



## Drug discovery FAQs: workflows for answering multidomain drug discovery questions

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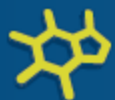
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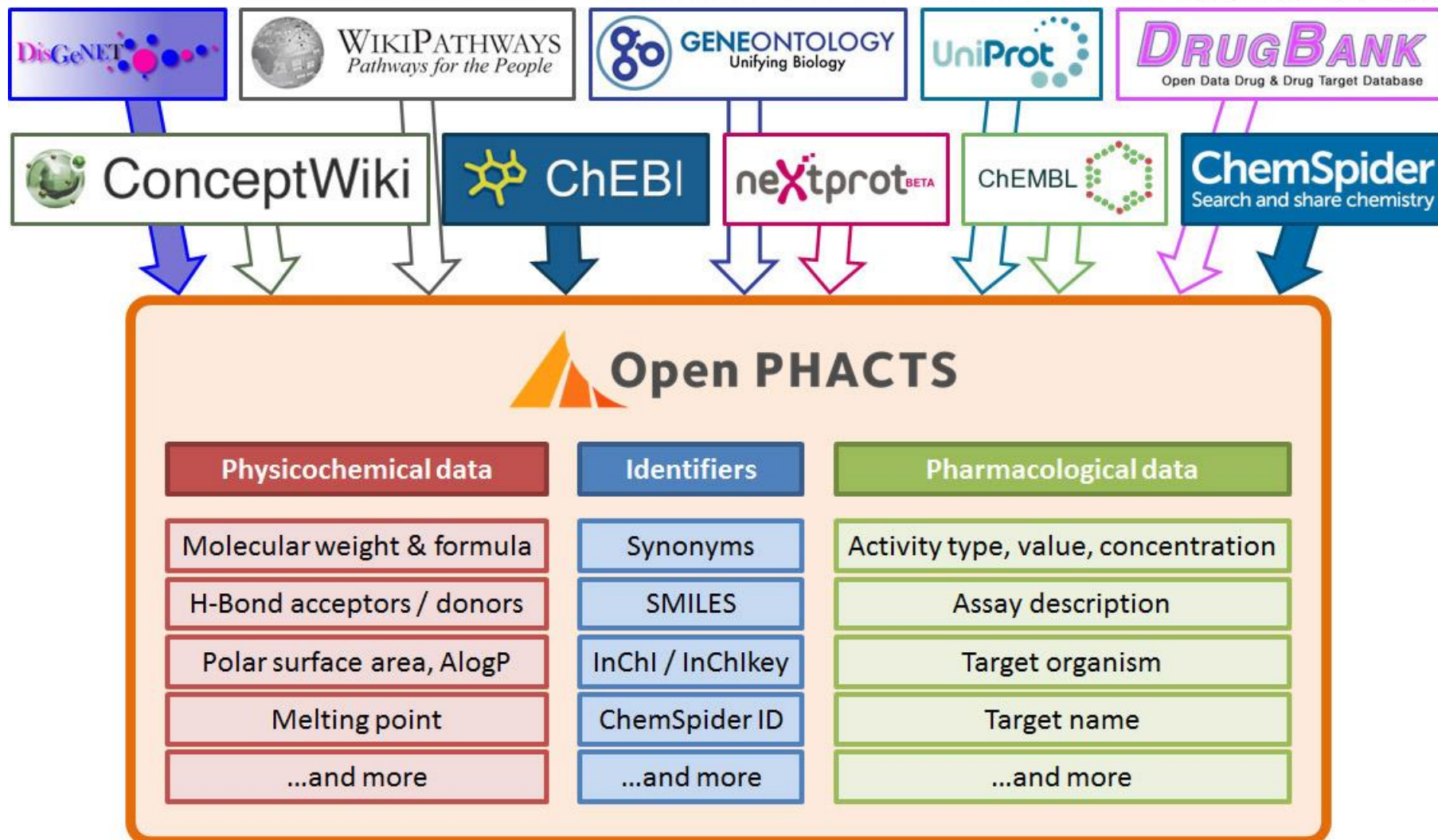
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## Useful links

- ❖ Latest version of the API: <https://dev.openphacts.org/docs/1.5>
- ❖ Support portal: <http://support.openphacts.org/>
- ❖ Open PHACTS Explorer: <http://explorer.openphacts.org/>
- ❖ Example Workflows: <http://www.myexperiment.org/groups/1125.html>



## Answering „scientific competency questions“

- ❖ 20 questions defined at the beginning of the project.
- ❖ Azzaoui K, Jacoby E, Senger S, *et al.* (2013) Drug Discov. Today 18: 843 – 852.
- ❖ Two main clusters:
  - 1.) Compound-target relationships
  - 2.) includes additional complexity of diseases, pathways, text-mining and patents.
- ❖ Example: Give me all oxidoreductase inhibitors active <100 nM in human and mouse.
- ❖ Many questions need a combination of queries to the Open PHACTS Platform.
- ❖ Workflows published: Chichester C, Digles D, Siebes R, *et al.* (2015) Drug Discov. Today 20: 399 – 405.

Cluster 1 use cases (Q1-Q11): Answers require mainly compound-target pharmacology data		
ID	Use case question	Sequence of API calls with filters used and link to the workflow
Q1	Give me all oxidoreductase inhibitors active <100 nM in human and mouse.	<b>Target Class Pharmacology</b> ( <i>target_organism=Homo sapiens/Mus musculus; minExpChembl=7</i> )  <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4504.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4504.html</a>
Q2	For a given compound what is its predicted secondary pharmacology?	<b>Compound Information&gt; Chemical Structure Search: Similarity&gt; Compound adverse events</b>
Q3	Given a target find me all actives against that target. Find/predict polypharmacology of actives.	<b>Target Pharmacology</b> ( <i>minExpChembl=5</i> ) > <b>Compound Pharmacology</b> ( <i>minExpChembl=0</i> )  <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4505.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4505.html</a>
Q4	For a given interaction profile, give me similar compounds.	<b>Compound Information &gt; Compound Information (Batch) &gt; Chemical Structure Search: Similarity</b> ( <i>searchOptions.Threshold=0.85</i> )> <b>Compound Information</b>  <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4516.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4516.html</a>
Q5	For molecules that contain substructure X, retrieve all bioactivity data in serine protease assays.	<b>Chemical Structure Search: Substructure&gt; Compound Pharmacology, Target Class Members</b>  <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4478.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4478.html</a>
Q6	For a specific target family, retrieve all compounds in specific assays	<b>Target Class Pharmacology</b>  <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4506.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4506.html</a>
Q7	For a target, give me all active compounds	<b>Target Pharmacology</b> ( <i>minExpChembl=5</i> )



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Q7	For a target, give me all active compounds with the relevant assay data.	<b>Target Pharmacology</b> ( <i>minEx-pChembl=5</i> ) <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4507.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4507.html</a>
Q8	Identify all known protein-protein interaction inhibitors	<b>Target Class Pharmacology</b> ( <i>target_type=ppi, minEx-pChembl=5</i> ) <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4508.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4508.html</a>
Q9	For a given compound, give me the interaction profile with targets.	<b>Compound Pharmacology</b> ( <i>activity_type=IC50/EC50/AC50/Ki/Kd/Potency</i> ) <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4509.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4509.html</a>
Q10	For a given compound, summarize all similar compounds and their activities.	<b>Chemical Structure Search: Similarity</b> ( <i>searchOptions.SimilarityType=0; searchOptions.Threshold=0.80</i> )> <b>Compound Pharmacology</b> ( <i>activity_type=IC50/EC50/AC50/Ki/Kd/Potency</i> ) <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4510.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4510.html</a>
Q11	Retrieve all data for a given list of compounds depicted by their chemical structure (SMILES) with options to match stereochemistry.	<b>Chemical Structure Search: Exact</b> ( <i>searchOptions.MatchType=2</i> )> <b>Compound Pharmacology, Compound Information, Compound Classifications</b> ( <i>tree=chebi</i> ) <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4511.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4511.html</a>

## Cluster 2 use cases (Q12-Q20): Answers requiring pharmacology plus disease, pathway, and text mining data

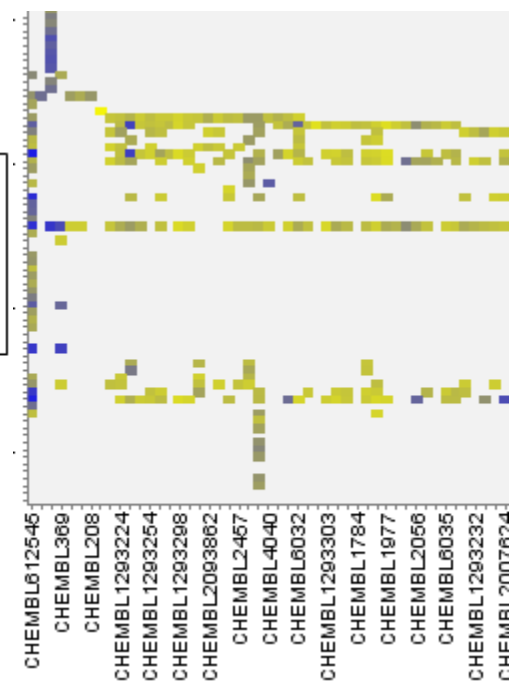
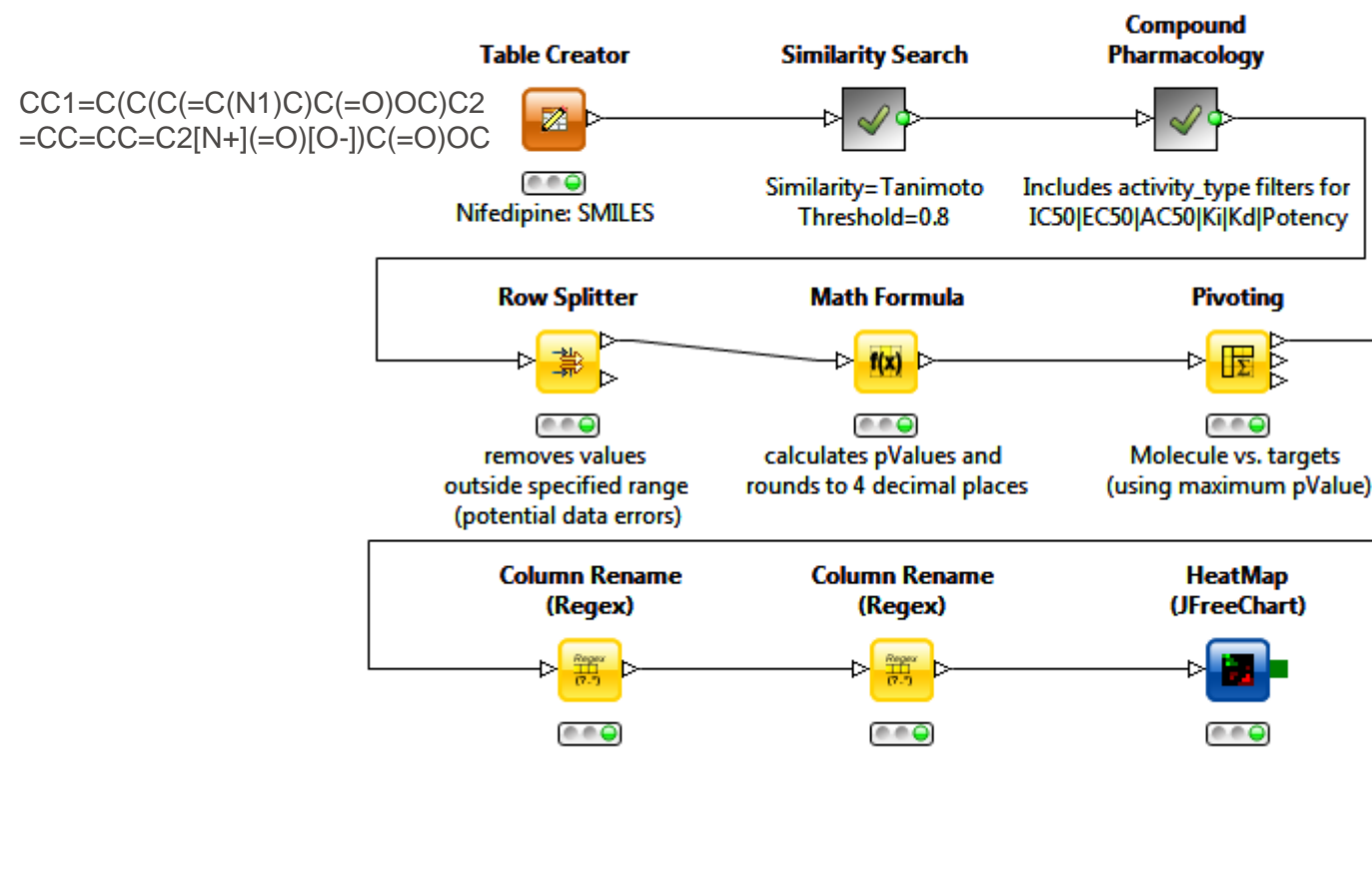
Q12	For a given compound, which of its targets have been patented in the context of a disease?	<b>Compound Pharmacology&gt; <i>PatentsCalls</i> &gt;Disease for Target</b>
Q13	For disease X, which targets have ligands in different stages of the development process with publications/patents describing these compounds?	<b>Targets for Disease&gt; Target Pharmacology (<i>minEx-pChembl=5</i>), Target Information&gt;<i>Patents calls</i></b>
Q14	Target druggability: compounds directed against target X have what indications? Which new targets have appeared recently in the patent literature for a disease?	<b>Target pharmacology (<i>minEx-pChembl=5</i>) &gt;<i>Indications for Compounds</i>&gt; <i>Patent calls</i> &gt;Disease for Targets</b>
Q15	a) Which chemical series have been shown to be active against target X? b) Which new targets have been associated with disease Y? c) Which companies are working on target X or disease Y?	<b>a) Classification of Compounds for Target (<i>minEx-pChembl=5</i>)</b> <b>b) Associations for Disease</b> c) Competitive Intelligence data not available <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4512.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4512.html</a>
Q16	Targets in Parkinson's disease or Alzheimer's disease are activated by which compounds?	<b>Target for Disease&gt; Target Pharmacology (<i>minEx-pChembl=5</i>)</b> <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4513.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4513.html</a>
Q17	For my specific target, which active compounds have been reported in the literature?	<b>Target Pharmacology (<i>minEx-pChembl=5</i>)</b> <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4507.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4507.html</a>
Q18	For pathway X, find compounds that agonize targets assayed in only functional assays with potency <1 $\mu$ M.	<b>Pathway Information: Get Targets&gt;Target Pharmacology (<i>activity_type=Potency, max-activity_value=1000, activity_unit=nanomolar</i>)</b> <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4514.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4514.html</a>
Q19	For the targets in a given pathway, retrieve the compounds that are active with more than one target.	<b>Pathway Information: Get Targets&gt;Target Pharmacology (<i>minEx-pChembl=5</i>)</b> <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4515.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4515.html</a>
Q20	For a given disease, retrieve all targets in the pathway and all active compounds hitting them.	<b>Targets for Disease&gt; Target Pharmacology (<i>minEx-pChembl=5</i>)</b> <a href="http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4513.html">http://www.myexperiment.org/workflows/4513.html</a>





## Example workflow

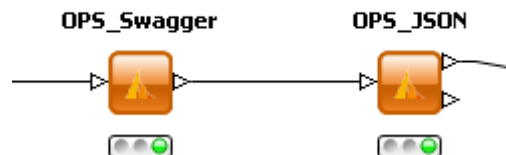
- ❖ Q10: For a given compound, summarize all similar compounds and their activities





## OPS-Knime nodes

- ❖ Created by Ronald Siebes, VU Amsterdam.
- ❖ No predefined set of nodes for each API call.
- ❖ OPS\_Swagger:
  - creates the API call
  - Swagger file is used to automatically provide available API calls and parameters
- ❖ OPS\_JSON (deprecated):
  - executes the API call
  - transforms the output into a flattened spreadsheet format
- ❖ available from <https://github.com/openphacts/OPS-Knime>





## Swagger

- ❖ Structured format for the generation of API documentation.  
(<https://helloverb.com/developers/swagger>)
- ❖ [https://raw.githubusercontent.com/openphacts/OPS\\_LinkedDataApi/1.5.0/api-config-files/swagger.json](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/openphacts/OPS_LinkedDataApi/1.5.0/api-config-files/swagger.json)

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## OPS\_Swagger details

- ❖ Knime node where the user provides a url to a Swagger file (default: Open PHACTS API, v1.4)
- ❖ File is parsed and provides a list of the available API calls.
- ❖ Parameters tab is updated to the available parameters.
- ❖ Parameters can be set in the parameters tab or in the input table.
- ❖ Output of the node is an executable API call.



<https://dev.openphacts.org/docs/1.5>

## OpenPHACTS API v1.5

### Compound Information

/compound **GET**

#### Description

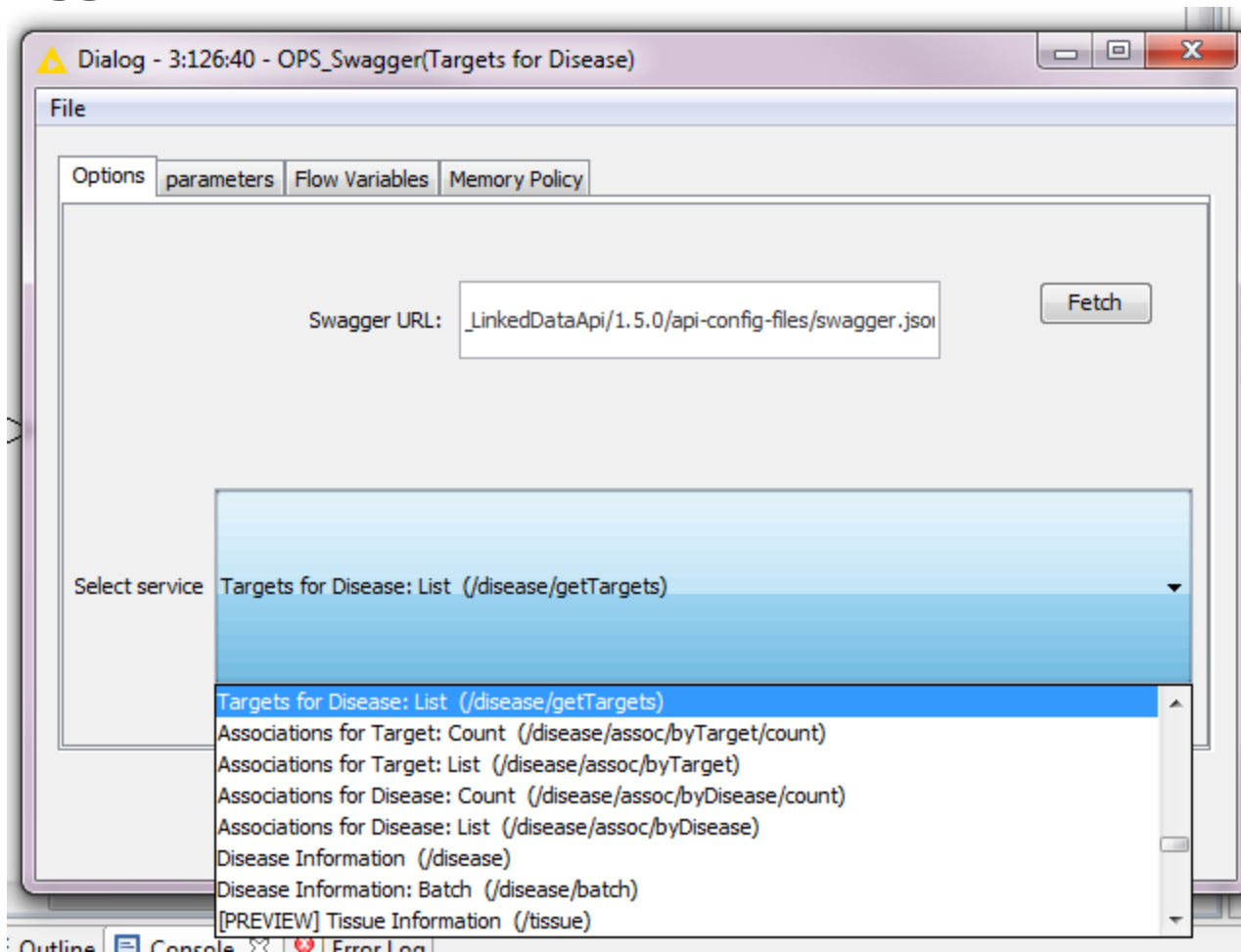
Returns information about a single compound including (but not limited to): molecular weight, biotransformation, protein binding and toxicity.

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PARAMETER	VALUE	DESCRIPTION
uri	<input type="text" value="(required)"/>	A compound URI. e.g.: <a href="http://www.conceptwiki.org/concept/38932552-111f-4a4e-a46a-4ed1d7bdf9d5">http://www.conceptwiki.org/concept/38932552-111f-4a4e-a46a-4ed1d7bdf9d5</a>
app_id	<input type="text"/>	Your access application id
app_key	<input type="text"/>	Your access application key
_format	<input type="text" value="v"/>	The desired result format.



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Dialog - 3:126:40 - OPS\_Swagger(Targets for Disease)

File

Options parameters Flow Variables Memory Policy

Default URL parameters

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_format	<input type="text"/>
_callback	<input type="text"/>
_metadata	<input type="text"/>

OK Apply Cancel ?



## OPS\_Swagger details

Chunked input - 3:126:65 - Chunk Loop Start

File

Table "default" - Rows: 1 Spec - Column: 1 Properties Flow Variables

Row ID	s uri
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OPS\_Swagger

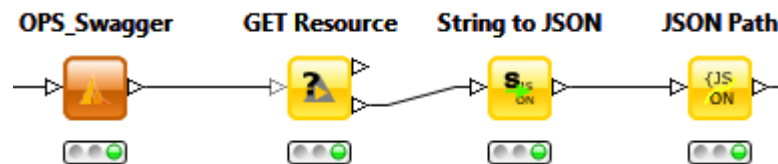


executable API call



## Retrieving and parsing the results

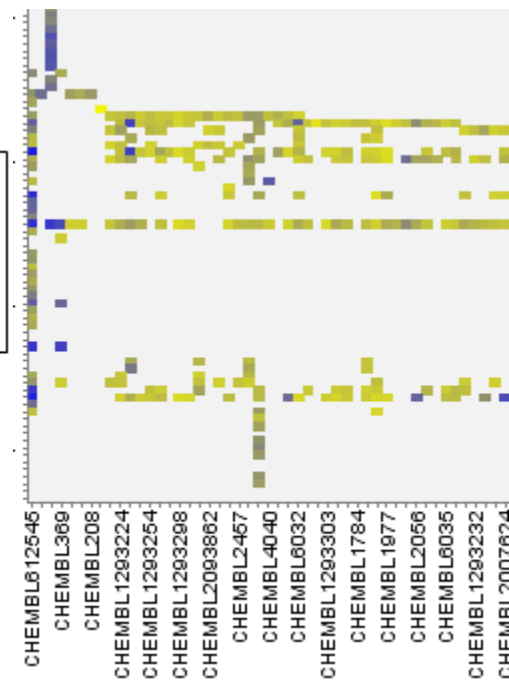
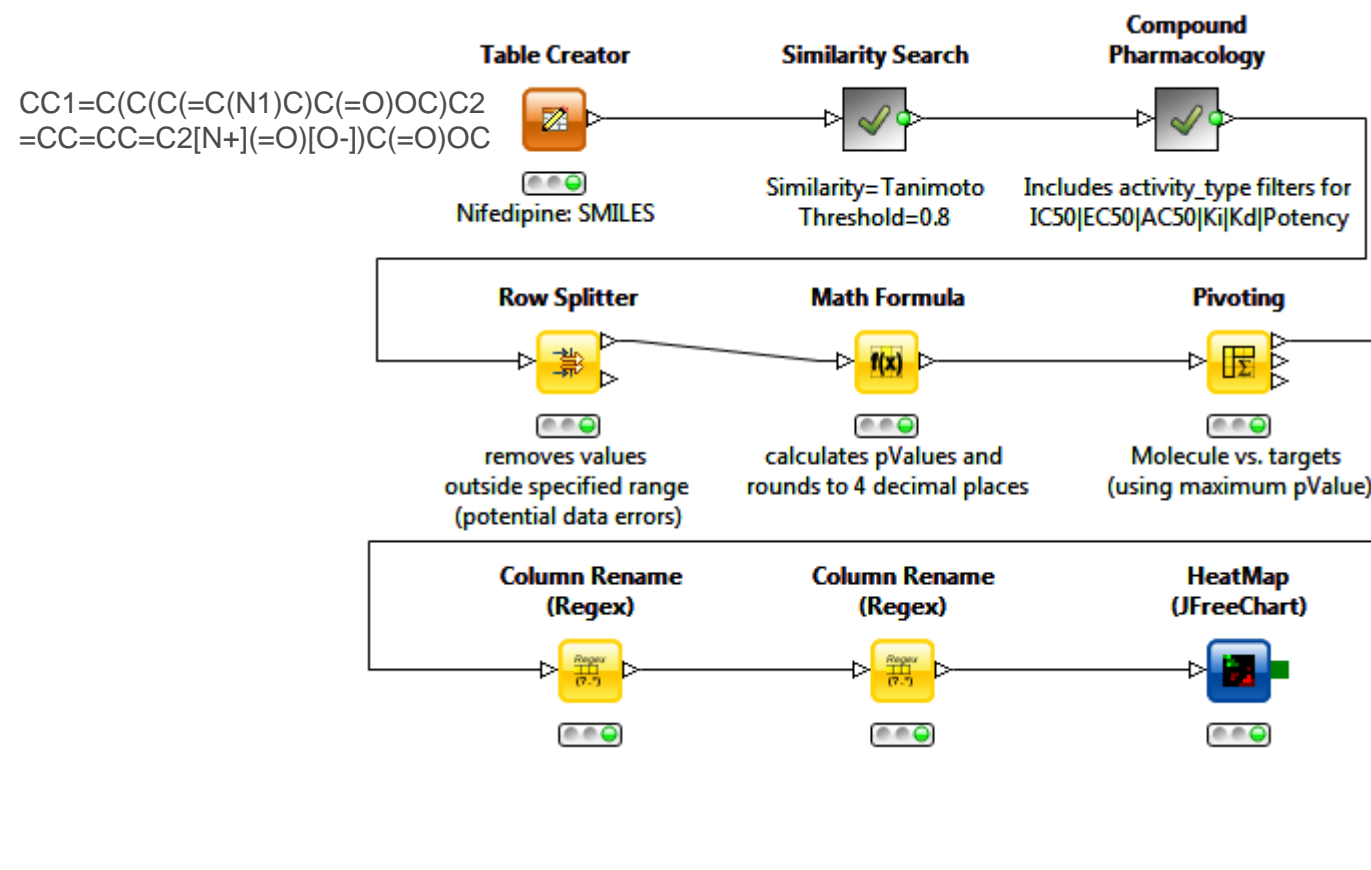
- ❖ Either use OPS\_Json (deprecated) or the REST and JSON nodes available as addin from KNIME.
- ❖ GET Resource: retrieves the actual data from the server. Configure the node to use the column url as input. Response representation cell type: Autodetection.
- ❖ String to JSON: transforms the result to a JSON column type.
- ❖ JSON Path: allows the individual selection of the data which is transformed into a tabular structure.





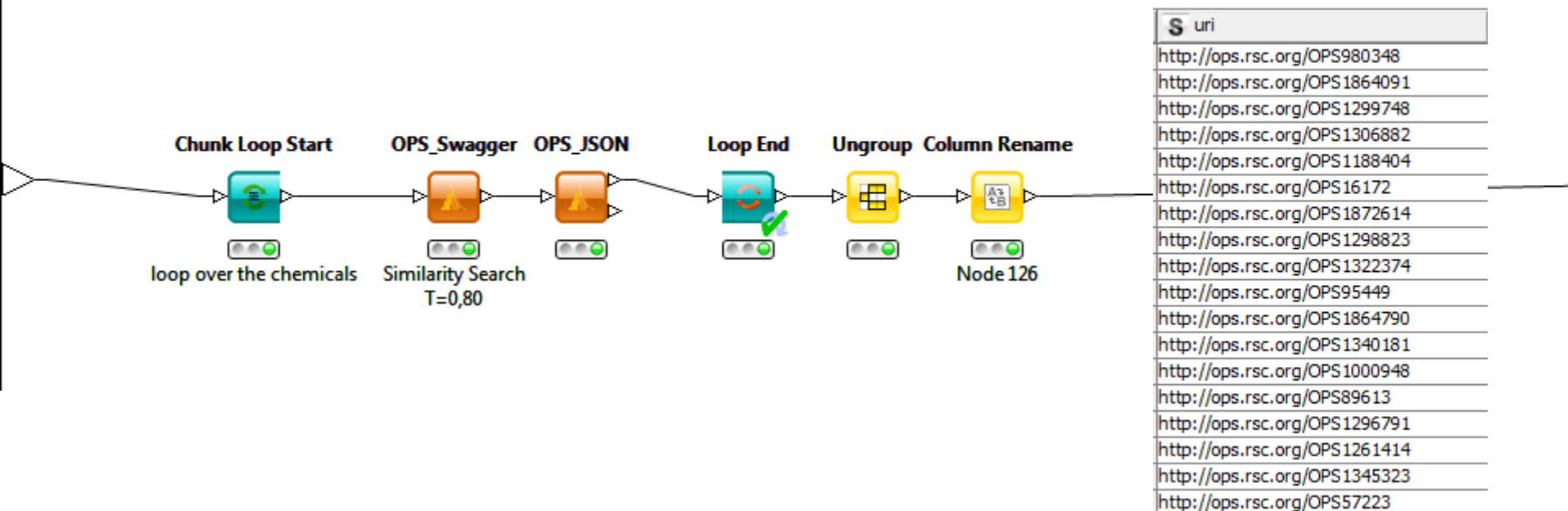
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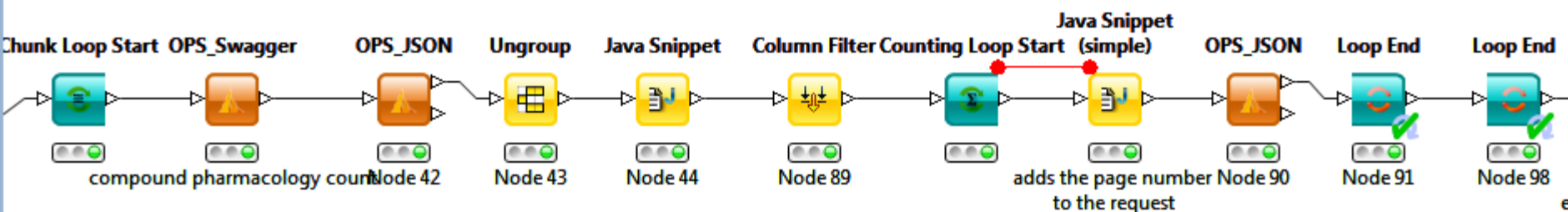


## Similarity Search Metanode

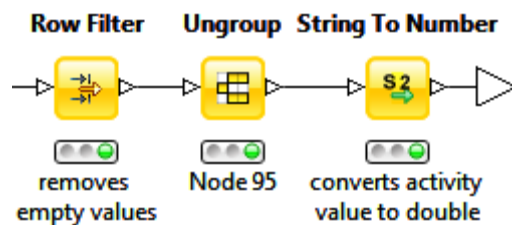




## Compound Pharmacology Metanode



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## Difficulties

- ❖ Definition of „active“ compounds
- ❖ Wish of retrieving „all“ results
- ❖ Requested data not available from open access data providers (e.g. Which companies are working on target X or disease Y?)
- ❖ Data not yet available in the Open PHACTS Discovery Platform (Patents; upstream/downstream information from Pathways)
- ❖ Long execution times



## Current activities

- ❖ Improvement of the available Open PHACTS Knime nodes
- ❖ Improvement of the existing workflows:
  - Replacement of OPS\_JSON node with existing nodes available from Knime
  - Update of the API to the latest available version
- ❖ Integration of new data sources (e.g. patent data)



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