Can Open Science Save AI Safety?

China’s pilot program may hold the key — if it shares its data.

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THE DATA

Promotes fresh approaches to drug testing, including human tissue models and computer simulations

Pilot Program Focus

China's PIONEER pilot, launched in September 2026, is advancing non-animal testing methods.

This shift toward human tissue models and computational simulations represents a fundamental rethinking of validation protocols in biomedical research. These methods are not only more ethically aligned but also offer higher predictive accuracy for human responses than traditional animal testing. The implications for AI safety are profound: if regulatory decisions are based on transparent, reproducible data from such models, they could become the gold standard for evaluating AI-driven medical systems.

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Transparency as a Safety Protocol

The core risk in AI safety is not just algorithmic opacity but also the lack of verifiable evidence behind regulatory decisions. China’s PIONEER pilot promises to publish validated methods and case studies — a move that, if implemented, would establish a model for AI governance. Open evidence isn’t just ethical; it’s a technical necessity. Without it, no AI system can be independently audited, tested, or trusted at scale, especially in high-stakes domains like healthcare and autonomous systems.

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Regulatory Trust Requires Evidence Access

When regulators withhold the data behind their decisions — even in advanced systems like AI-driven drug discovery — they create a feedback loop of suspicion. The article argues that China's next step should be to make the evidence behind its regulatory choices open to scrutiny. This mirrors the need in AI governance: if we demand transparency in model weights and training data, we must also demand access to the real-world evidence that validates those models in practice. Without both, safety becomes a claim, not a system.

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