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Enabling innovation: from data science research to regulatory application

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Leveraging evolutionary diversity to reveal the molecular basis of toxicity

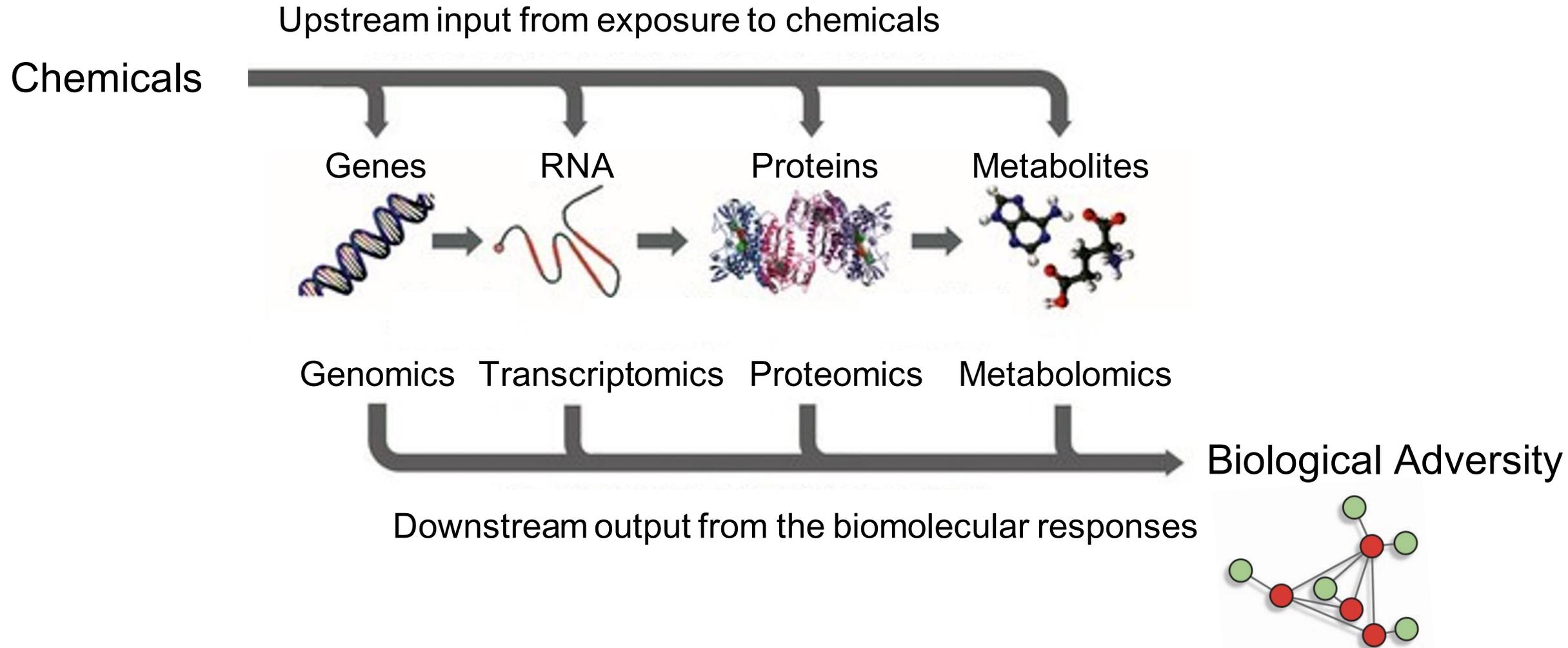


Synthesising toxicology knowledge to support next generation risk assessment

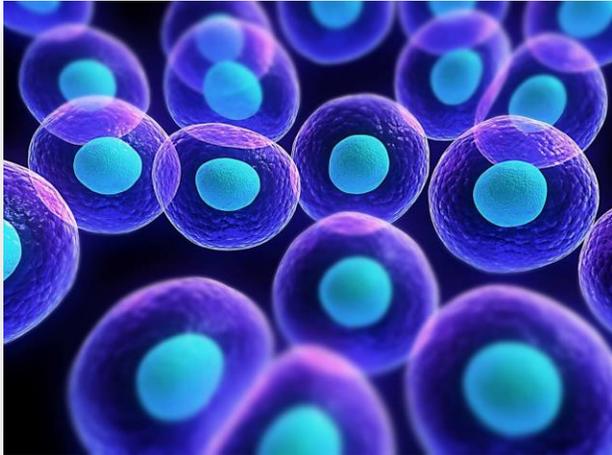


Human-centric chemical safety assessment utilising systems toxicology

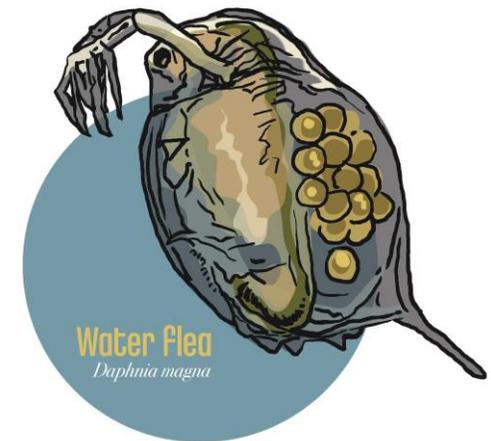
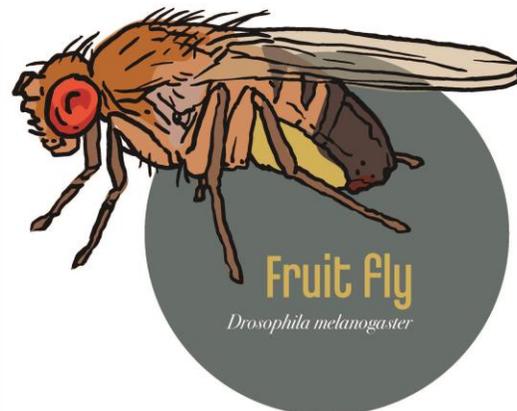
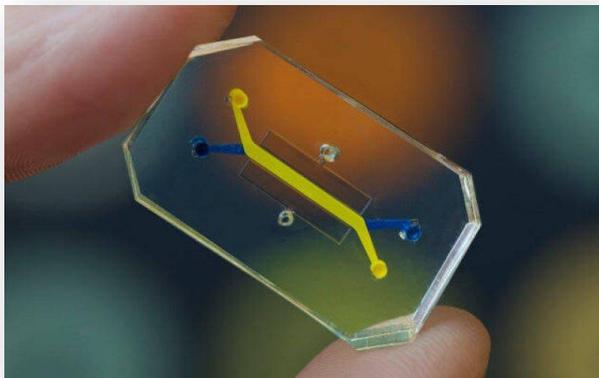
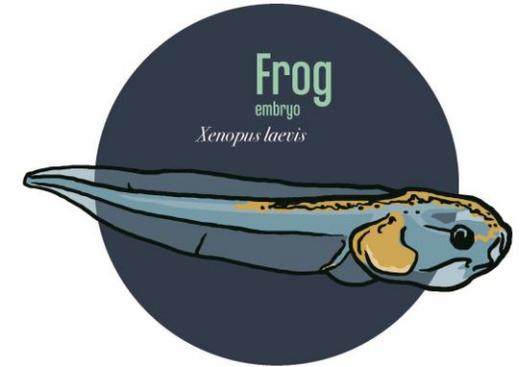
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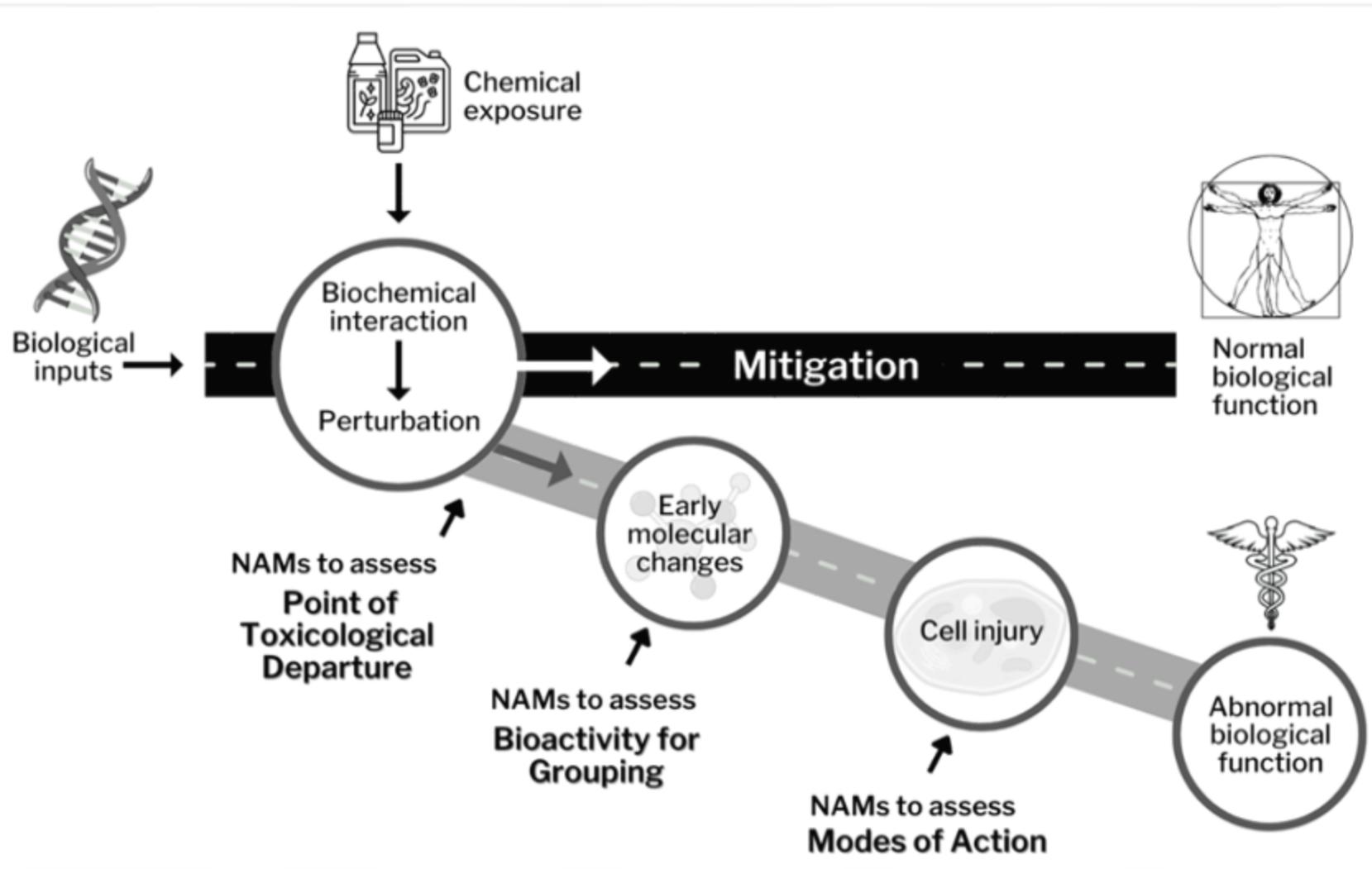
Experimental Data from Variety of Testing Platforms



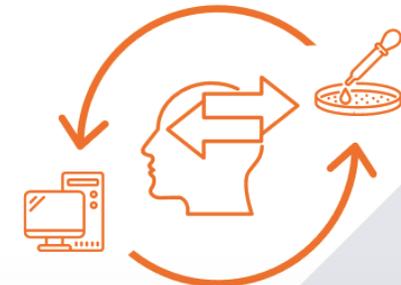
Existing Data



The New Paradigm: Activation of Toxicity Pathways



Each NAM will consist of an ontology-driven and artificial intelligence-based computational system linked with a battery of *in vitro* assays and *in silico* tools for hazard prediction combined with customized exposure assessment.



Why is F.A.I.R. important for innovation and regulatory applications?

- FAIR means **self-describing data**
- FAIR means **explicit semantics** (commitment)
- FAIR means availability of data to **software agents** ("machine actionability")
- By ensuring sufficient metadata always accompany data, FAIR enables **trust**
- FAIR practices **protect investments** by enhancing data reuse potential

Planning for FAIR from the onset

- **Survey of the art** - catalogues of standards ([FAIRsharing](#)) - **Promoting reuse**
 - Domain-specific data repositories & associated requirements
 - Data deposition syntax
 - Controlled vocabularies / terminologies
- Semantic models and identifiers patterns
 - Preparing for Extraction Transform Load (ETL) to RDF & KG from data sources
- Licensing and access rights around in **machine actionable form**
- Data release and cataloguing for optimum discoverability and reuse
- Consolidation in an extensive and **detailed Data Management Plan**

Testing process during pilot phases

- As with all projects, a central issue is that of phasing:
 - Delivering the **right tool at the right moment**
 - Developing lean processes as mitigating plans
 - PrecisionTox Spreadsheet Templates with naming conventions
 - Collect signal for refine software specifications
- Taking advantage of projects pilots
 - Coordination **user requirements for data collection**
 - Defining **annotation requirements** with **subject matter experts**
 - Developing **software solution prototypes**
 - Following **software engineering best practice** standards
 - Continuous integration, Code review, test driven development, automation
 - Code documentation, user documentation...

Key concept: prospective FAIR approach

- Implementation of **Metadata Manager Tool** - PrecisionTox example
- Globus based file transfer process between data producing centers
- Data publication / dissemination procedure
- Embedding FAIR practice in computational workflows
- Ready for knowledge graph representations

Developing software to make data FAIR by design

METHODOLOGY

A rich Python API supports the ISA metadata formats, allowing processing of ISA formatted documents either as ISA-Tab or ISA-JSON. Support to perform conversions to formats required by public repositories, such SRA or MAGE-TAB.



Describe experimental plan:
Identify independent variables and their levels

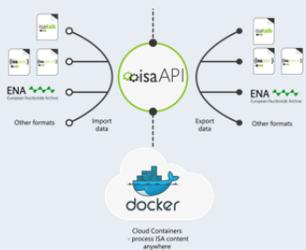
Generate ISA objects and serialize to
TAB or JSON format

Generate robotic platform compatible
list of samples
with Precision Tox Identifier scheme

Generate sample run order using
randomization function during
key lab steps:
material extraction and
data acquisition

Support the reporting of Quality
Control (QC) samples / runs and
record processing batch information

Test data deposition routes with EMBL-
EBI and INSDC sequence read archives



RESULTS

Data: capturing key information while performing behind the scene semantic markup thanks to ontology aware mappings

Code: development of new components such as:

- ISAcreeate mode
- ISA GraphQL
- ISA LD

ISA GraphQL interface allows efficient information extraction on individual ISA documents

<https://github.com/ISA-tools/isa-api/tree/develop/isatools/graphql>

```
query myquery {
  isatools {
    list {
      name
      value
    }
  }
}
```

Sample Name	Protocol	REF	Parameter Value	Extract Name	Protocol REK1 Value	Parameter Value	Term Source REF
0	Blank1	Extraction	methanolwaterformic acid...	none	Blank1	Chromatography	Shimadzu Prominence UFLC/RI system MTBLS http://www.ebi.ac.uk
1	IC51.1	Extraction	methanolwaterformic acid...	none	IC51.1	Chromatography	Shimadzu Prominence UFLC/RI system MTBLS http://www.ebi.ac.uk
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```
from os import path
from json import dumps
from isatools.isatab import load

here_path = path.dirname(path.realpath(__file__))
investigation_filepath = path.join(here_path, path.join("DSNAME", "INVESTIGATION.txt"))
with open(investigation_filepath, "r") as investigation_file:
    investigation = load(investigation_file)
    investigation_file.close()
query_filepath = path.join(here_path, "my_query.gql")
with open(query_filepath, "r") as query_file:
    query = query_file.read()
    query_file.close()
variables = {
    "technologyType": "nucleotide sequencing",
    "compound": "carbon dioxide",
    "dose": "low",
    "source": "Liver"
}
response = investigation.execute_query(query, variables)
if response.data:
    print(dumps(response.data, indent=1))
elif response.errors:
    print(response.errors)
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Process Inputs filters:

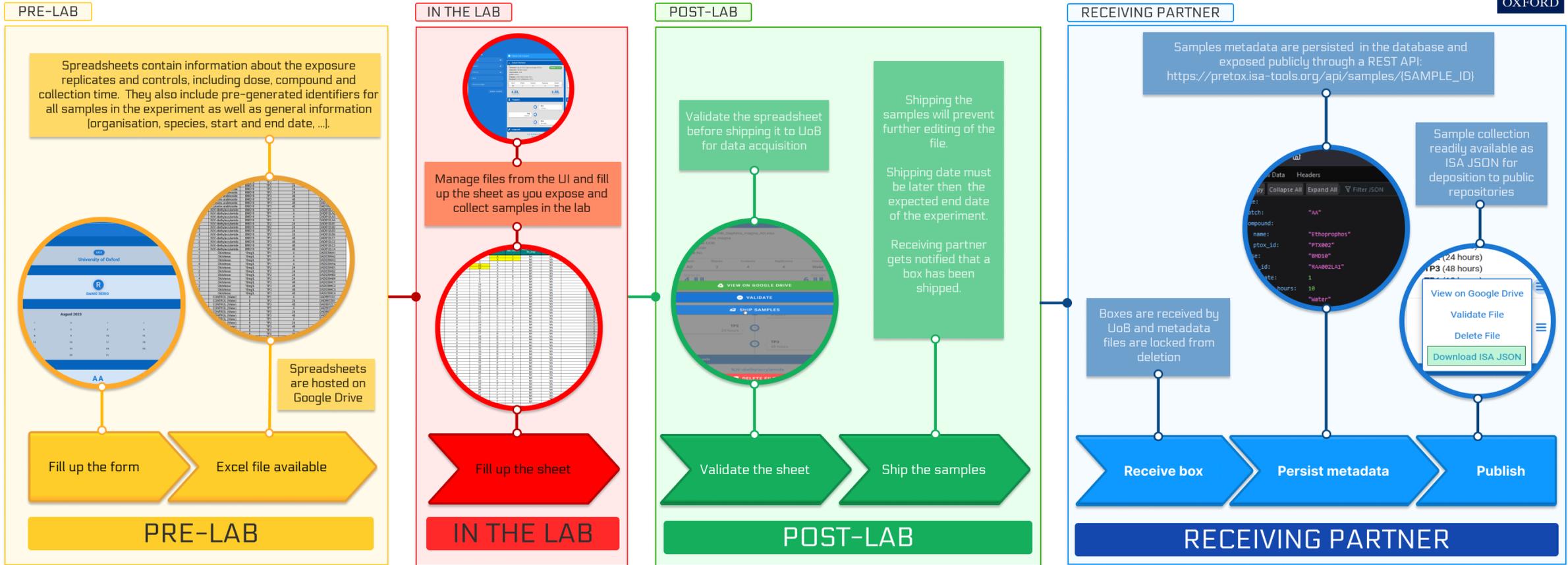
Field name	Description	Type	Target	Controlled values
treatmentGroup	Conditions the group was exposed to	ExposureParameters	process.inputs	X
characteristics	Characteristics the input should comply with	ExposureParameters	process.inputs	X
on	Control the input to apply the filter to	String	see controlled values	"Sample", "Source", "Datafile" or "Material"

Process Outputs filters:

Field name	Description	Type	Target	Controlled values
treatmentGroup	Conditions the group was exposed to	ExposureParameters	process.inputs	X
type	Name of the output to filter on	ExposureParameters	process.inputs	X
on	Control the output to apply the filter to	String	see controlled values	"Sample", "Datafile" or "Material"

Developing software to make data FAIR at design

Precision Toxicology Metadata Manager: sample exposure and collection



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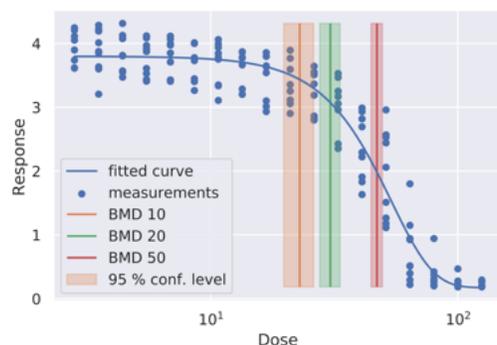
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Shiny web app for RNAseq Data Exploration

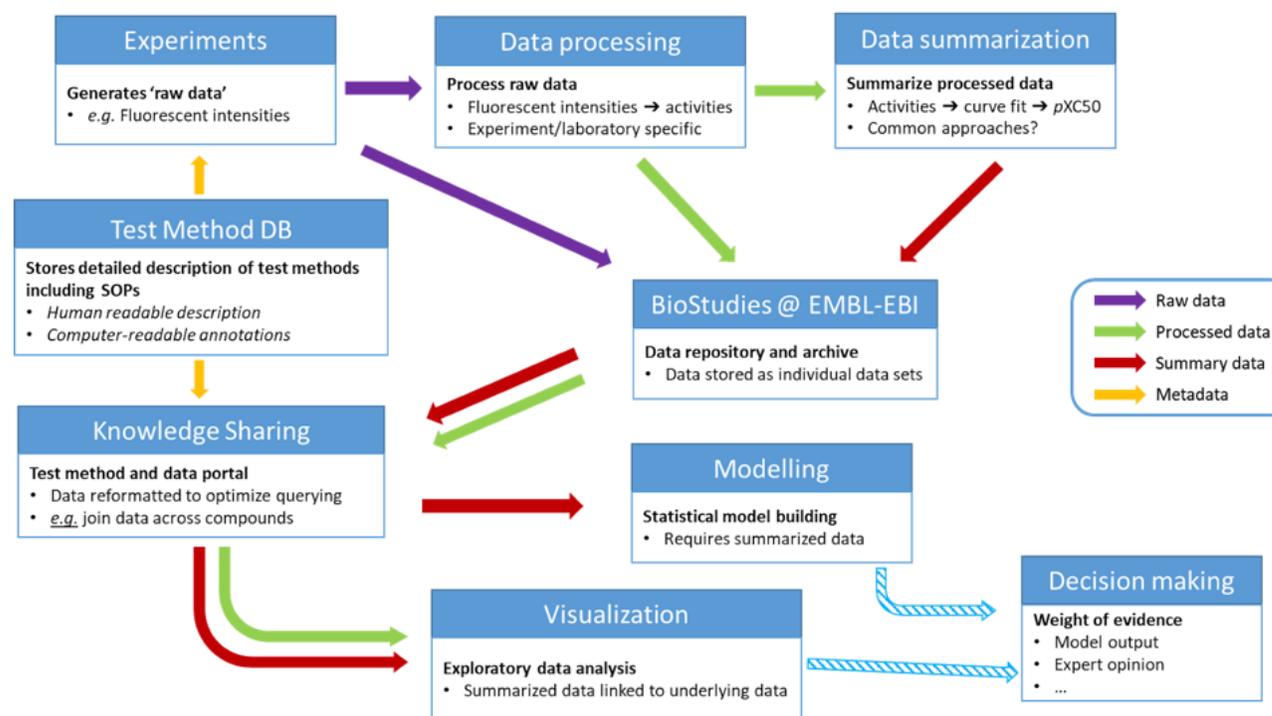
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Integrated Data and Knowledge Management



Harmonised Data,
Protocol and Metadata
Management
Infrastructure supported
by EdelweissData

Data and Knowledge Management on EUToxRisk program



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Data Management and Analysis

Behind the scenes

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Data structure

- [Excel template file](#) (EU-ToxRisk)
- Required fields for all the datasets
- Custom fields if needed

Column Name	Constant Values
Sample ID	
Method name	<i>method name indicated in the UKN3b_NeuroTox_LUH_neuri</i>
Toxicity domain	Neuro
Information domain	Cytotoxicity
Date	
Experiment ID	
Organization abbreviation	

Data import

- Each dataset is validated
- Published on Biostudies
- Automatically imported to EdelweissData
- Data becomes accessible through web requests (URL)

EdelweissData™
Convenient publishing of scientific data with proper versioning, rich metadata support and a powerful API

Data use

- Access data & metadata directly from the database
- Target specific version of dataset (e.g. latest)
- Consume data directly into your data analysis tool (R, Python, Excel, Jupyter, Colab, Observable)

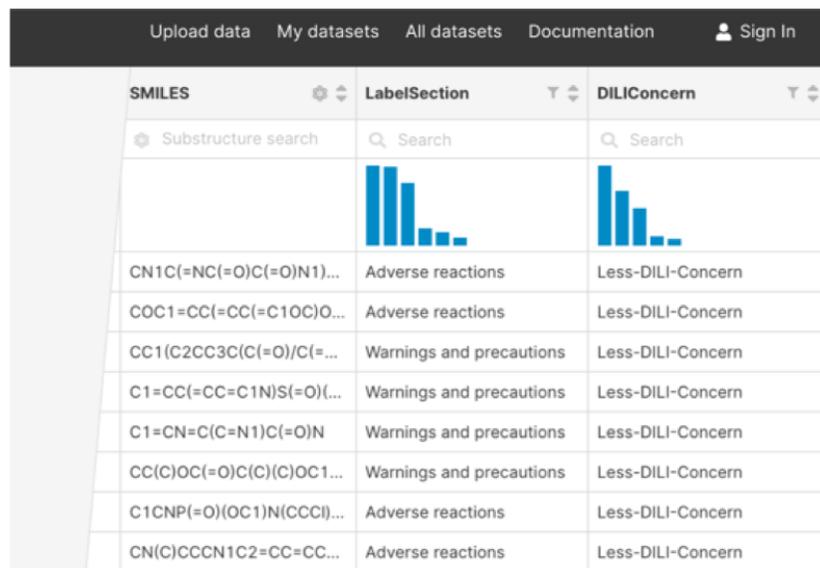


Observable

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Data Management and Analysis Workflows based on Biostudies and EdelweissData



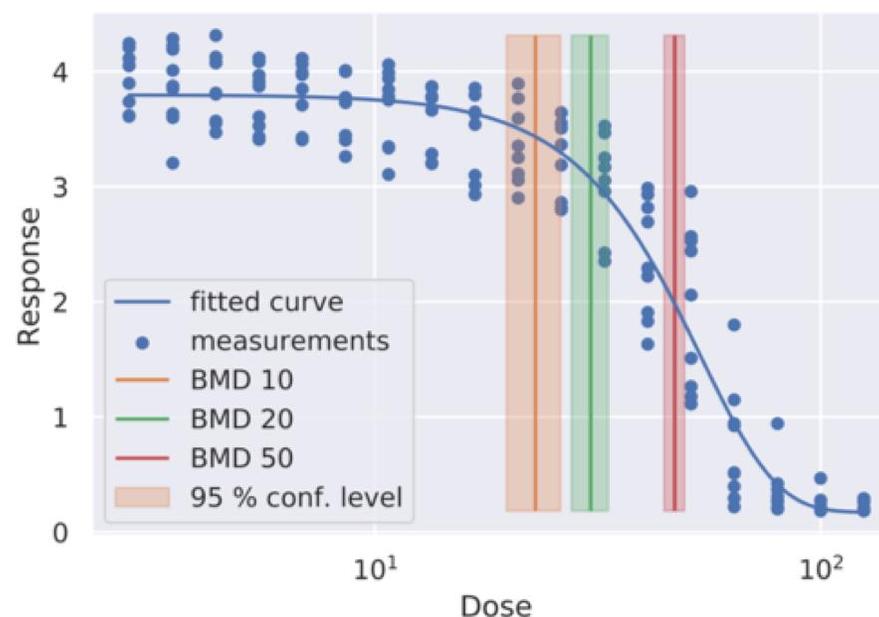
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Version 1.0 of EdelweissData (harmonised data management product of Edelweiss Connect) completed by 2020 and in commercial use.

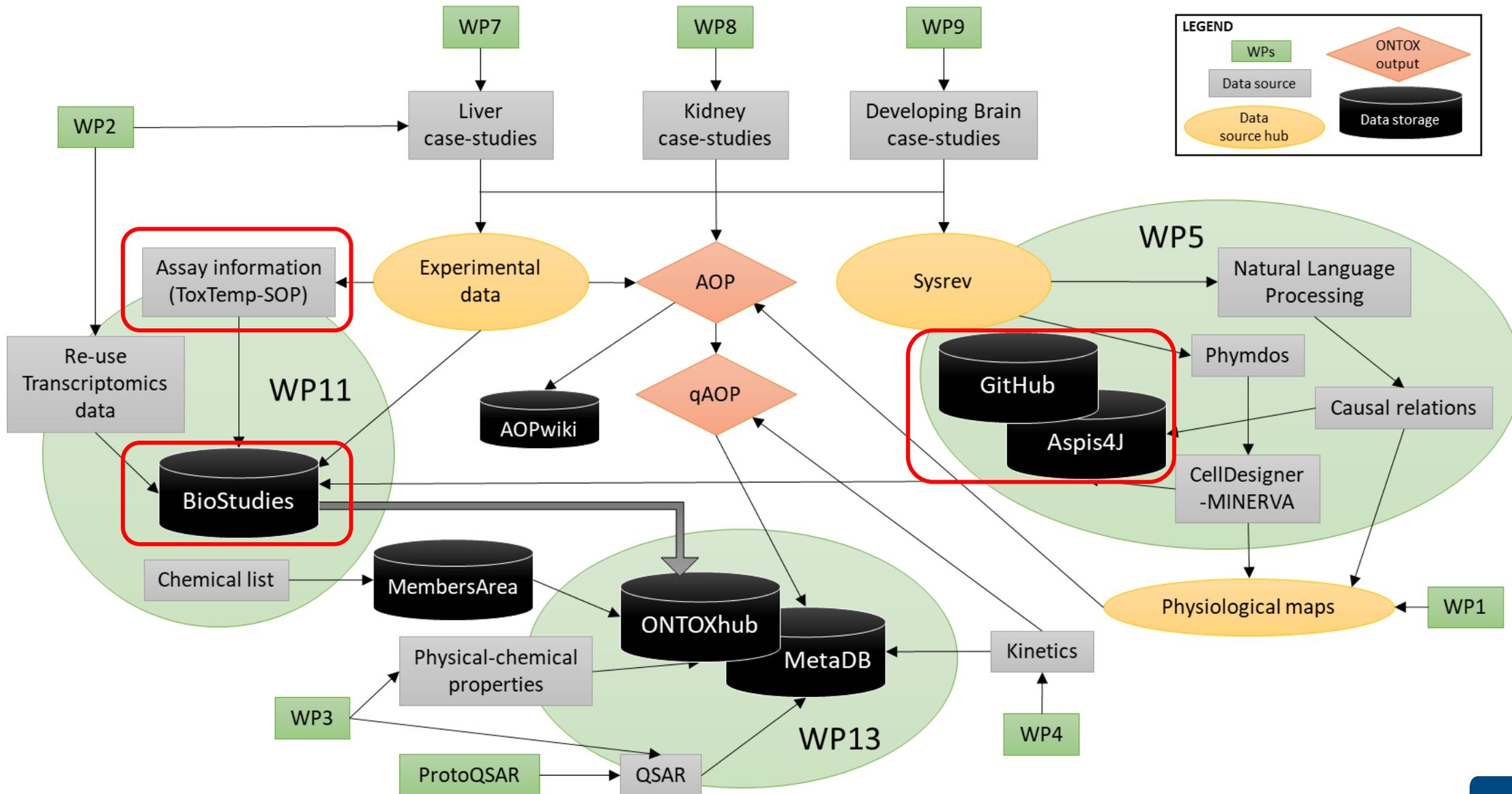


Supporting data life cycle from generation through to consumption.

<https://edelweissdata.com/>



ONTOX data flowchart



PrecisionTox and ELIXIR collaboration

Convergence & Alignment

Packaging Metadata, Data and Computational Workflow as a Research Object

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Project 27: Multi-Repository Data Submission using ISA-JSON

Abstract

Brokering data from producers to repositories is an integral service for research data management platforms. However, existing tools are often technique/domain-specific and focused on a single repository. During the BioHackathon 2022, we designed a unified and technique/domain-specific data brokering approach for submitting multi-omics studies to multiple specialized repositories. Briefly, an ISA-JSON file, containing repository required metadata, is processed by an independent upload tool that bundles credentials, data and metadata, and defines the destination repository for each schema. Then, a multi-repository converter applies mapping rules between ISA-JSON schemas and different repositories' models, initiating the (meta)data submission process. Initial mappings and prototypes for BioSamples and ENA have been made previously.

During this BioHackathon project, we aim to advance the development of the approach defined last year, by including other ELIXIR and non-ELIXIR repositories, namely MetaboLights, BioStudies/ArrayExpress and eDAL-PGP, to cover multi-omics submission.

To reinforce the broad applicability of the approach, we will work with ISA-JSON files generated by the ARC data structure, in addition to the ones generated by DataHub. We will also further explore the application of stepwise validated data flows orchestrated through Omnipy to extend the existing prototype of the converter tool. Defining requirements for the implementation of the independent upload tool is also in scope to support the feasibility of a streamlined brokering process.

More information

Focus and project plan

- Mapping of additional repositories' models to ISA-JSON schemas.
- Evaluate solutions such as Omnipy and extend the prototype.
- Define requirements for the independent upload tool.

Short-term

- Minimum viable products for BioSamples and ENA conversion and submission.
- Proof-of-concept multi-repository converter including the additional repositories.

Long-term

- Uptake of ISA-JSON as standard for multi-repository metadata submission by data producers and repositories.
- A domain-agnostic toolset that is easy to integrate in different platforms and pipelines.
- A toolset contributed to by the repositories and open for contributions by the different stakeholders.

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Project 14: Enabling continuous RDM using Annotated Research Contexts with RO-Crate profiles for ISA

Abstract

A prevailing paradigm in Research Data Management (RDM) is to publish research datasets in designated archives upon conclusion of a research process. However, it is beneficial to abandon the notion of "final" or "static" data artifacts and instead adopt a continuous approach towards working with research data, where data is constantly archived, versioned, and updated. This "immutable yet evolving" perspective allows for the application of existing technologies and processes from software engineering, such as continuous integration, release practices, and version management backed by decades of experience, and adaptable to RDM.

To facilitate this, we propose the Annotated Research Context (ARC), a data and metadata layout convention based on the well-established ISA model for metadata annotation and implemented as Git repositories. ARCs are amenable towards frequent, lightweight data management operations, such as (meta)data validation and transformation. The Omnipy Python library is designed to help develop stepwise validated (meta)data transformations as scalable data flows that can be incrementally designed, updated, and rerun as requirements or data evolve.

To demonstrate the concept of "continuous RDM" we will use Omnipy to define and orchestrate Git-backed CI/CD (Continuous Integration/Continuous Delivery) data flows to convert ISA metadata present in ARCs into validated RO-Crate representations adhering to the Bioschemas convention. A RO-Crate package combines the actual research data with its metadata description. Downstream, this allows semantic interpretation by Galaxy for e.g. workflow execution as well as machine-readable data access and data harvesting for search engines such as FAIDARE.

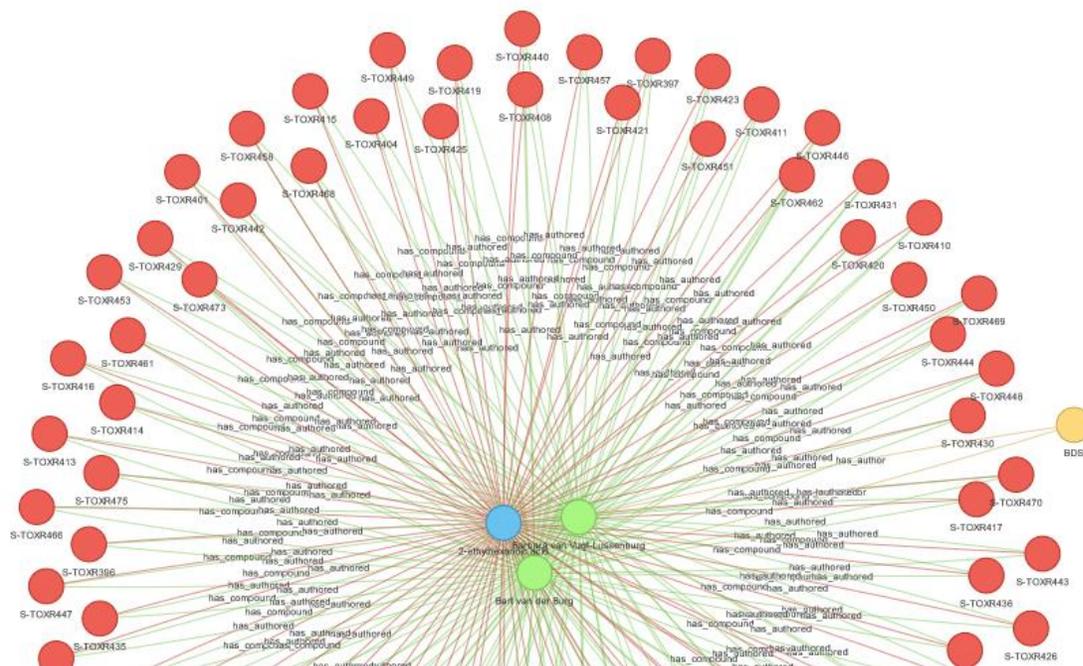
More information

The short-term goal of this project is to develop a minimum viable prototype to show that the underlying concept of "continuous RDM" works. In the long-term, we aim for full integration of ISA profiles for RO-Crate. Our approach is framework-agnostic, with Omnipy serving as a reference and proof-of-concept but open for extensions and implementations with other frameworks.

If selected for BH2023, our focus will be on realizing a first prototype. To achieve this, we are looking for experts in ISA, RO-Crate, ARC, Omnipy, and metadata formats to join our team. As an additional objective, we are also interested in exploring the potential for connecting RO-Crates to Galaxy and would welcome expertise in this area.

By bringing together a diverse team of experts with complementary skills and knowledge, we believe that we can successfully develop and demonstrate the concept of "continuous RDM" and its potential for research data management and interoperability.

Knowledge Graph (EU-ToxRisk data being extended to ASPIS)



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