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The Challenge - Open standards for drug discovery data

- Drug discovery research is increasingly data and information driven but we are challenged to integrate content across domains (Chemistry, Biology, Clinical)
 - Key content spread over many sources
 - Lack of agreed standards and formatting drives unsustainable efforts in content integration
 - Increasing volumes and privacy constraints (e.g. Biobanks) drives paradigm shift: We need to move analysis to data rather than retrieve data for analysis

Open PHACTS Project (28 partners: 9 pharma – 19 academic / SME)

- Develop robust standards for solid integration between data sources via semantic technologies
- Implement the standards in a semantic integration hub ("Open Pharmacological Space")
- Deliver services to support on-going drug discovery programs in pharma and public domain

Benefit:

- Reduced costs and improved access to inter-operable drug discovery information
 - Work on-going with RSC/Chemspider on data-models for handling drug formulations, combinations and public sources; Source most public data directly from RSC/Chemspider in correct format
- Development of critical skills and organisational learning
 - Access to leading European labs in semantic data, workflow analysis and information mining (U Manchester, VU Amsterdam, NBIC, Frauenhofer)
 - Structured plan to align AZ scientists within work-packages to directly exploit developments in on-going internal initiatives









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