46	\$93,170	(\$8,448)	\$24,640	4.3	10
EM	\$	93.4	\$0		0.12 %	\$47	\$49	\$62,666	\$24,640	\$24,640	0	9
Holdout	\$	91.5	\$0		0.12 %	\$46	\$48	\$62,346	\$24,514	\$24,514	0	5

Breakeven Analysis measuring the Target
Lifetime Orders (LTO) or Target Conversion
rate needed to breakeven on the costs
incurred across the various A/B test scenarios
of Direct Mail (DM), E-Mail (EM) & DM+EM
Campaigns

#### TARGET CONVERSION RATE FOR BREAK-EVEN

	Total Cost	as				
	Percentage of Gross					
Discount	Order Val	ue #Target	Considered	Baseline LTO		
	50%	52%	100,000		5.8	

							Baseline Gross	Target Gross	Target Conversion
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EM	\$93.4	\$0	0.12%	\$47	\$49	\$62,666	\$24,640	\$24,640	0.12%
Holdout	\$91.5	\$0	0.12%	\$46	\$48	\$62,346	\$24,514	\$24,514	0.12%