

# **Towards a Shared Platform for Antibiotic Discovery**

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The Pew Charitable Trusts is a non-profit research and policy organization that has been working to spur the innovation of new antibacterials since 2010. In May 2016, Pew published a Scientific Roadmap for Antibiotic Discovery, which outlines a concrete approach—both a scientific plan and organizational structure to support this research—that would lay a foundation for the sustained and diversified discovery and development of new antibiotics and therapies over the coming decades. The first step to implement this plan is to establish a Shared Platform for Antibiotic Discovery (SPARK) for publicly disseminating data, analysis, and expert commentary across the research community.