

## **CRACK IT Solutions: successes from the NC3Rs technology partnering hub**

The NC3Rs is the UK's national organisation which leads the discovery and application of new technologies and approaches to replace, reduce and refine the use of animals for scientific purposes. The centre funds 3Rs research, training and career development, and supports open innovation and commercialisation of 3Rs technologies through the CRACK IT programme. This comprises of two parts: CRACK IT Challenges and CRACK IT Solutions.

CRACK IT Solutions is a partnering hub that was set up in 2012 to provide a route to showcase new technologies with 3Rs potential to the wider scientific community. The aim is to find partners and end users for adoption, validation or further development of the technology. Funding is available to EU-based Solution providers to support these collaborations.

The NC3Rs had featured 39 Solutions so far from academia and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). This has resulted in 162 new contacts formed and 11 successful applications for funding.

This presentation will concentrate on some of the successes of the scheme, and will focus on 3 key Solutions from our portfolio.