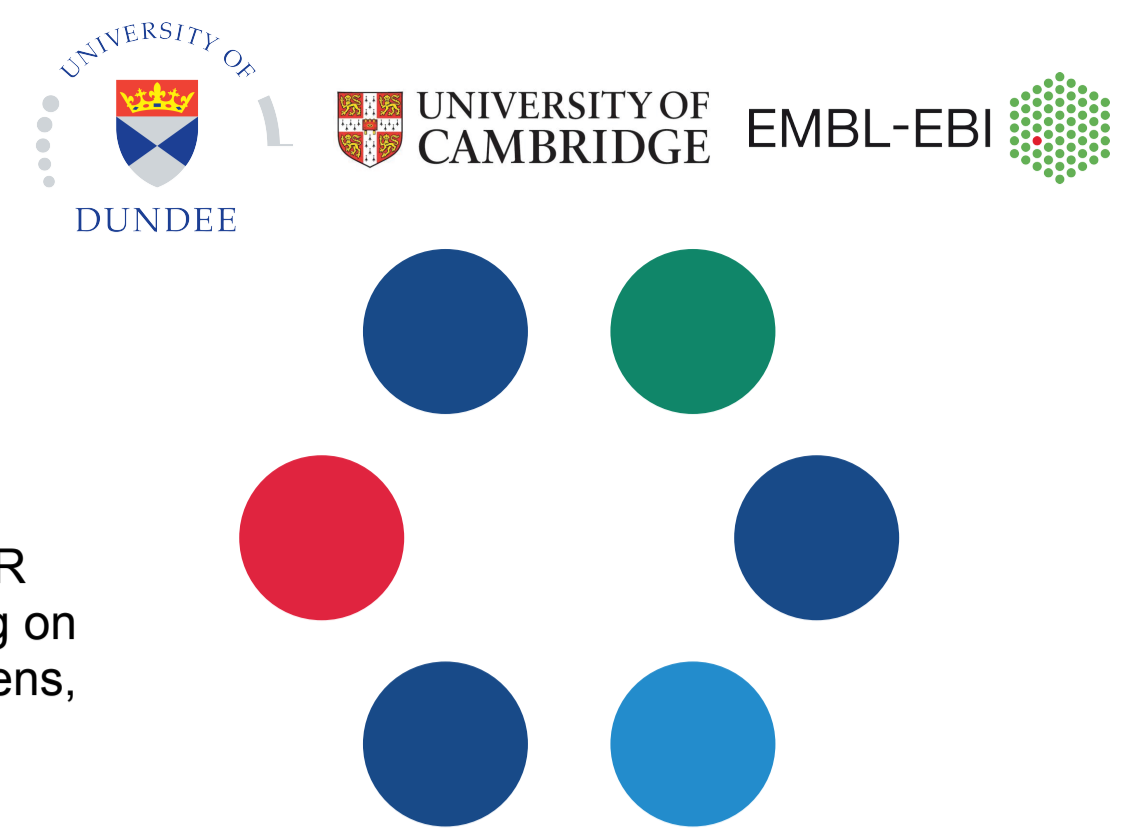


# Image Data Repository

A platform for publishing, integrating and mining imaging-derived biological data at scale

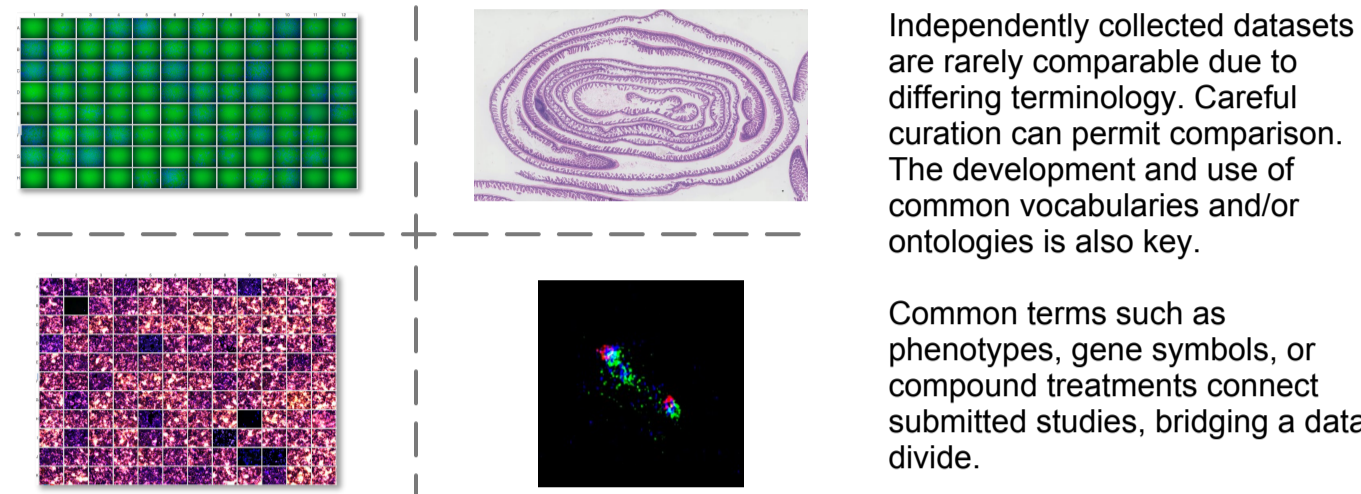
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**Abstract** The Image Data Repository is a prototype platform for publishing, mining and integrating bioimaging data at scale, following the Euro-BioImaging/ELIXIR imaging strategy, using the OMERO and Bio-Formats open source software built by the Open Microscopy Environment. Deployed on an OpenStack cloud running on EMBL-EBI's Embassy resource, it includes image data linked to independent studies from genetic, RNAi, chemical, localisation and geographic high content screens, super-resolution microscopy, and digital pathology.

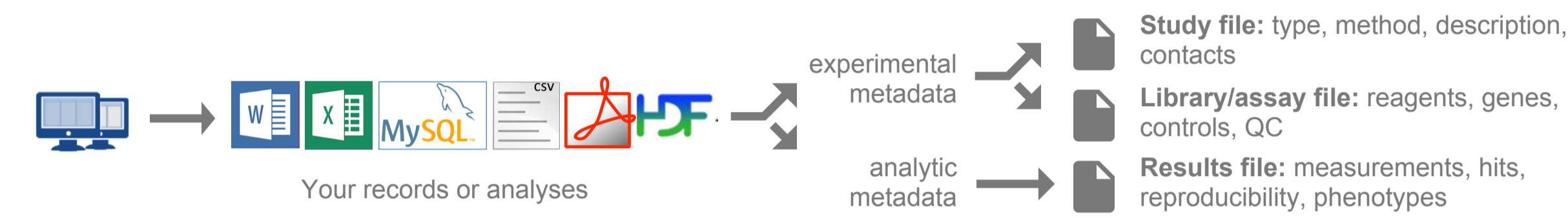
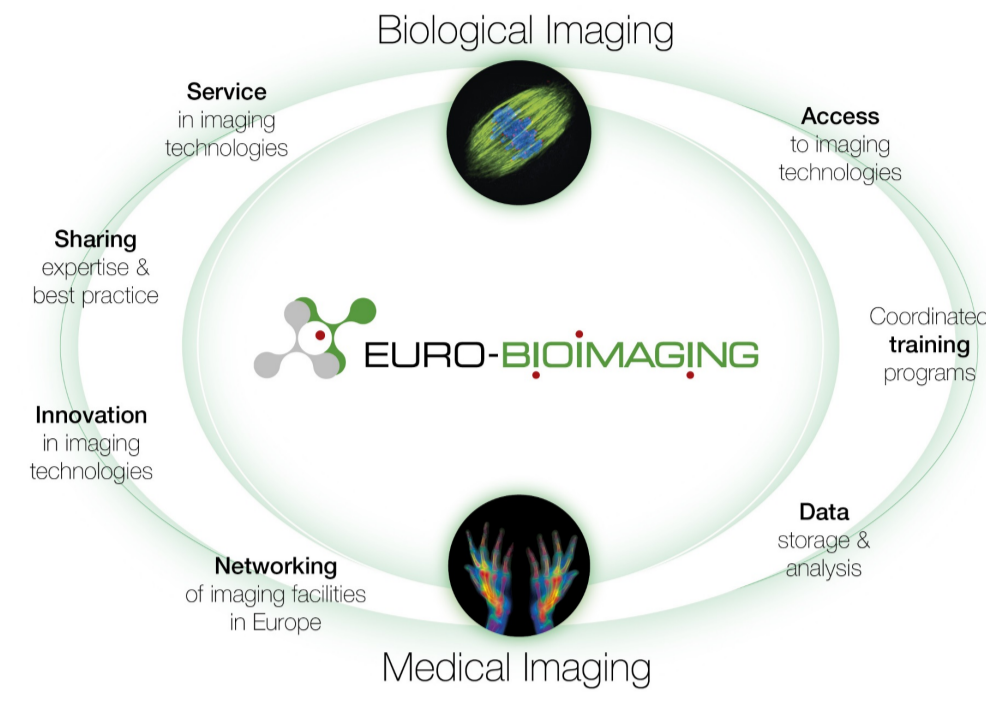
## Metadata challenges

The IDR prototype aims to implement Euro-BioImaging's vision of a central resource for reference image sets, demonstrating that there is value in the curation of existing and future imaging data.



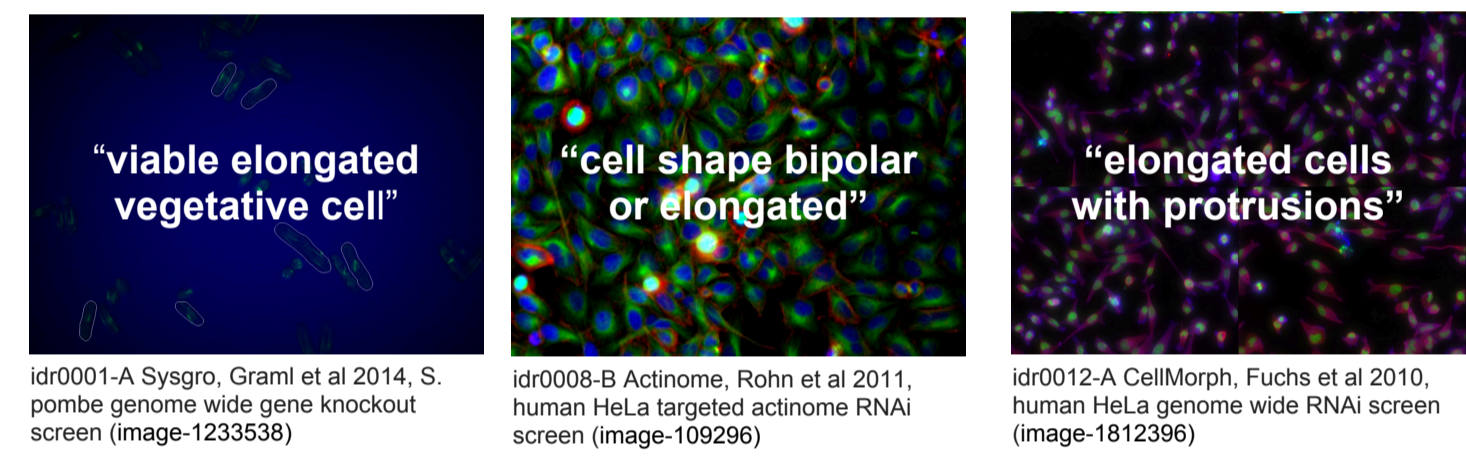
Independently collected datasets are rarely comparable due to differing terminology. Careful curation can permit comparison. The development and use of common vocabularies and/or ontologies is also key.

Common terms such as phenotypes, gene symbols, or compound treatments connect submitted studies, bridging a data divide.



Metadata and analysis results collected by authors come in a variety of formats, from spreadsheets to databases. These entries are unified in IDR files during curation at <http://github.com/idr>. Similar in structure to MAGE-TAB and ISA-TAB, the IDR metadata formats are open and can be used by anyone to store their experimental, imaging, and analytic metadata.

## "Elongated cells" Example



**cmppo - Cellular Microscopy Phenotype Ontology**

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http://www.ebi.ac.uk/ontology/cmppo\_000077

elongated cell phenotype

A phenotype observation at the level of the cell shape where the cell is elongated, with a length notably greater than its width.

parents: cell morphology phenotype

Phenotype: CMPO\_000077 (3086) 3

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## Discovery

**Gene networks**

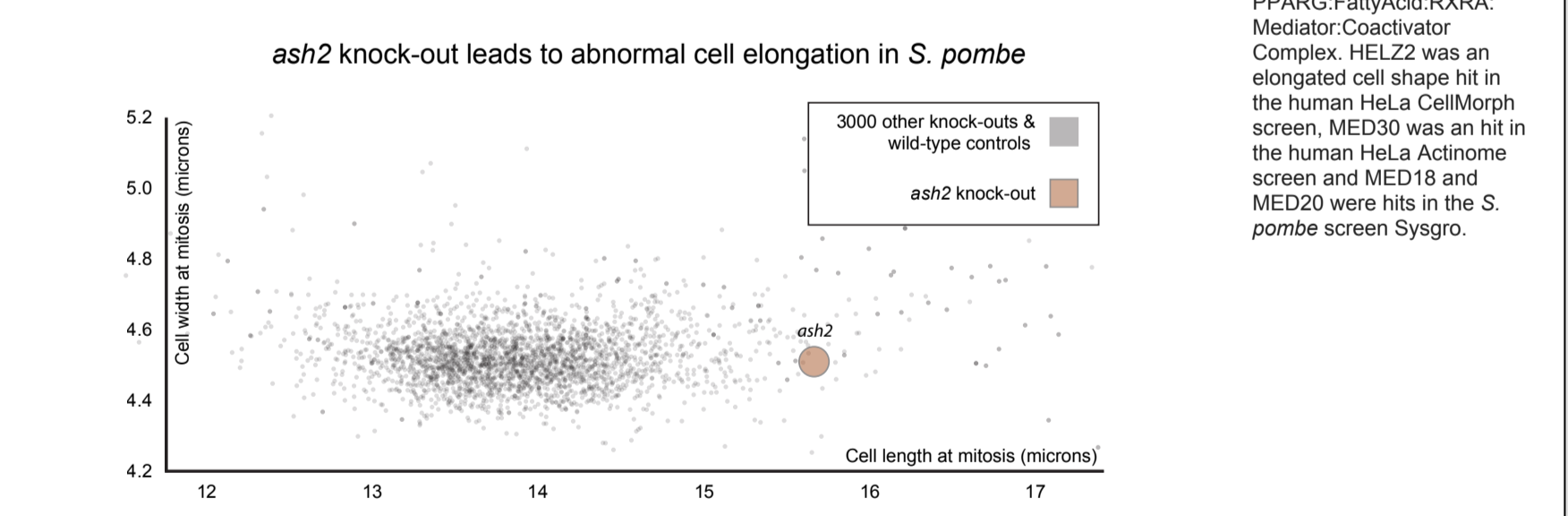
Gene mutants or siRNAs that scored as causing an "elongated cell phenotype" (CMPO\_000077) were compared, where necessary converted to their human orthologue, and then used to query the STRING database. Network connectivity is shown between the Sysgro (*S. pombe*, changes in cell shape and microtubules, green), CellMorph (HeLa genome-wide screen, changes in cell shape, blue), and Actinome (HeLa targeted screen, changes in cell shape and cytoskeleton, red) as visualised with Cytoscape.

Images from <http://string-db.org/> using <http://www.cytoscape.org/>

ASH2L, FHL1, SUP11H, POLR2G, PAF1, IPOS, MED18, MED20, MED30, HEL22

POLR2G (CellMorph), PAF1 (Sysgro) and SUP11H (Actinome) are all part of the Elongation complex in the RNA Polymerase II Transcription Elongation pathway.

HEL22, MED30, MED18 and MED20 are all part of the PPARγ FattyAcid:RXRA: Mediator:Coactivator Complex. HEL22 was an elongated cell shape hit in the human HeLa CellMorph screen, MED30 was a hit in the human HeLa Actinome screen and MED18 and MED20 were hits in the *S. pombe* screen Sysgro.



**Mineotaur.org** - Combining data from different screens can also drive the re-assessment of existing published studies. For example, ASH2L is in the elongated cell network based on data from CellMorph, yet the *S. pombe* ortholog of this gene, *ash2*, was not annotated as related to cell elongation and indeed *ash2* was not identified in that screen as a "hit" in terms of cell shape regulation. However, by inspecting the original cell length feature data extracted from *S. pombe* cell populations knocked out for the *ash2* gene, we found that these cells are actually elongated compared with wild-type cells.

## Next-Gen analysis

Custom analyses can be performed against the IDR as well. Here, an IPython Notebook has been used to score the similarity between the siRNA treated wells using recomputed features of the raw images.

A Jupyter instance is run in the OpenStack cloud with read-only access to the IDR. The notebook has access to the image data, thumbnails, metadata annotations as well as pre-calculated features stored in HDF5.

Currently, wnd-charm features are being pre-generated for a number of studies.

For more information, see:

- \* <https://github.com/IDR/jupyter-docker>
- \* <https://github.com/wnd-charm/wnd-charm>

Public access to this computational facility is being planned and interested parties should feel free to contact us.

## The IDR was made possible by funding from:



## Technologies used

### Bio-Formats

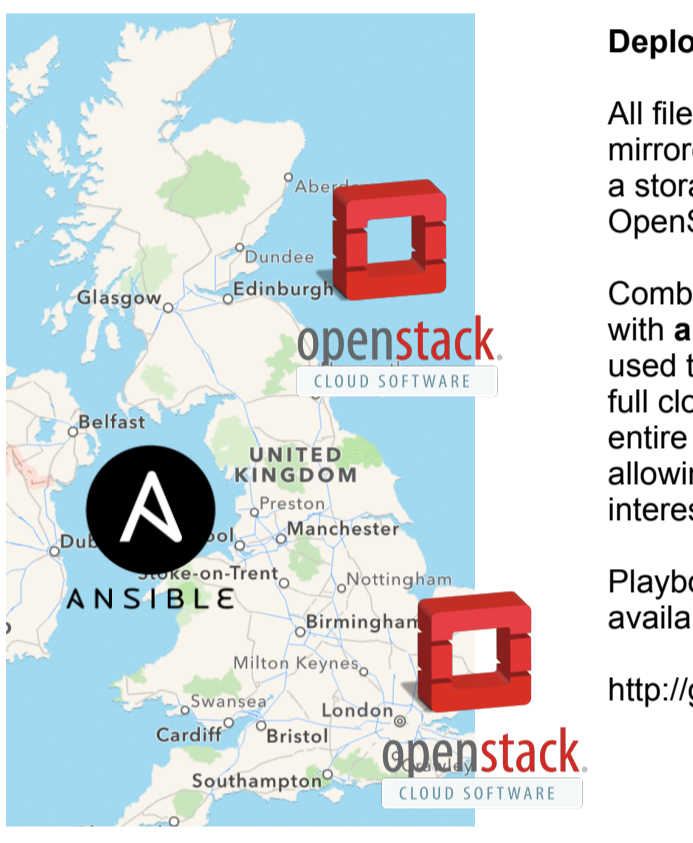
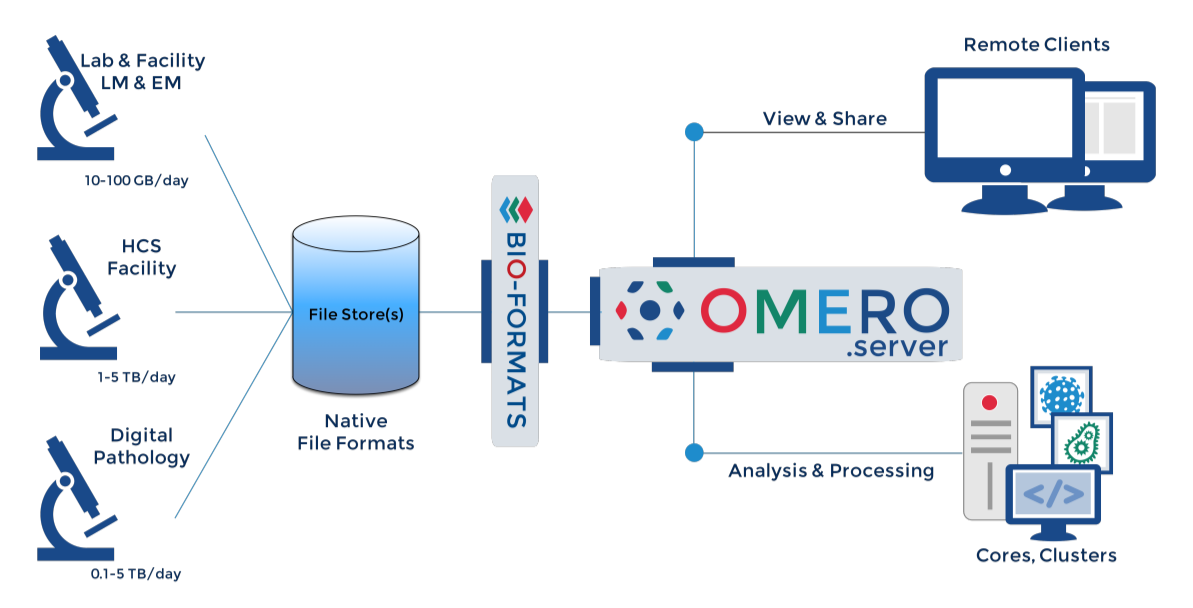
Submitted studies come from a wide-range of acquisition systems. The IDR stores the original data without duplication and employs Bio-Formats to access the different file formats through a single API. More than 140 proprietary formats are supported, and adapters can be written specifically for reference datasets.

### OMERO

The IDR combines submitted studies within a single, standard OMERO server. Cross-linking between studies, e.g. by phenotypes and genes, as well as full text search become possible when all the studies are brought together.

Once public, the OMERO API will enable re-analysis and comparison with existing datasets, either locally or in the cloud.

All software including source code can be found at <http://downloads.openmicroscopy.org>



### Deployment infrastructure

All filesets delivered to the IDR team have been mirrored between a GPFS cluster in Dundee and a storage system at EBI, each accessible by an OpenStack cloud.

Combined they have more than 1200 VCPU with almost 6 terabytes of memory. Ansible is used to automate deployments of the system. A full clone including a copy-on-write version of the entire database can be spun up in minutes allowing for third-party investigations of interesting relationships.

Playbooks and roles for these deployments are available at: <http://github.com/openmicroscopy/infrastructure>.

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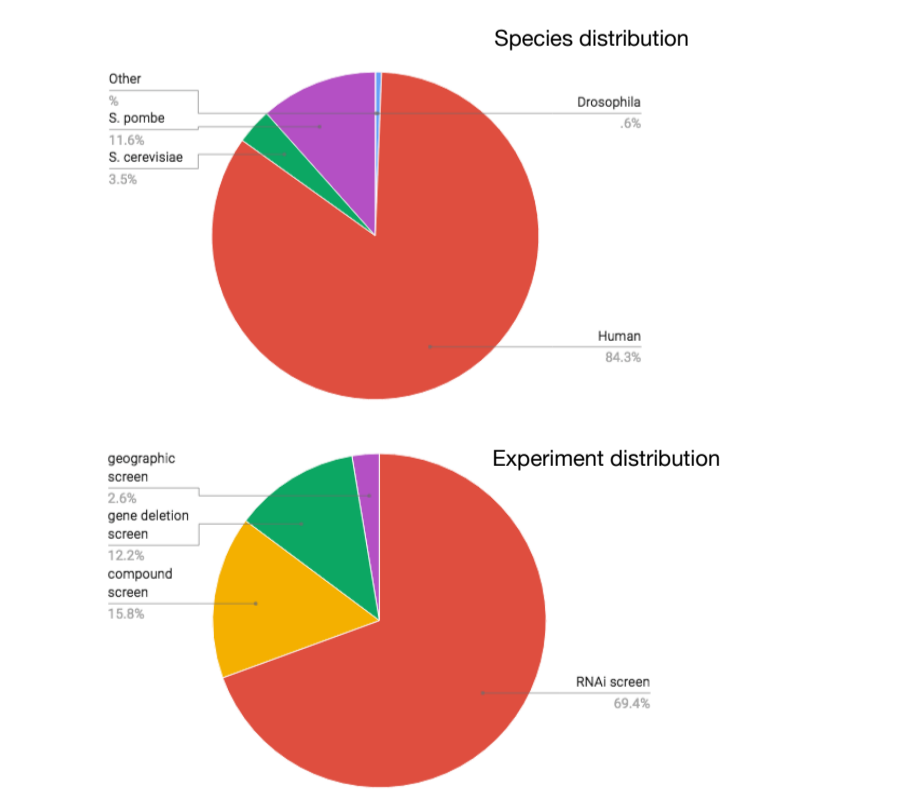
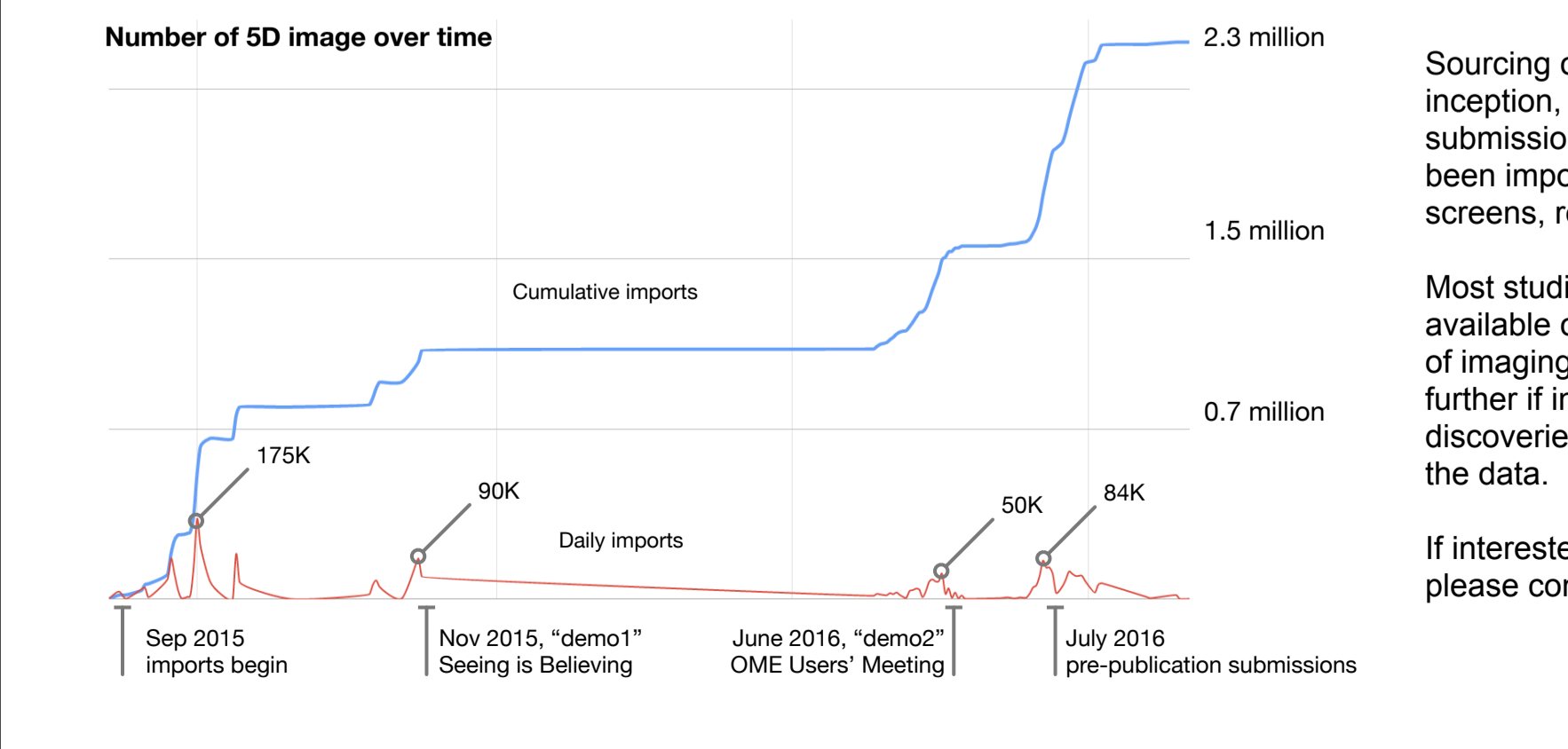
Where possible known community-accepted resources are used to simplify discovery. Potentials for re-use are tracked on the biosharing.org site.

### External resources

Other resources like links to PDFs, calculated features and semi-structured author submitted metadata can be stored as structured annotations in OMERO.

## Current status

Species	Type	5D Images	2D Planes	Size (TB)	Phenotype count (avg)	Term count (avg)	Target count (e.g. genes)	Experiment count
Drosophila	RNAi screen	90,330	184,782	0.22	9.33	9.33	26054	37250
Human	RNAi screen	683,200	20,275,782	19.75	10.67	11.44	75053	697249
Human	compound screen	1,017,276	4,644,012	5.86	1.00	1.00	30823	180864
Human	high content image analysis	25,872	77,616	0.03	0.00	0.00	198	2156
Human	protein localization screen	240,848	481,696	1.40	8.00	8.00	12744	15547
Human	protein localization using 3D-SIM	414	935	0.00	1.00	1.00	9	414
Human	protein localization using dSTORM	524	106,085	0.00	1.00	1.00	7	362
Mus musculus	histopathology of gene knockouts	899	2,237	0.27	48.00	48.00	9	230
S. cerevisiae	3D-tracking of tagged chromatin loci	229	697,100	0.00	0.00	0.00	8	112
S. cerevisiae	gene deletion screen	3,765	75,308	0.17	1.00	1.00	4195	4272
S. cerevisiae	protein localization screen	3,456	6,912	0.02	23.00	7.00	377	1131
S. cerevisiae	protein screen	97,920	293,760	0.20	14.00	11.00	6234	31170
S. pombe	gene deletion screen	109,728	3,511,296	10.06	19.00	21.00	3006	17270
Multi-species	geographic screen	7,362	777,725	0.61	0.00	0.00	84	84
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,281,823</b>	<b>31,135,246</b>	<b>38.39</b>	<b>9.71</b>	<b>8.56</b>	<b>11342.92857</b>	<b>988111</b>



Sourcing of datasets began for the IDR with the project inception, early 2015. In the roughly 12 months since data submissions began, more than 2 million 5D images have been imported. These images, largely from high-content screens, represent over 30 million individual 2D planes.

Most studies were previously published but the data was not available online. Capacity exists for growing the 40 terabytes of imaging data ten-fold, with the intent of increasing that further if interest exists. The primary goal is to enable further discoveries among the 1 million experiments represented by the data.

If interested in submitting data or performing re-analysis, please contact [idr-submission@lists.openmicroscopy.org.uk](mailto:idr-submission@lists.openmicroscopy.org.uk)