

# **Synergizing Biomedical Ontologies - An Industry Perspective**

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### **Biomedical Ontologies**



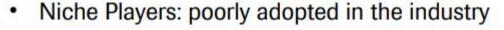
#### The Past

# Management of Research Data Assets – The Strategic Importance of Biomedical Ontologies

(and noone really cares)

fine print

Practical Use of Biomedical Ontologies, EMBL-EBI, Hinxton UK March 16th-17th 2016 ISMB Conference, Bio Ontologies SIG Meeting, Orlando 8th July 2016



- Strategy: mainly partial solutions
- Technology Challenge: justification needed
- Perception issue: Data Quality strangely neglected
- Missing ownership: Poor interest in business
- Data Governance: Works only with pressure
- Range Issue: Only few people understand topic



Clear objective and urgent need vs poor adoption



# **Shift Happens – Towards a Data Driven Industry**

#### Foundational Change: Perception of Value of Data (the Bright Future?)

Pharma Times online, 09, November 2016

British Al group licenses Janssen drug candidates

ligence group BenevolentAl has signed an exclusive license with Johnson & Johnson group Janssen, picking up rights to a series of its novel clinical stage drug candidates. Under the deal, BenevolentAl has acquired a





Diese Verschiebung haben die Unternehmen laut PwC mit gutem Grund vorgenommen: Diejenigen Firmen, die im Branchenvergleich schneller als der Durchschnitt gewachsen seien, hätten 2015 im Schnitt 25% mehr Geld für Software-Entwicklung ausgegeben als die Unternehmen, deren Umsatz sich unterdurchschnittlich entwickelt habe, heisst es in IT as Kev Enabler

#### ROCHE IST AUF RANG 7 ABGERUTSCHT

Gleichzeitig sind Unternehmen, die in der Öffentlichkeit als besonders innovativ gelten, nicht unbedingt diejenigen, die auch tatsächlich am meisten in F&E investieren. So führt wie im Vorjahr der Automobilkonzern VW die Liste mit Ausgaben von 13,2 Mrd USD an. Samsung folgt auf Platz zwei, gefolgt von Amazon.

Apple dagegen, das als innovativstes Unternehmen gilt, landet mit Ausgaben von 8,1 Mrd USD lediglich auf Platz 18. Alphabet, die Muttergesellschaft von Google, kommt mit 12,3 Mrd immerhin auf Platz vier.



«99% of the innovation is happening outside our companies» (Severin Schwan, CEO F. Hoffmann-La Roche)

# Pharma 4.0

- Digitilization
- Internet of Things
- Lab Automation
- Advanced Analytics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Big Data
- Data Science

Reimagining Novartis as a 'medicines and data science' company

Vas Narasimhan on LinkedIn

January 11, 2018

#### Machen Google und Co. schon bald Jagd auf Roche und Novartis?

Mit der milliardenschweren Übernahme von Whole Foods durch Amazon hat das Detailhandelssterben jenseits des Atlantiks einen traurigen Höhepunkt erreicht. Reihenweise sind kleinere Ladeninhaber gezwungen, ihre Geschäftstätigkeit aufzugeben. Gegen den mächtigen Versandhändler scheint kein Kraut gewachsen

Der Vorstoss der Amerikaner ins Geschäft mit Nahrungsmitteln sollte auch anderen Wirtschaftszweigen eine Warnung sein. Denn immer öfter nutzen Tech-Giganten wie Amazon, Googleund Co. ihre Milliarden von Dollar, um sich neue Märkte zu erschliessen

SPIEGEL: Muss Roche mehr wie Google werden, sich zum Datenkonzern wandeln?

Franz: Absolut. Google muss erst die Pharmaerfahrung aufbauen – und wir müssen die Digitalisierung für uns nutzen. Mit den Produkten unserer Diagnostiksparte generieren wir im Jahr 15 Milliarden Tests, also Datenpunkte. Wir haben einen riesigen Datenschatz. Aber wir fangen erst an, ihn zu nutzen.



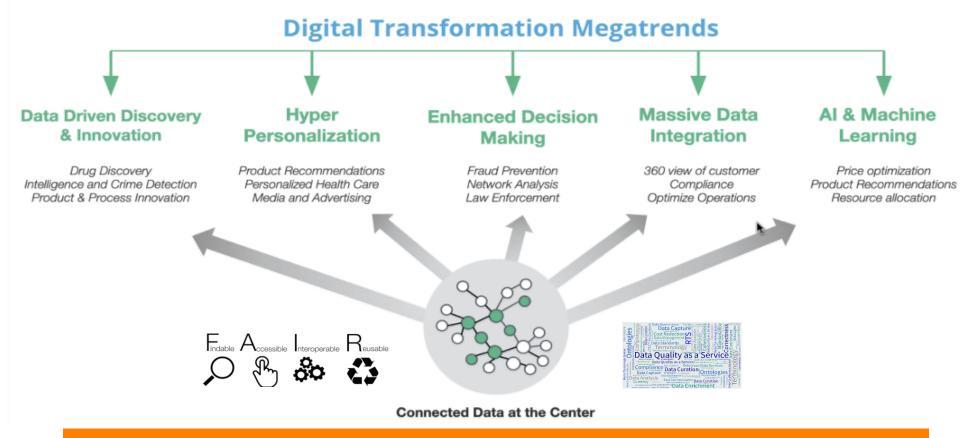
Data are no longer a by-product of business processes - business processes **are** data-driven

# **Digital Transformation**



Megatrends & Data Management Strategy

### **Harnessing Connections Drives Business Value**



Data Standards: Terminology, Ontology & Data Models (FAIR+Q Data)

#### Data as an Asset

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#### True Costs of Data Management



#### Planned/ Visible Costs

- FTEs creating Data Asset
- Material procurement (sample, reagent, compounds etc.)
- Infrastructure

#### Unplanned/ Invisible Costs

- ETL processes
- Searching & accessing
- Data Cleansing
- Data Curation/ Semantic Data Integration
- IT Infrastructure supporting unplanned activities



Backcharge the costs for processing to the data producers



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# Roche Data Commons (RDC) – Flipping the Coin in Data Mgt

Moving from an application-centric to an information-centric organization

Terminology, Ontology, Metadata, Models (Structure)

#### **Variable Navigator**

- ▶ ☐ HDAP Adverse Event
- ▶ □ HDAP Clinical Study
- ▶ □ HDAP Concomitant Medication
- ▶ □ HDAP Digital Biomarker
- ▶ ☐ HDAP Disposition
- HDAP Expression
- HDAP Flow Cytometry
- ▶ ☐ HDAP Informed Consent
- ▶ □ HDAP Medical History
- ▶ ☐ HDAP Patient
- ▶ □ HDAP Sample
- HDAP Study
- ▶ ☐ HDAP Substance Use
- ▶ □ HDAP Variant
- ▶ □ HDAP Vital Signs

Services Data Reference

APIS

#### **Layer 5: Analytics & Visualization Tools**

Provides the interfaces to the user and open a playground for experts as well as non-experts.



#### **Layer 4: Integrated Data Sets**

Allows individuals to integrate data primarily from layer 3 into a meaningful dataset



#### **Layer 3: Harmonized Data Access Points**

Provides an abstraction of key data from layer 2 to facilitate searching for data



#### **Layer 2: Scientific Data Assets**

Enables data storage and transformation activities so that data can be made available for sharing



#### Layer 1: Infrastructure

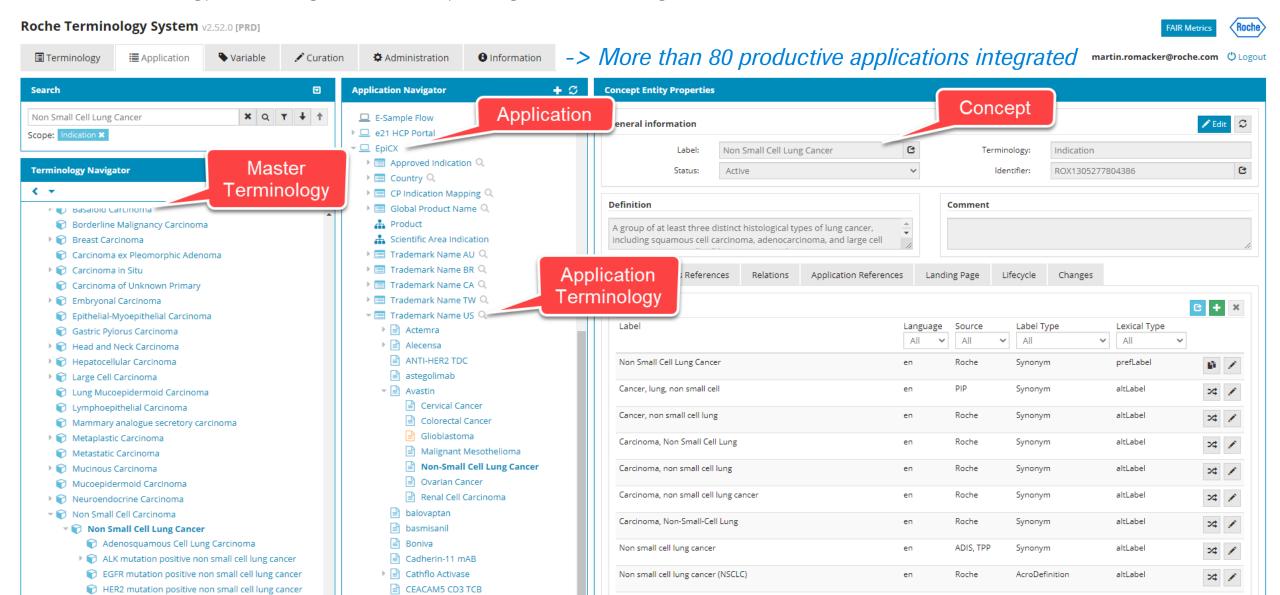
Provides high performance infrastructure and lays the foundation for the various layers in the RDCM

Authentication 20 Access Control



## **Reference Data Services for Data Management**

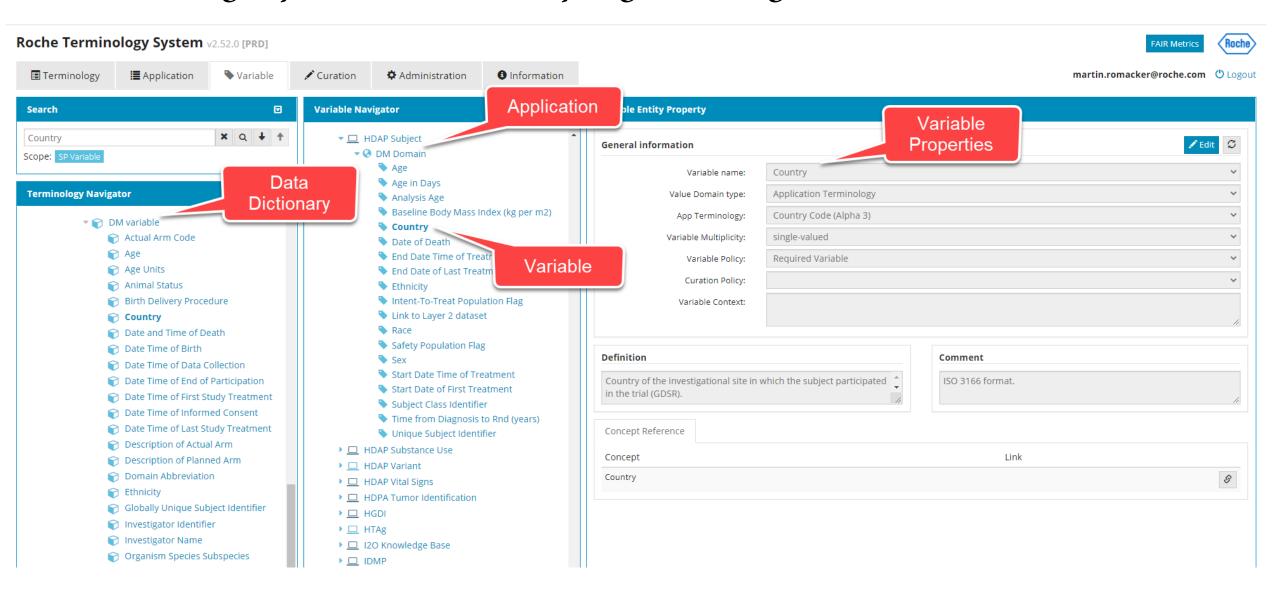
Terminology Management - Synergize Ontologies (FAIR)





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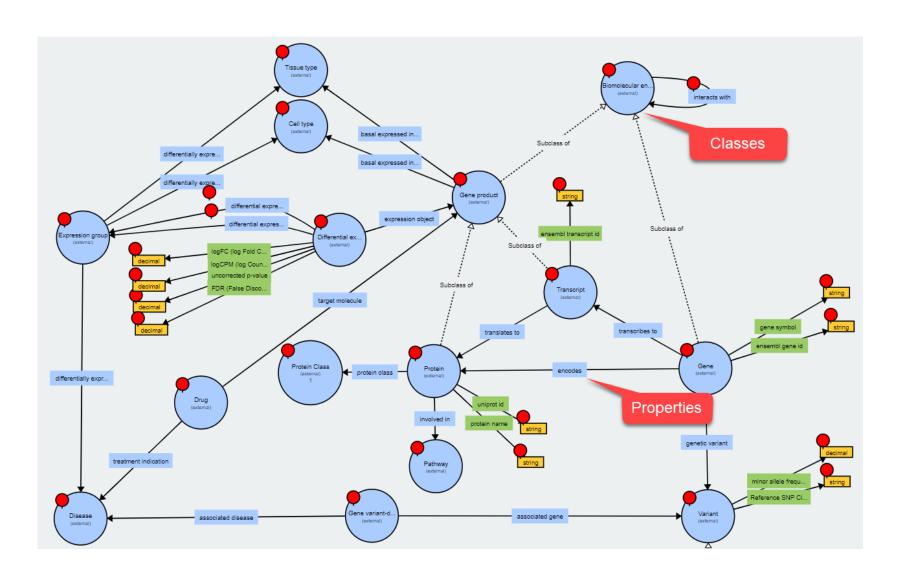
Metadata Registry/ Dataset Models - Synergize Ontologies (FAIR)



# **Data Domains & purpose-driven Ontologies**

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## **Building Knowledge Graphs**



- FAIR: fully harmonized
- Linked to standards
- Linked to ontologies
- Instantiated with data
- Federated queries

### **Roche Data Commons (RDC)**



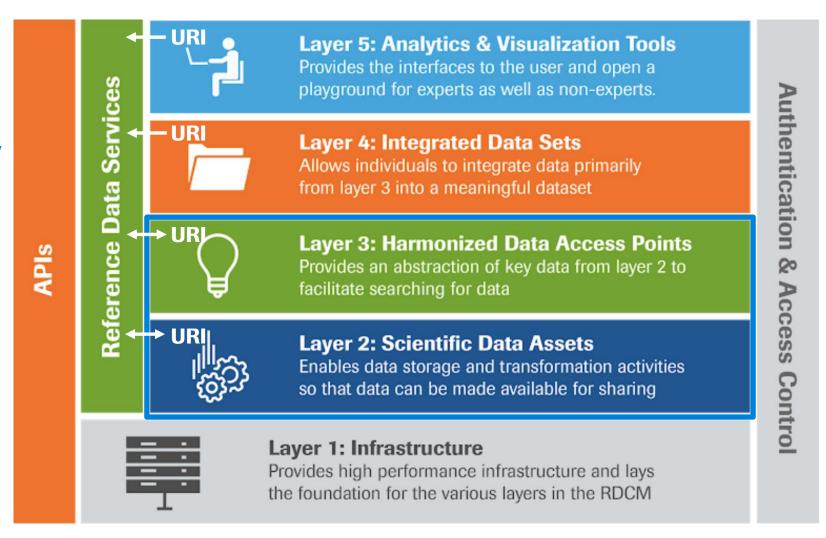
#### Data FAIRification – Everything is a Resource (URI)!

HDAPs organize data in Information Types

Interoperability (URIs): semantic data dictionary semantic models

Data FAIRification only in layer 2 & 3

No more transformation between layer 3 & 4,5





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FAIR guiding principles











Ability for scientist/data consumer to find, access and understand the data (without the presence of the data owner)



Ability for a machine to automatically find and use the data (machine actionable)

by Olivier Roche (pREDi)

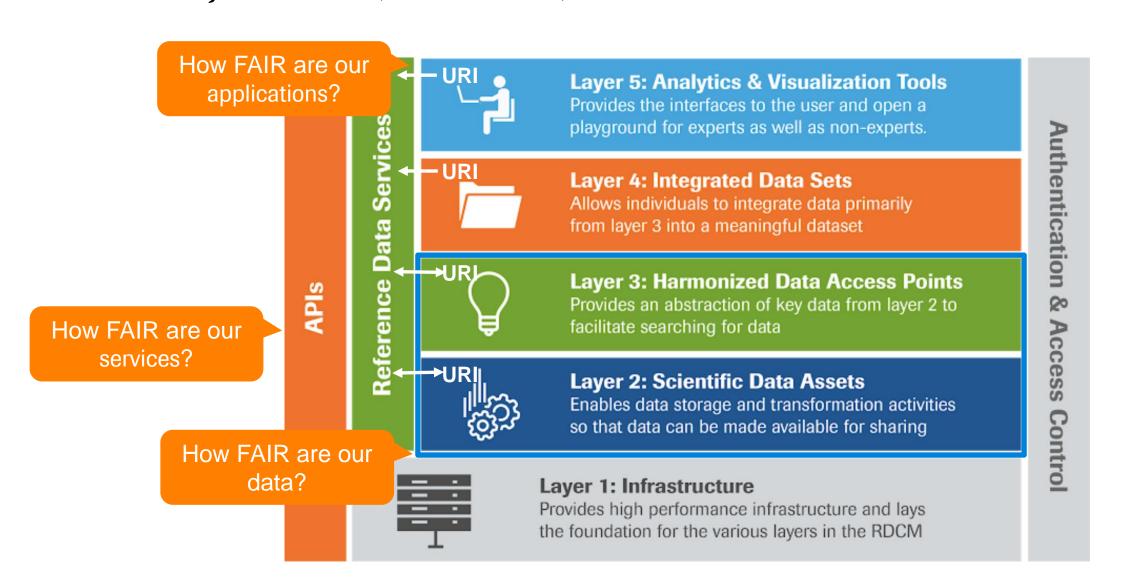
**Dilution of the FAIR Principles:** 

FAIR is not primarily about the \*THAT\*
FAIR is above all about the \*HOW\*

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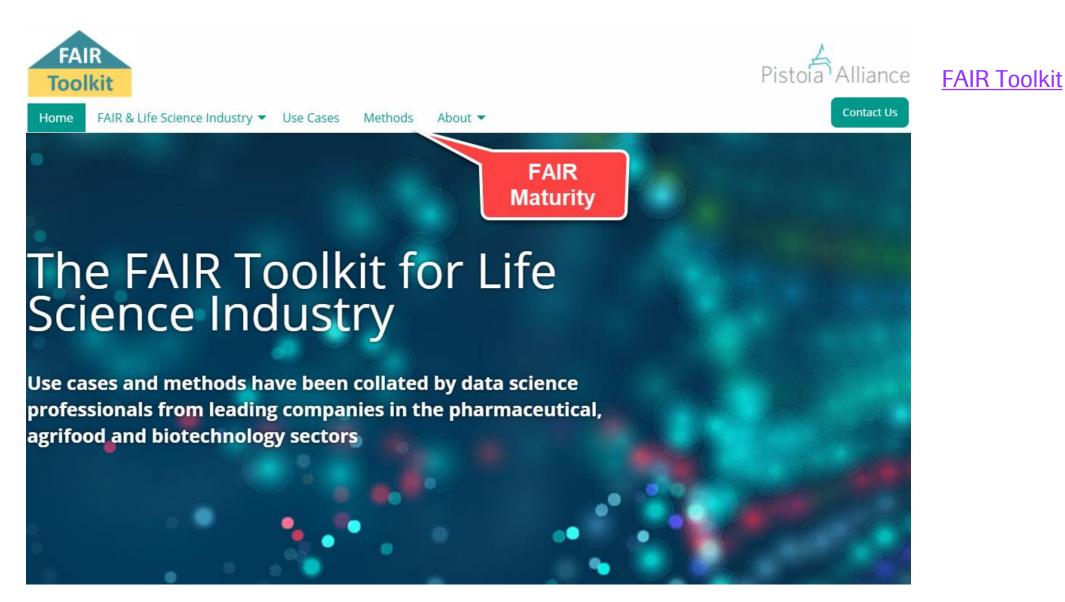
FAIR Maturity Indicators (FAIR Metrics)



#### **FAIR Assessment**

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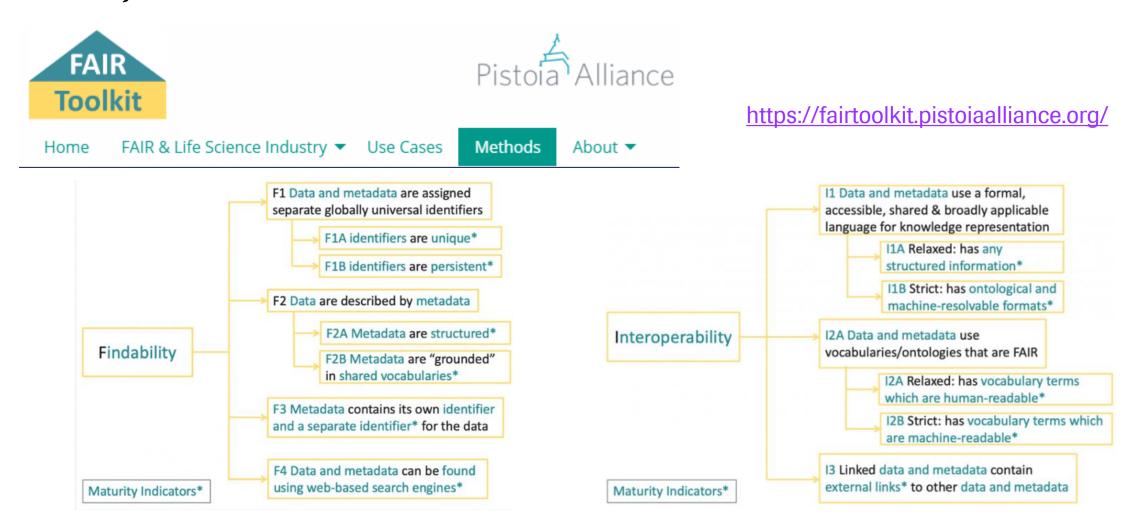
#### Pistoia Alliance



# Implementation for FAIR Data Principles in Life Science R&D



Maturity Indicators: FAIR Metrics





Cross-site & cross- functional project: FAIR Maturity Assessment

### **FAIR Principle & FAIR Metrics**

## 5 Star Rating

#### **FAIR Principles**

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#### > F1: (Meta) data are

- assigned globally unique and persistent identifiers > F2: Data are described
- > F3: Metadata clearly and explicitly include the
- > F4: (Meta)data are
- > A1: (Meta)data are identifier using a standardised
- > A1.1: The protocol is open, free and universally
- > A1.2: The protocol allows
- accessible even when the
- data is no longer available > I1: (Meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared. and broadly applicable language for knowledge
- the FAIR principles
- other (meta)data
- described with a plurality of accurate and relevant
- > R1.1: (Meta)data are released with a clear and
- > R1.2: (Meta)data are provenance > R1.3: (Meta)data meet
- community standards
- How to GO FAIR

In 2016, the 'FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship' were published in Scientific Data. The authors intended to provide guidelines to improve the Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability, and Reuse of digital assets. The principles emphasise machineactionability (i.e., the capacity of computational systems to find, access, interoperate, and reuse data with none or minimal human intervention) because humans increasingly rely on computational support to deal with data as a result of the increase in volume, complexity, and creation speed of

A practical "how to" guidance to go FAIR can be found in the  $\bf Three-point\,FAIRification$ 

The first step in (re)using data is to find them. Metadata and data should be easy to find for both humans and computers. Machine-readable metadata are essential for automatic discovery of datasets and services, so this is an essential component of the FAIRification process.

- F1. (Meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier
- F2. Data are described with rich metadata (defined by R1 below)
- F3. Metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data they describe
- F4. (Meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource

Once the user finds the required data, she/he needs to know how can they be accessed, possibly including authentication and authorisation.

- A1. (Meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardised communications
- A1.1 The protocol is open, free, and universally implementable
- A1.2 The protocol allows for an authentication and authorisation procedure, where
- A2. Metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available

The data usually need to be integrated with other data. In addition, the data need to interoperate with applications or workflows for analysis, storage, and processing.

- 11. (Meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.
- 12. (Meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles
- 13. (Meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data

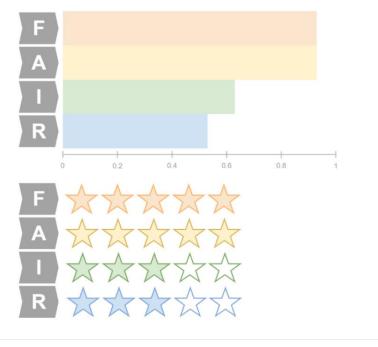
The ultimate goal of FAIR is to optimise the reuse of data. To achieve this, metadata and data should be well-described so that they can be replicated and/or combined in different settings.

- R1.1. (Meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license
- R1.2. (Meta)data are associated with detailed provenance
- R1.3. (Meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards

The principles refer to three types of entities: data (or any digital object), metadata (information about that digital object), and infrastructure. For instance, principle F4 defines that both metadata and data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource (the infrastructure component).









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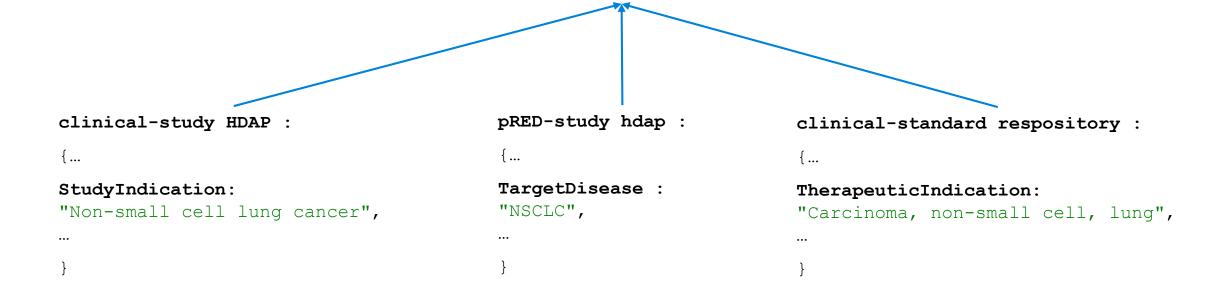
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#### The Hamster Wheel



**Data Transformation (map & merge)** 

#### **JSON-Linked Data (JSON-LD)**



#### Leveraging on a Semantic Infrastructure

```
Subject
       "@graph" : [
         "contributor": "JIMENES6",
         "broader" : [ "ROX1305277804385", "ROX1305277805920", "ROX1394550342848" ],
         "definition": "A group of at least three distinct histological types of lung cancer, including squamous cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, and
     large cell carcinoma. Non-small cell lung carcinomas have a poor response to conventional chemotherapy.",
          "status" : {
             "@id" : "ROX11410222618619111'
              "prefLabel" : "Active'
Predicate
                                               Object
             sxl:prefLabel" :
              "@id" : "ROX32426970969993323",
              "labelTypeConcept" : {
                  "@id" : "ROX32508475213363140",
                  "prefLabel" : "Synonym"
              "languageConcept" : {
                  @id" : "ROX32410222618619687",
                  "prefLabel" : "en"
              "sourceConcept" :
                '@id" : "ROX32508475213363138",
                  'prefLabel" : "Roche"
              "literalForm" : "Non Small Cell Lung Cancer"
```



In a universe of FAIR applications, data and services \*everything\* should be considered as a resource

### **JSON-Linked Data (JSON-LD)**



#### Context provides Model for unambiguous interpretation

```
'@context" : {
  '@base": "http://ontology.roche.com/" ,
 "prefLabel" : {
   "@id" : "http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#prefLabel"
  'broader"
   roader : {
"@id" : "http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#broader",
   "@type" : "@id"
  contributor" :
   "@id" : "http://purl.org/dc/terms/contributor"
 "definition" : {
   "@id" : "http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#definition"
  'status" : {
   "@id" : "http://ontology.roche.com/status",
   "@type" : "@id"
  'sourceConcept" : {
   "@id" : "http://ontology.roche.com/sourceConcept",
   "@type" : "@id"
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  'labelTypeConcept" : {
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   "@type" : "@id"
 "literalForm":
   "@id" : "http://www.w3.org/2008/05/skos-xl#literalForm"
 "rts" : "http://ontology.roche.com/",
 "dct" : "http://purl.org/dc/terms/",
 "skosxl" : "http://www.w3.org/2008/05/skos-xl#",
 "xsd" : "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#",
 "skos" : "http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#",
 "dc" : "http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"
```





What is a **smartAPI**?

The SmartAPI project aims to maximize the FAIRness (Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability, and Reusability) of web-based Application Programming Interfaces (APIs). Rich metadata is essential to properly describe your API so that it becomes discoverable, connected, and reusable. We have developed a openAPI-based specification for defining the key API metadata elements and value sets. SmartAPI's leverage the Open API specification v3 and JSON-LD for providing semantically annotated JSON content that can be treated as Linked Data.





#### Breaking up the Vicious Circle

#### **Instantaneous Integration of Data & Metadata**

```
clinical-study HDAP: {...
StudyIndication: {
  @id : ROX1305277804386,
  prefLabel :
  "Non-small cell lung cancer"}
  ... }

"@context" : {...
"StudyIndication" : {
  "@id" : ROX37603872443814754,
  "@type" : "@id"}
  ... }
```

```
pRED-study: {...
    TargetDisease: {
     @id : ROX1305277804386,
     prefLabel :
     "NSCLC"}
     ... }

"@context" : {...
"TargetDisease" : {
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    "@type" : "@id"}
... }
```

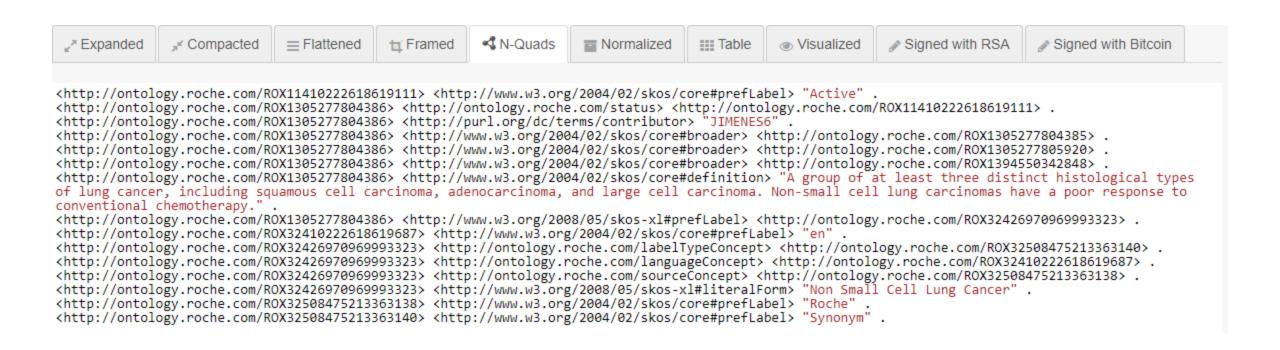
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clinical-standard respository: {...
TherapeuticIndication: {
@id : ROX1305277804386,
prefLabel:
"Carcinoma, non-small cell, lung"}
... }

"@context" : {...
"TherapeuticIndication" : {
"@id" : ROX37603872443814754,
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... }
```





#### RDF Serialization – immediate usage





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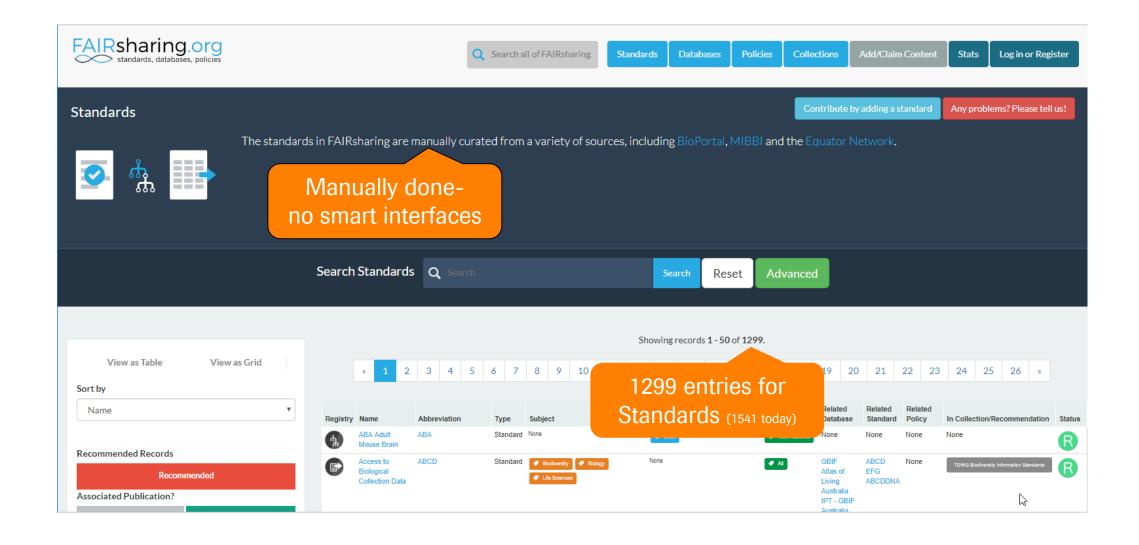
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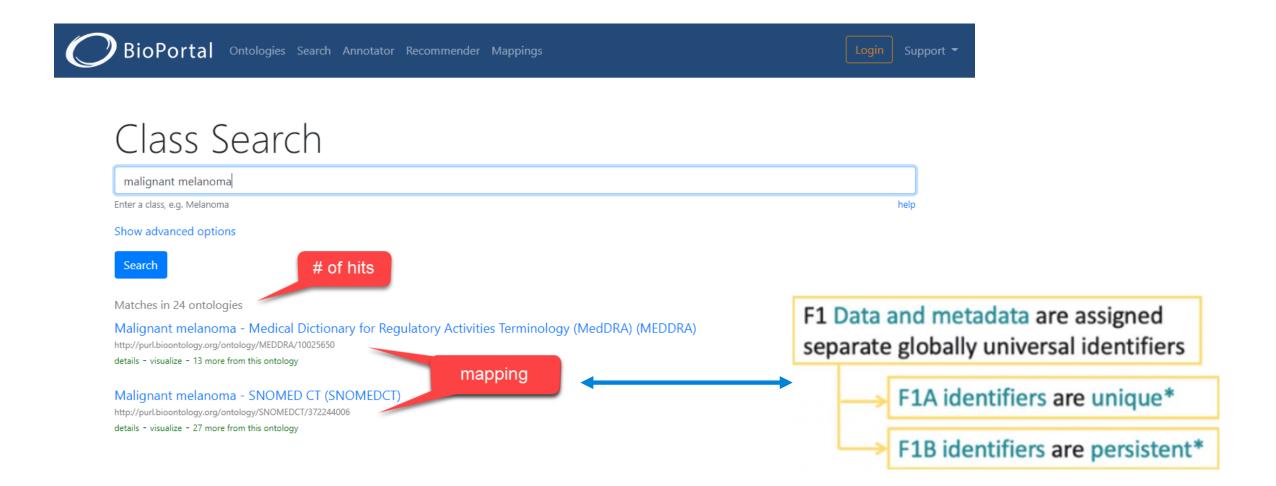
### Proliferation and Fragmentation of Standards



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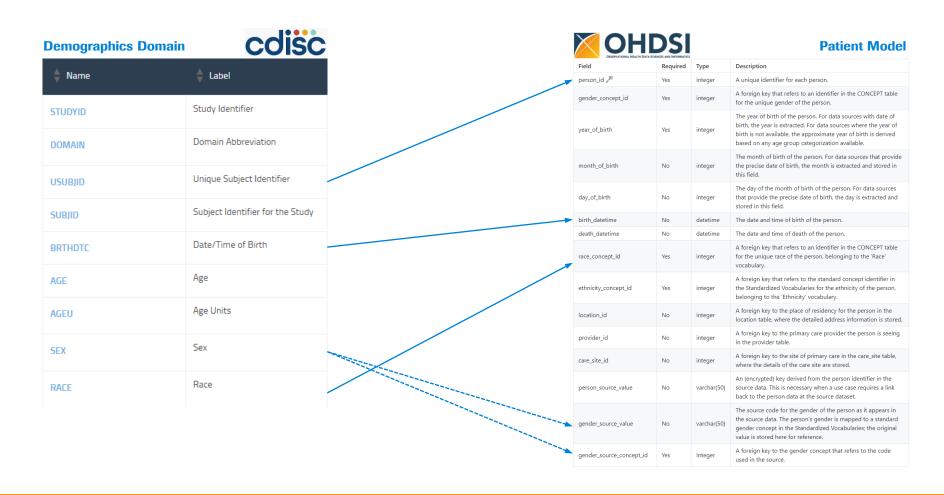


### Proliferation vs Convergence







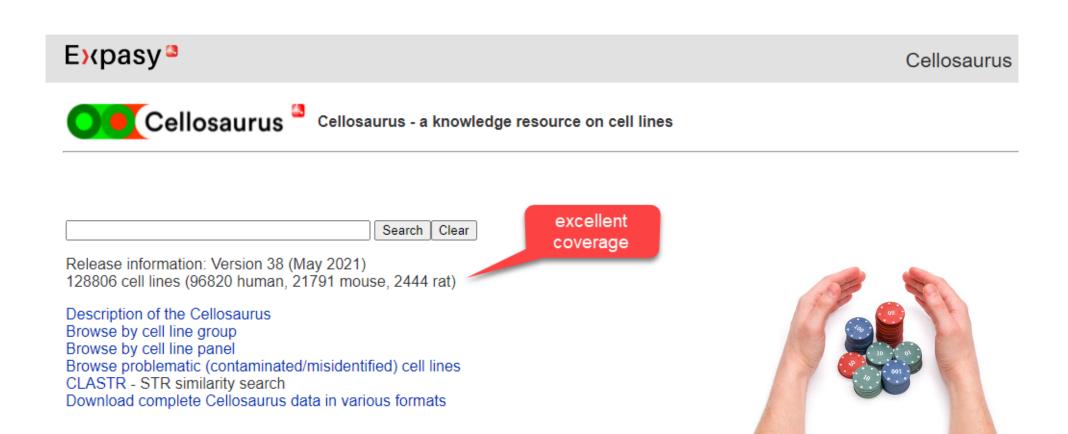


Creation of insights & analytics blocked: different model, variables and values

# **Convergence of Biomedical Ontologies**

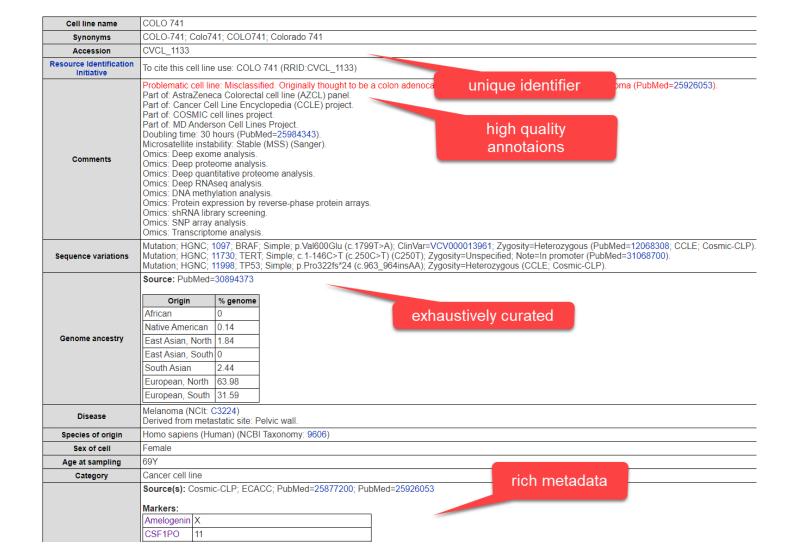


Cellosaurus – the winner takes is all (1)



# **Convergence of Biomedical Ontologies**

### Cellosaurus – the winner takes is all (2)







Examples:

Antibody: RRID:AB\_2178887 Cell Line: RRID:CVCL\_0033 Organism: RRID:MGI:3840442



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#### Vision and Mission

#### Open public-private semantic infrastructure of FAIR applications, services and data

- Applications based on FAIR data models and metadata models (eg DCAT for data catalogs).
  Open interfaces for import of FAIR terminologies and FAIR data schemas.
  Open interfaces for data access, model readout and semantically enables microservices (connectors and integration layers are old-fashioned)
- Services: Smart APIs semantically harmonized, FAIR APIs (data values and attributes as GUPRIs)
   Data contracts based on JSON-LD supporting seamless data integration (no transformation)
- Metadata and data represented with semantic standards (GUPRIs)
   Biomedical Ontologies converge: shared engineering principles, shared semantics, consolidated reference space (see Cellosaurus less is more)
   Public and commercial content provider adhere to FAIR principles and implement data standards

# **DataFAIRy BioAssay Annotation**

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#### Pre-competitive Data FAIRification





#### Day 2: Thursday, July 15

all times are in EDT

3:20pm - 3:40pm

CDD Annotator and Perspectives from the Data FAIRy Initiative

Samantha Jeschonek





# Doing now what patients need next