



# Blending KNIME Data ETL and Analytics Capabilities with an Enterprise LIMS, ELN and Cheminformatics Platform

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# The Big Picture



Wave Life Sciences is a genetic medicines company focused on delivering life-changing treatments for people battling devastating diseases.

Early in the drug discovery process we use a combination of well-established enterprise software solutions for molecule registration, cheminformatics and data acquisition.

We use KNIME to interface with these platforms and perform a range of critical data ETL, modeling and analytics services.

# A Story of Growth & Change at Wave...

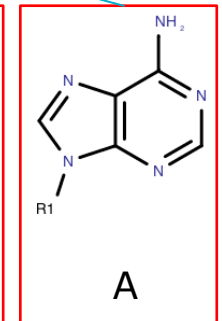
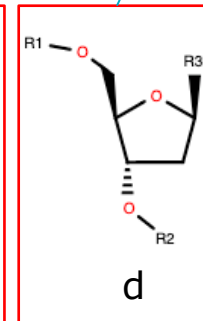
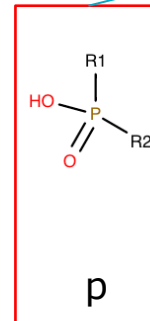
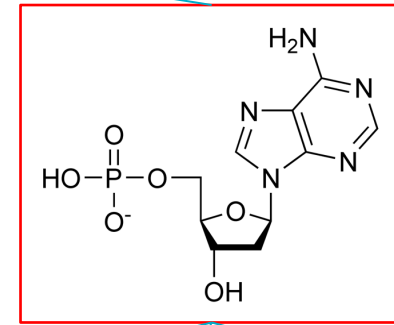
- Grew from a small biotechnology start-up of <10 people into a 225+ person company
- Sponsors clinical trials worldwide in the areas of Huntington's Disease, Frontotemporal Dementia, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Muscular Dystrophy
- Has a pipeline of several early-stage drug discovery programs that require an informatics infrastructure
- As we evolved our systems of organizing chemical entities and the data connected to them, our use of KNIME grew and changed also



# Introduction to Wave Life Sciences

- Wave Life Sciences is a **genetic medicines** company focused on delivering life-changing treatments for people battling devastating diseases.
- Requires solutions for several domains:
  - **Bioinformatics**
  - **Cheminformatics**
  - **Data processing/ETL** – assay data
  - **Analysis** (graphical, inference, prediction)
  - Clinical, manufacturing & commercial informatics
- **Challenge & opportunity:** interdisciplinary company with need for cross-domain expertise *and* platforms that integrate and connect

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# Blending KNIME with Common Drug Discovery Tools

Data ETL  
&  
Modeling

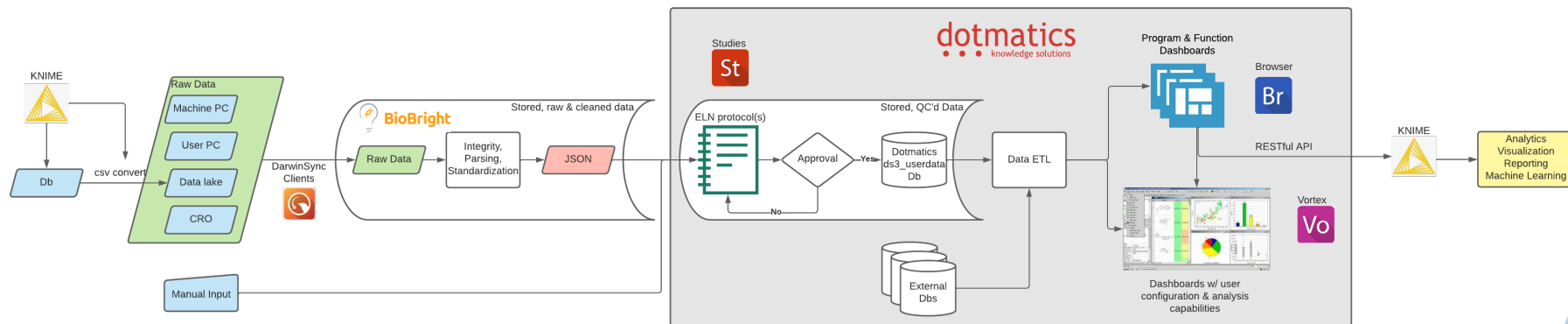
Data  
Lakes

LIMS

ELNs

Dashboards

Analytics  
Visualization  
Reporting  
Prediction



Collectively, this developing system provides curated data and an electronic audit trail that supports IP and regulatory filings *and* quick and easy access to FAIRified data for deeper analytics.

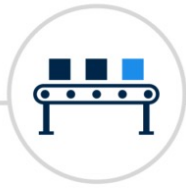
# Industry 4.0 & Pharma 4.0 Framework

## The Four Industrial Revolutions



### Industry 1.0

Mechanization and the introduction of steam and water power



### Industry 2.0

Mass production assembly lines using electrical power



### Industry 3.0

Automated production, computers, IT-systems and robotics



### Industry 4.0

The Smart Factory. Autonomous systems, IoT, machine learning



## PHARMA 4.0



MANUFACTURING  
AUTOMATION 4.0



LABORATORY  
AUTOMATION 4.0



OPERATIONS  
AUTOMATION 4.0



PHARMA  
ANALYTICS 4.0



WORKFORCE 4.0

# Our KNIME Setup

## KNIME Server

- AWS-hosted
- Test and Prod environments
- Cron job, microservice and WebPortal workflows

## KNIME WebPortal

- Heavy internal use by scientists/drug discovery programs

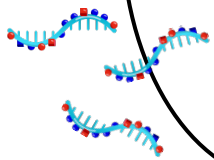
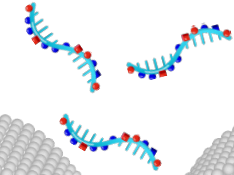
## Integrations

- R
- Python



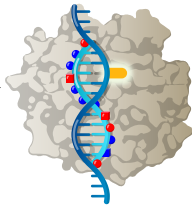
# Unlocking RNA editing with PRISM platform to develop AIMers: A-to-I editing oligonucleotides

Free-uptake of chemically modified oligonucleotides



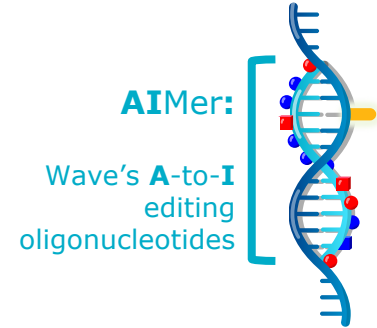
Endogenous enzymes

**ADAR**  
*RNase H*  
*AGO2*  
*Spliceosome*



- First publication (1995) using oligonucleotide to edit RNA with endogenous ADAR<sup>1</sup>
- Wave goal: Expand toolkit to include editing by unlocking ADAR with PRISM oligonucleotides

- ✓ Learnings from biological concepts
- ✓ Applied to ASO structural concepts
- ✓ Applied PRISM chemistry



## ADAR enzymes

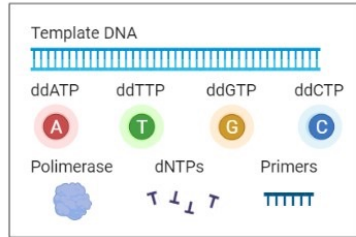
- Catalyze conversion of A-to-I (G) in double-stranded RNA substrates
- A-to-I (G) edits are one of the most common post-transcriptional modifications
- ADAR1 is ubiquitously expressed across tissues, including liver and CNS



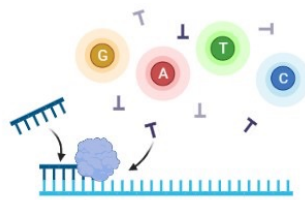


# Base Editing Pipeline Analyzes Sanger Sequencing Data

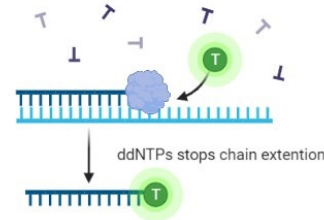
## Reagents



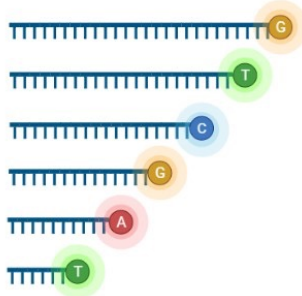
## ① Primer annealing and chain extension



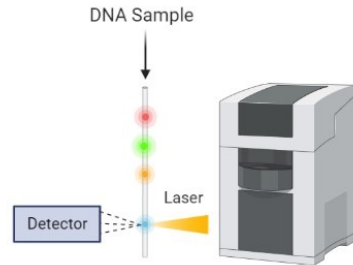
## ② ddNTP binding and chain termination



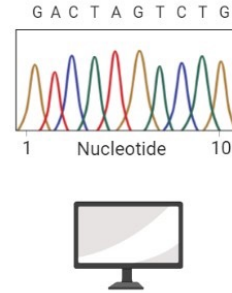
## ③ Fluorescently labelled DNA sample



## ④ Capillary gel electrophoresis and fluorescence detection



## ⑤ Sequence analysis and reconstruction

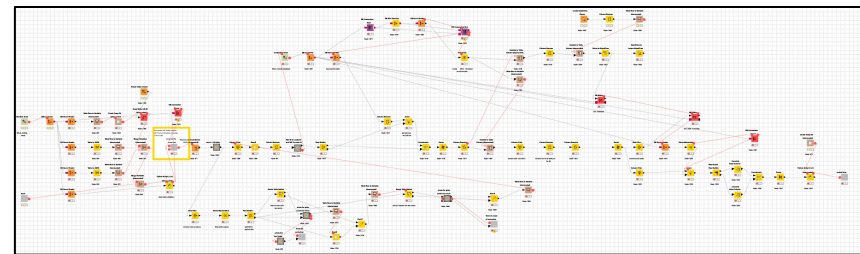
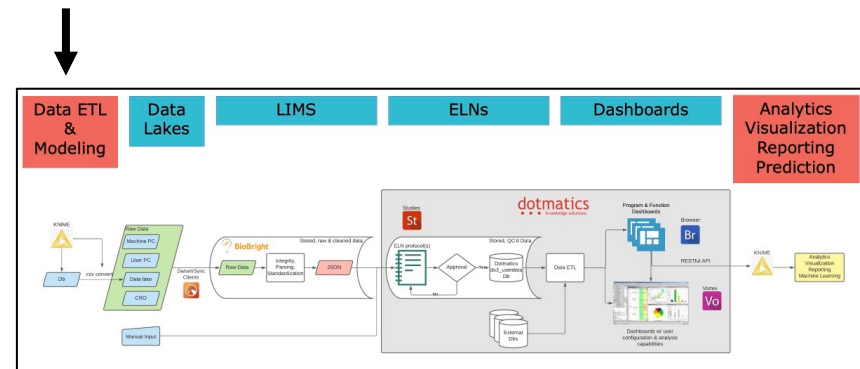


- Sanger sequencing technology has been around in various forms since 1977
- Modern applications produce a sequence chromatogram "ab1" file
- The colors of the chromatogram are translated into the "AGCT" letter code
- We infer the %base editing from the AUCs of the traces

# Sanger Base-Editing Pipeline

The **Sanger pipeline** for **RNA A->I editing measurement** is comprised of three KNIME workflows:

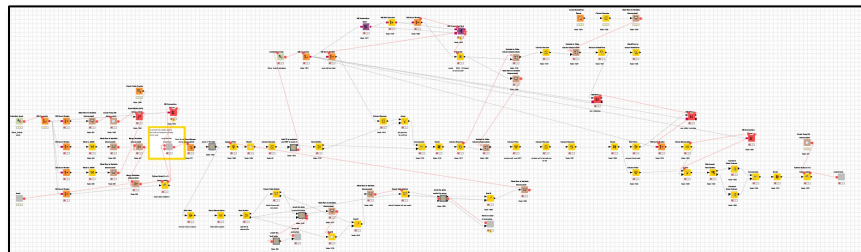
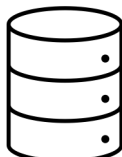
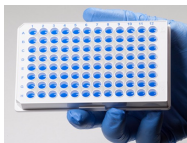
- **Metadata Input and Submission File Generation**
  - 96-well plate format input file to store metadata
  - Exportation of vendor Sample Submission Form
- **Automated Data QC and Processing**
  - CRON job
  - QC of Ab1 files
  - Base representation at all transcript locations along AIMer calculated via editR
- **Data Retrieval**
  - Export edit site percent editing results
  - Download chromatograms



# Metadata Registration and Submission File Generation (1)



User input



Well #															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
A	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89			
B	2	10	18	26	34	42	50	58	66	74	82	90			
C	3	11	19	27	35	43	51	59	67	75	83	91			
D	4	12	20	28	36	44	52	60	68	76	84	92			
E	5	13	21	29	37	45	53	61	69	77	85	93			
F	6	14	22	30	38	46	54	62	70	78	86	94			
G	7	15	23	31	39	47	55	63	71	79	87	95			
H	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96			

Time Point (hr)												
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Edit Site												
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Primer Set												
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Python Script



## Vendor submission

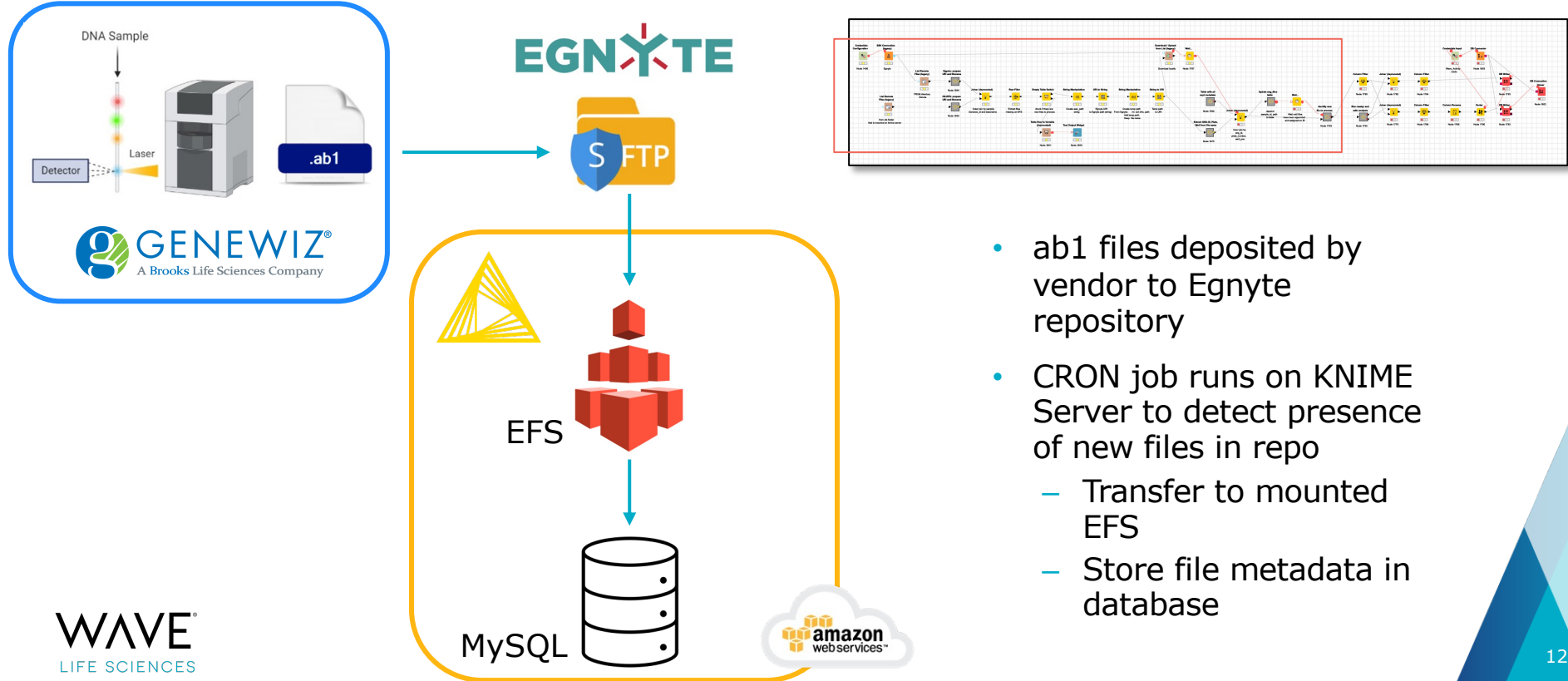
Excel Form Version 2	Well (H)	Well (V)	Sample #	DNA Name	Length (bp)	Concent
Notes:						
DO NOT change column headers.						
You can ADD columns for your own use (they will not upload into the system).						
You can ADD rows to the order by dragging them at the bottom of the order (to keep the formatting and numbering select the last 2 row and drag down).						
You can CHANGE the order of the columns.						
You can ADD multiple primers to each row. They MUST be separated by a semi-colon (e.g., T73).						
PRE-MIX ONLY: Only ONE PRIMER is allowed per sample/row.						
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A04	D01	4	SNG-000298-01-04	<S01		
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Standardized experimental metadata with built-in validation; stored in Db

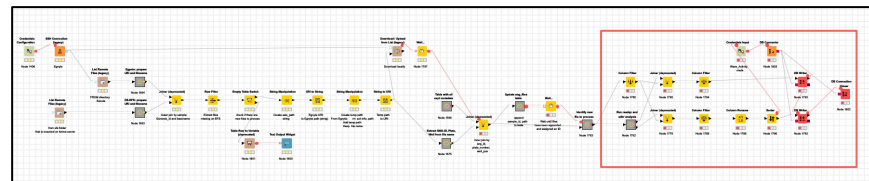
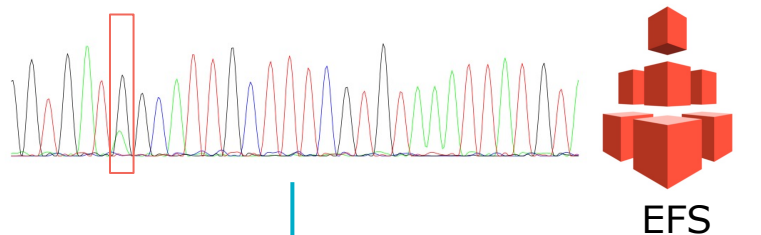
Automated generation of downloadable vendor-preferred formatted sequencing submission file



# Automated ab1 file transfer to Server-mounted EFS (2)



# Automated Sanger Data QC and Processing (3)



QC



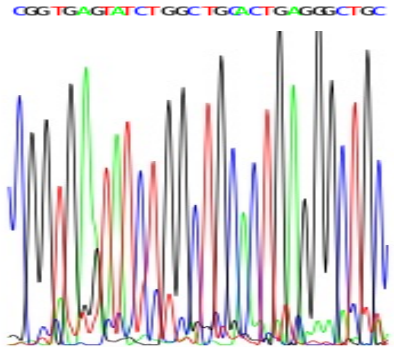
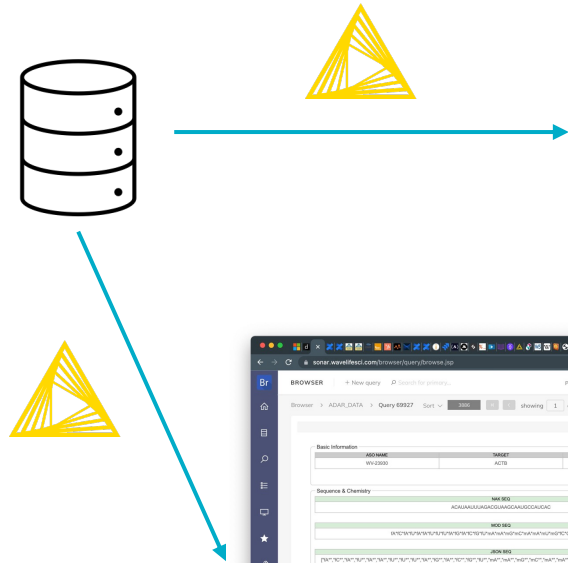
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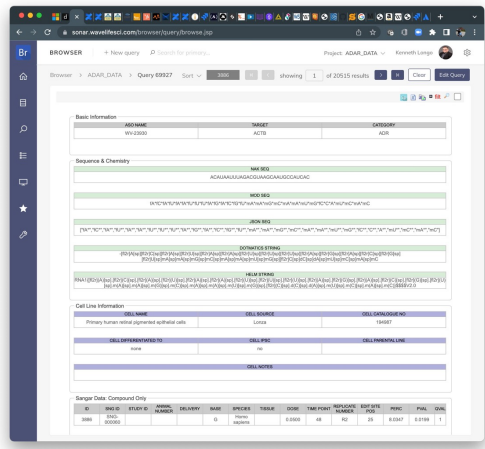
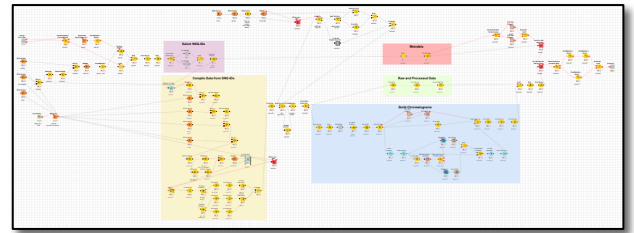
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	26027		22		0		56.693		4.331		34.646		4.331

- ab1 files QC'ed based on
  - Quality metrics
  - Compound alignment to sequence
- %base editing calculated across entire compound

# Data Retrieval (4)



	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	plate_number	well_pos	aso_index	base	area	perc	pval	qval
SNG-000195	01	42	24	G	77	22.58065	0.012521	1
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SNG-000195	01	44	24	G	110	41.04478	0.0003	0.035994
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SNG-000195	01	53	24	G	138	15.54054	0.002734	0.328061
SNG-000195	01	54	24	G	188	19.12543	0.005076	0.609153



- **WebPortal** downloadable Excel files containing experimental metadata, base editing statistics and chromatogram plots
- **Dotmatics** Browser-based dashboard for program teams

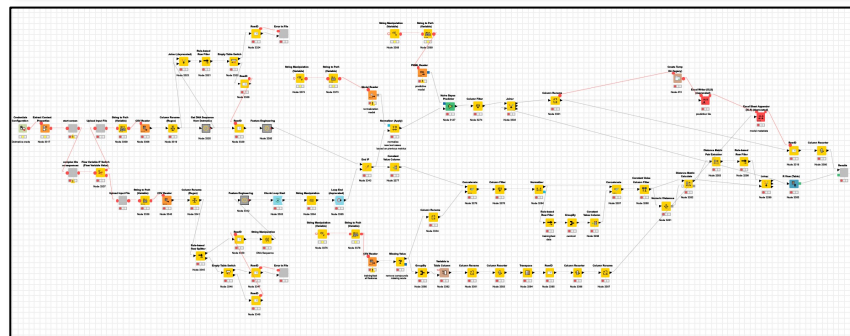
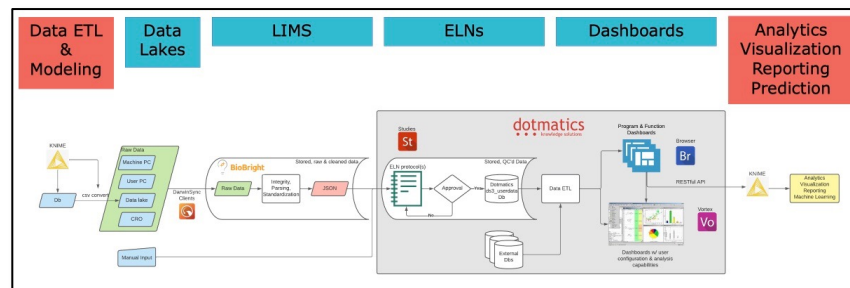
# Measuring (& Predicting) Tolerability in Mice



We **monitor behavior** of mice in response to chemical compounds repeatedly over several weeks:

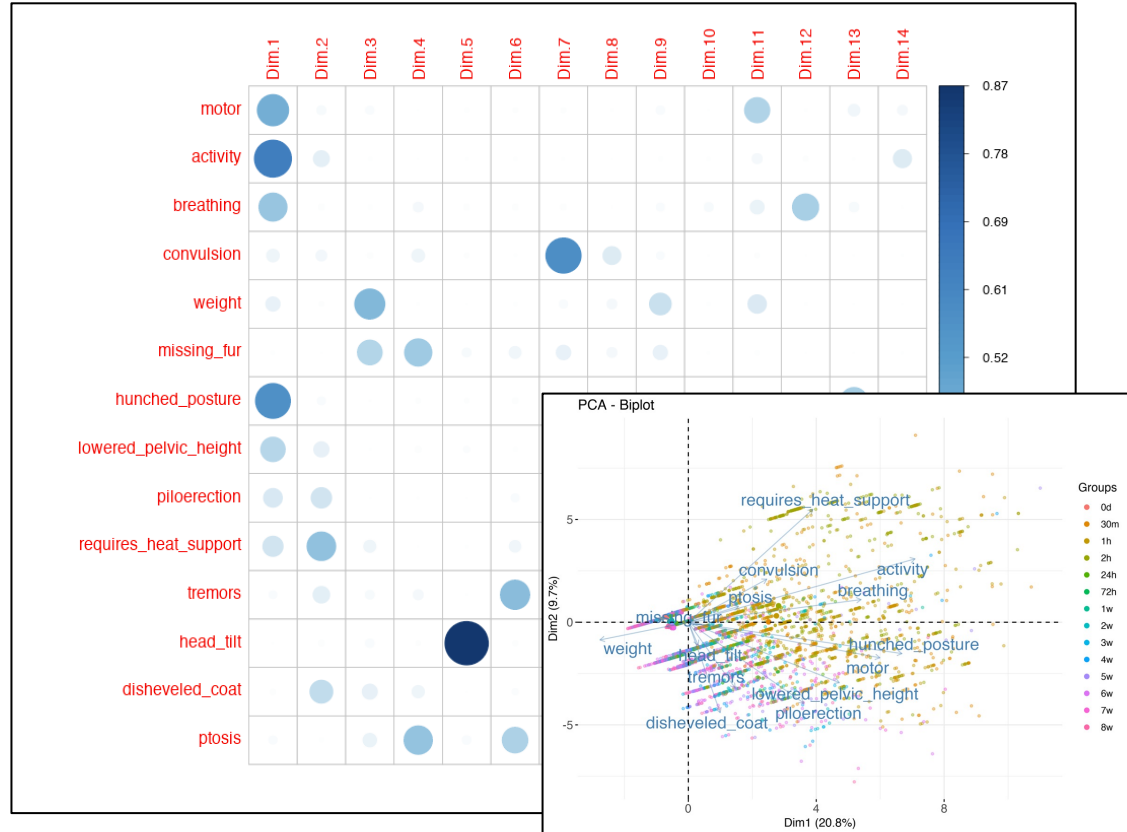
- Activity
- Motor changes
- Breathing
- Physical characteristics
- Body weight

We use these data to build **predictive models** that help to inform our medicinal chemistry design and make molecules safer.



# Behavioral Features Using Principal Components

- We used **PCA** to analyze data from mice **treated with molecules**
- PCA reduces a large number of complex variables and responses (behavior, body weight, etc) to a **smaller number of patterns**
- We ask **how different treatments influence these patterns**, and their relationships to chemical features of molecules





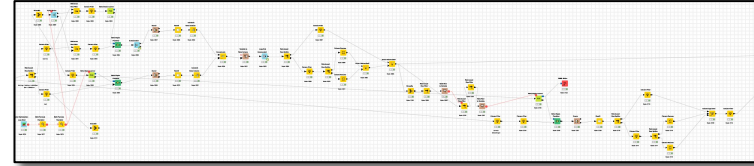
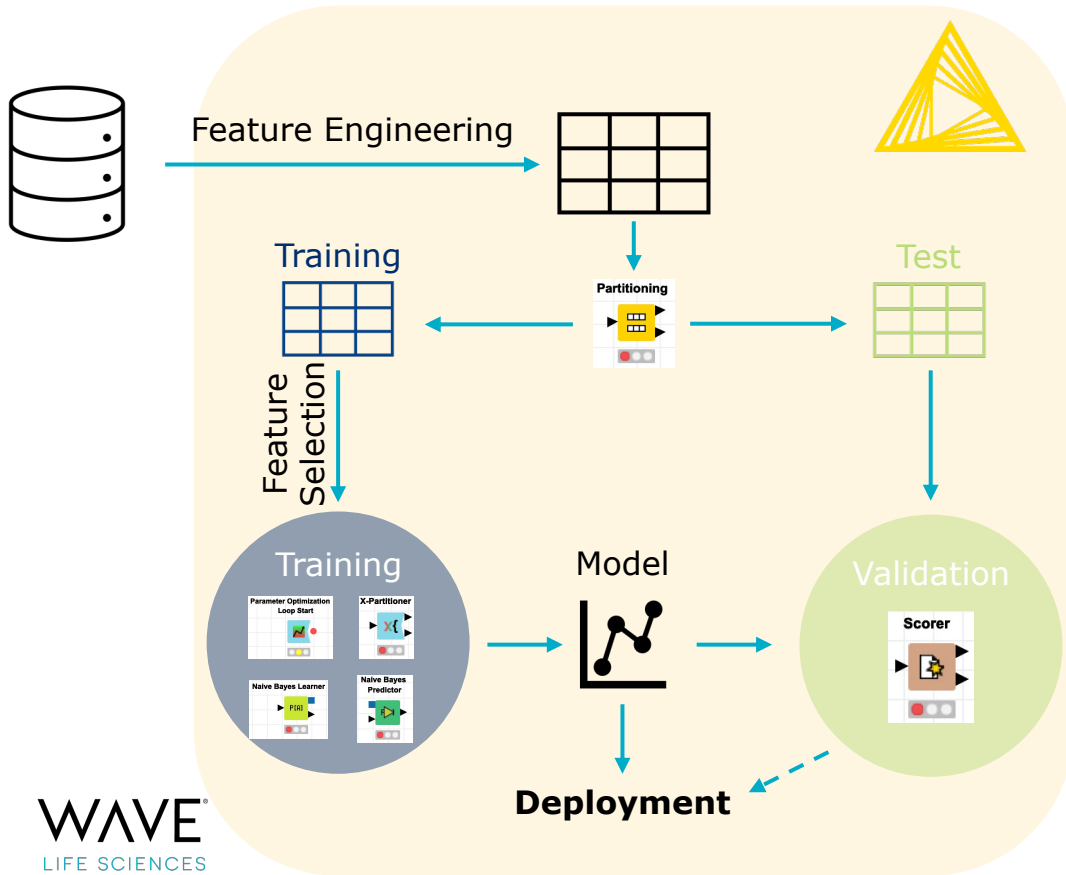
# KNIME Server Webportal GUI for *in vivo* Wild-type Tolerability Prediction

The **WT Tolerability Predictive pipeline** uses KNIME for:

- **Predictive Model Building and Validation**
  - Feature Engineering and Selection
  - Model training and validation
- **User-operated WebPortal tool for predictions**
  - Fast calculation of predictions for new molecules
  - Distance measurement between new cases and existing model dataset



# Predictive Model Building and Validation



- KNIME utilized for data cleaning, feature engineering/selection, and model building and evaluation
- Naïve Bayes Model built and validated for ***in vivo* tolerability prediction**
- 83% accuracy

# Web Tool for Tolerability Prediction of New Compounds

Table View



Tolerability Predictions

Show 25 entries Search:

molecule	P (Non-Tolerated)	P (Tolerated)	Prediction	Distance from Training/Test Centroid
molecule1	1.000	0.000	Non-Tolerated	31.872
molecule2	1.000	0.000	Non-Tolerated	31.872
molecule3	0.000	1.000	Tolerated	52.027
molecule4	0.000	1.000	Tolerated	28.881
molecule5	0.000	1.000	Tolerated	28.881
molecule6	0.000	1.000	Tolerated	26.671
molecule7	0.000	1.000	Tolerated	26.671
molecule8	0.000	1.000	Tolerated	26.671
molecule9	1.000	0.000	Non-Tolerated	41.508
molecule10	1.000	0.000	Non-Tolerated	31.872
molecule11	0.001	0.999	Tolerated	51.757

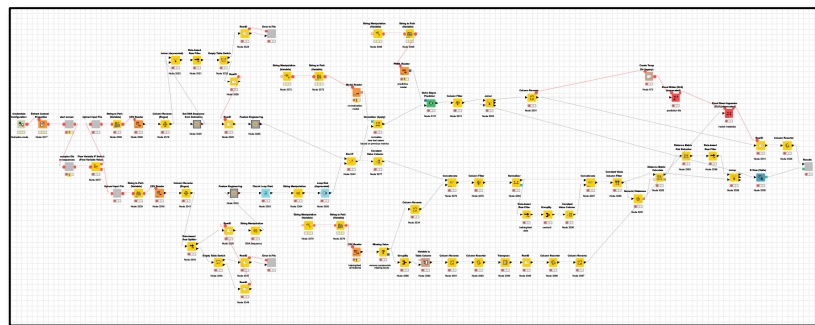
Showing 11 to 12 of 12 entries

Previous 1 Next

User-input  
Molecule List



R View (Table)



- User submits list of novel molecules
- Model returns tolerability score predictions
- Evaluate distance of predictions from historical tolerated molecule projections

# Summary & Areas for Further Development

- Internal use of component building & sharing
- Expand our microservices framework and RESTful access to data
- Continue to refine our continuous integration/deployment framework
- Expand the reach of KNIME to non-data scientists through internal training programs
- Continue to develop along an Industry/Pharma 4.0 trajectory

Thank you!

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