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Towards Building Public Trust and Understanding in Science

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In Science We Trust

• Without the public's trust in science, our research discoveries fail to achieve their transformative potential

 Scientists must foster understanding not only in their scientific concepts and theories, but also in how scientific knowledge is produced



But how can we foster understanding and trust?









Structural Genomics Consortium

Supporting the discovery of new medicines through open science





Structural Genomics Consortium (SGC)

Open Science Policy

Introduction

The Structural Genomics Consortium ("SGC") is a partnership of public and private funders ("Members") formed to support and engage in pre-competitive research to better understand human disease biology and to facilitate the discovery of new medicines. The SGC's scientific program is carried out at host academic institutions ("Institutions") and the scientists who are formally associated with the SGC at these Institutions ("SGC Scientists") engage in research to generate enabling reagents and knowledge related to proteins of potential therapeutic relevance. The SGC believes that these outputs will have maximal benefit if released into the public domain without restriction on use, and thus has adopted this Policy.

SGC Open Science Policy

The SGC, SGC Scientists, and their research collaborators must commit to making their open access research outputs (materials and knowledge) publicly available without restriction on use. This means the SGC and SGC Scientists will seek to place open access results arising from SGC Scientists' research projects (internal or collaborative) in the public domain and may not file for patents or other registered intellectual property protections in respect of the outputs of these research projects.

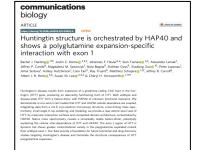
Accessible sharing of research results, sooner



Lead: Matthieu Schapira



Publication: 2 years





Preprint: 1.5 years





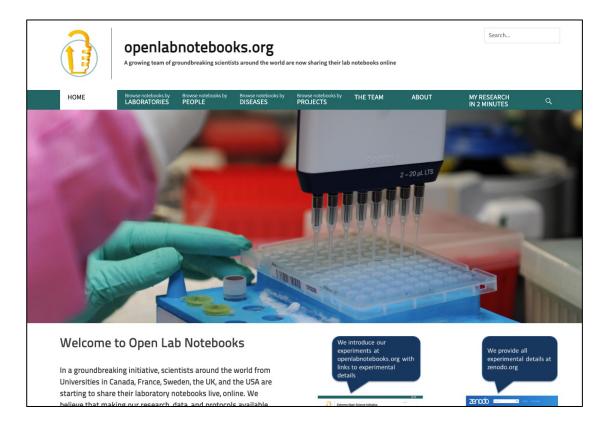




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A growing team of ground-breaking scientists around the world are now sharing their lab notebooks online

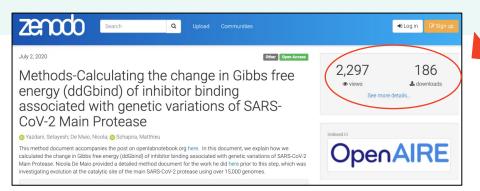
1-2 months



Open Lab notebooks



Experiments in the lab





Materials, methods, data shared in **open online notebook** with unique DOI

Linked Blog post:

Discussion of experiment including lay summary, context and next steps

- Share failures and negative data which currently are not publishable in peer-review journals
- Share details that enable others to replicate a study step by step
- Prevents redundancy and improves reproducibility
- Blog posts written in accessible language that helps the public understand the research process

Connecting with research stakeholders



LabScribbles @LabScribbles · Oct 24, 2019

And the week was capped with a fantastic @HuntingtonSC community education forum at Runnymede health centre organised by the local Toronto chapter





Our initial fragment screen identified four different frag be found in the Protein Data Base (pdb) with these code some observations from these structures that suggest p line acid) that came from a virtual screening exercise us



2 Replies to 'TBXT ligands for Chordoma: lactams for pocket F"



John Henry Dye says:

8th August 2021 at 4:25 pm

Thank you for the update. I share each of theses posts with the Chordoma Survivor community on FB, though we know you are a long way from a clinical application, your updates buoy our spirits and give us hope for better treatments in the future. Thank you again from all those also touched by Chordoma.

Reply



David Drewry says:

22nd August 2021 at 8:40 pm

Dear John,

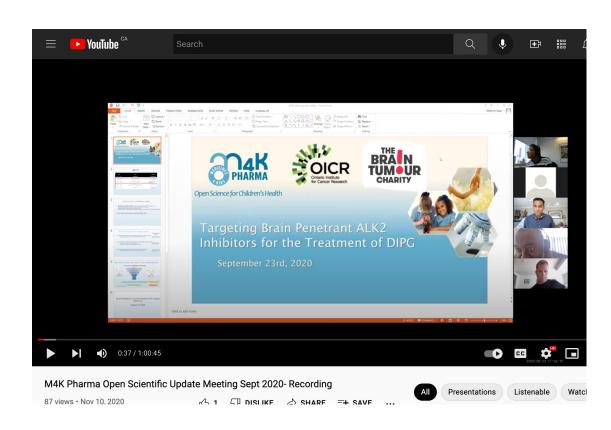
You are very welcome. Thank you for sharing these posts with your community and also for letting me know that

M4K Pharma





- Developing a therapeutic option for Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) – targeting ALK2 Kinase, a validated disease driver
- Commitment to Open Science: rely on market exclusivity and data protection mechanisms.
- Commitment to Affordability: medicines priced to ensure access to anyone who needs them
- Using open science to change how affordable new treatments are discovered and developed.
- Aggregated research community resources
 - Significantly reduced costs
 - Exceeded scientific deliverables



YChaROS: focus on reproducibility





CEO Chetan Raina

- Crisis of confidence and reproducibility
- Research antibodies: basic reagents to interrogate proteins
- Global annual sales estimated to be US\$2-3 Billion
- 50% of commercial antibodies do not perform as intended
 - No standard for testing
 - Estimate US\$800,000 wasted every year

Published: 19 May 2015

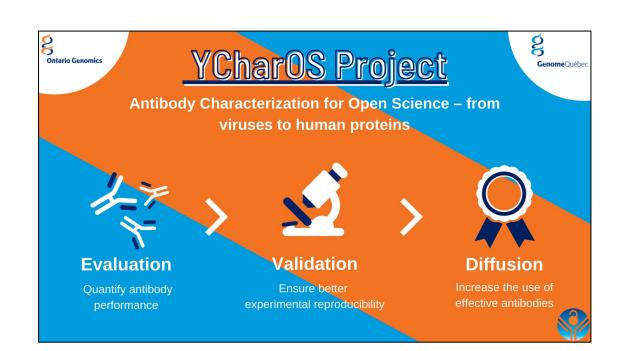
Reproducibility crisis: Blame it on the antibodies

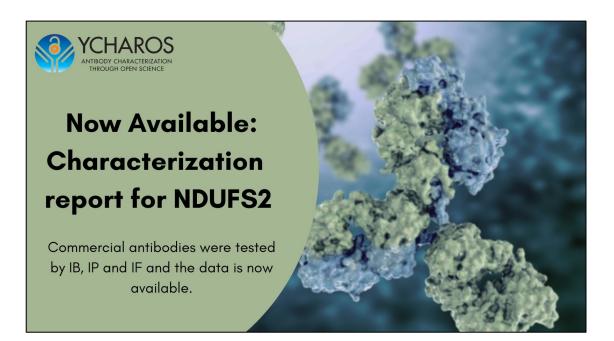
Monya Baker

Nature **521**, 274–276 (2015) Cite this article

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Antibodies are the workhorses of biological experiments, but they are littering the field with false findings. A few evangelists are pushing for change.



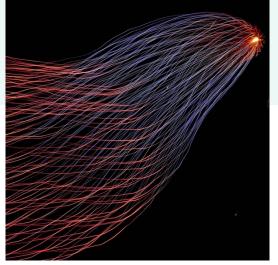


Institutional Strategic Initiatives

Launched in 2019 to increase the University of Toronto's capacity to support and scale cross-divisional, high-impact interdisciplinary research initiatives that address grand challenges of societal importance











ISI Supported Initiatives





















Biomanufacturing

























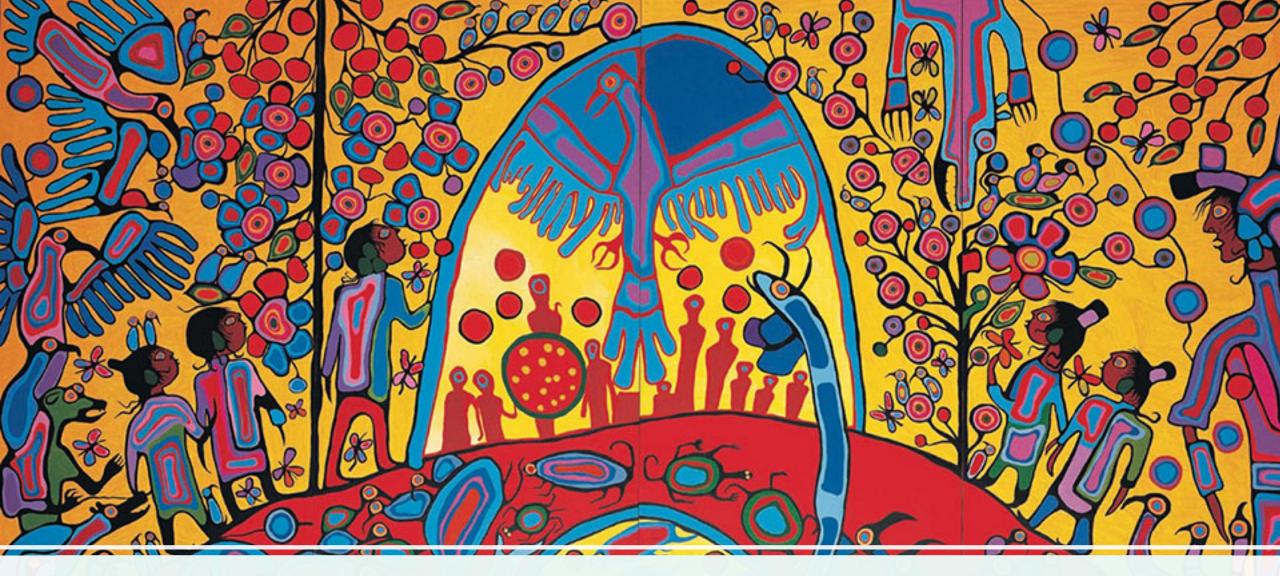




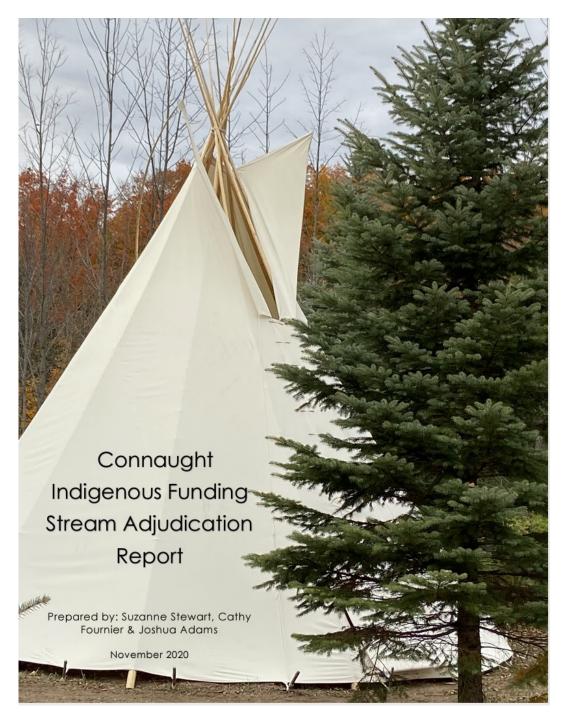


Centre for Sports Science & Sports Medicine





Historical contexts for research engagement with Indigenous Communities







Support and inspire Indigenous research at U of T by connecting people and communities with each other and with academic, cultural and spiritual resources

How can you foster the Public's trust and understanding?

- Researchers:
 - Consider making your own research accessible to the general public
 - Focus on using validated research tools including antibodies
- Institutions and organizations:
 - Reward researchers who commit to open science
 - Think of traditionally marginalized groups and being inclusive to their ways of knowledge

