



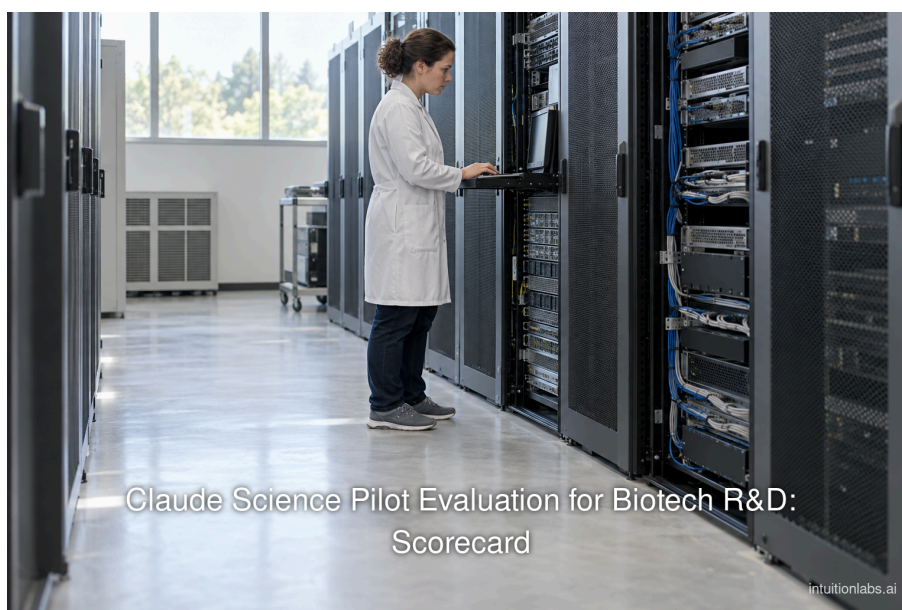
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Claude Science Pilot Evaluation for Biotech R&D: Scorecard

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Executive Summary

A **Claude Science pilot evaluation for biotech R&D** (research and development) should decide which workflows can expand, which must remain exploratory, and which require remediation or suspension. It should measure **task completion, reproducibility, source fidelity, scientific correctness and review burden, and policy fit** separately. As checked on **October 15, 2026**, Claude Science remains a **public beta application**, rather than a distinct scientific model. ([claude.com](#)) Its built-in reviewer does not determine whether an analytical method is appropriate to the research question. ([claude.com](#)) Consequently, a readable report, successful execution, or clean automated review cannot substitute for independently adjudicated scientific acceptance.

The proposed protocol uses representative literature, single-cell, genomic, and protein-analysis tasks with frozen inputs, reference outputs, blinded assessment where feasible, and predefined materiality rules. Computational reproducibility means consistent results from the same inputs and analytical conditions; it does not establish correctness. ([www.nationalacademies.org](#)) ([www.nationalacademies.org](#)) Reference design must also respect scientific scope: Genome in a Bottle benchmarks cover defined variants and regions, while predicted protein structures require critical interpretation. ([www.nist.gov](#)) ([www.ebi.ac.uk](#)) These distinctions prevent a technically repeatable workflow from receiving credit for an unsupported biological conclusion.

Current documentation also changes how the pilot should be interpreted. Windows support has been added since launch, licensed-literature access can use publisher credentials or a library proxy, and files read into a conversation can enter model requests even when execution is local. ([claude.com](#)) ([claude.com](#)) ([claude.com](#)) The **Life Sciences Verification Program**, announced **September 17, 2026**, provides a separate access route for reviewed organizations, with **30-day retention** for program traffic. ([www.anthropic.com](#)) Teams must test the configured environment and effective model rather than assume that launch descriptions establish their present data boundary or access permissions.

This report supplies an adaptable acceptance template, not a certification or an observed Claude Science performance benchmark. Expansion requires both acceptable scientific outputs and acceptable operational controls; a strong aggregate score must never offset a critical failure. Review time and total cost should be

measured against the same team's existing workflow, consistent with impact-evaluation guidance to document business as usual. (www.gov.uk) A small error-free pilot still leaves substantial uncertainty, so acceptance records should preserve denominators, exclusions, reviewer decisions, and a targeted retest plan. (www.itl.nist.gov)

Introduction and Background

The decision after a research pilot is narrower than whether an artificial intelligence (AI) system appears useful. A biotech team needs to know whether a specified workflow, on approved data, with identified reviewers and infrastructure, produces results reliable enough for its next intended use. This report therefore treats the **workflow** as the unit of acceptance. That framing follows scientific benchmarking guidance to use well-characterized reference datasets and carefully designed comparisons. (arxiv.org) (arxiv.org)

Anthropic introduced **Claude Science** on **June 30, 2026**, describing a coordinating agent with **over 60 curated skills and connectors**. (www.anthropic.com) Its current product page separately refers to **60+ scientific databases**. (claude.com) These descriptions concern different resource categories and should not be added together or interpreted as a validated count of resources available to every pilot. The launch also describes artifacts carrying the code and environment that produced them. (www.anthropic.com) These capabilities make inspection possible; inspection still needs an independent scientific reference.

The intended audience includes research leaders, bioinformatics teams, research information technology (IT), data governance, and quality partners. Their responsibilities intersect but their acceptance questions differ. A data steward can approve an information boundary without approving a differential-expression result. A computational biologist can accept a result without establishing that its operating environment meets organizational policy. Harvard's Kempner handbook similarly distinguishes agent placement from the cloud model receiving prompts and code. (handbook.eng.kempnerinstitute.harvard.edu)

IntuitionLabs' published advisory approach emphasizes governed workflows and decisions about expansion based on observed evidence. (intuitionlabs.ai) That perspective is relevant here as an evaluation principle, rather than as a competing scientific product. The protocol below makes that principle reviewable through task-level records, explicit evidence requirements, and decisions tied to intended use. All proposed tests and decision rules are recommendations for adaptation; product observations are attributed to their sources.

Key Changes: What the Pilot Must Establish

Evaluate the configured application and effective model

Current documentation lists access through **Pro, Max, Team, and Enterprise**, with organizational enablement for Team and Enterprise. Supported systems include **macOS 13 or later, Windows 11 x64**, and supported glibc-based Linux x64 environments. (claude.com) Windows availability appears in the subsequent changelog, (claude.com) illustrating why a pilot record should identify the installed application version and configuration instead of relying on launch-era assumptions. This is context for interpreting results, not an installation guide.

The effective model also belongs in that record. Safeguards documentation describes an automatic fallback that can retry a flagged life-sciences message on another available model, at most once per message, and retain the switched model in the session. ([claude.com](#)) A result obtained after a switch should therefore be identified as such. Pooling it silently with unswitched runs would obscure what was actually tested.

Separate provenance, self-review, and independent acceptance

The current reviewer documentation says automatic review starts off on Pro and is enabled by default on the other listed plans. ([claude.com](#)) It also explains that the reviewer checks the execution record without rerunning the analysis or deciding whether the method fits the research question. ([claude.com](#)) The pilot should record whether review was enabled, retain its findings, and independently assess the method and conclusions.

Early-user interviews in The Scientist describe useful provenance and evidence gathering alongside the need to check mistakes. ([www.the-scientist.com](#)) These observations are qualitative reception evidence, not a denominator-based error-rate study. They motivate testing but cannot supply acceptance thresholds or a productivity estimate for another laboratory.

Define intended use before collecting success stories

Claude Science documentation identifies it as a research tool without intended clinical or diagnostic use. ([claude.com](#)) The pilot charter should accordingly specify what an accepted output permits: for example, preparing an exploratory program-review synthesis or generating a candidate analytical report for expert approval. A different downstream use requires a fresh assessment rather than an automatic extension of the pilot's conclusion.

Protocol recommendation: define the question, input population, allowed actions, intended user, downstream decision, and excluded uses before selecting tasks. For each task, state what would make an error material. This adapts the useful concept of context of use, meaning an AI model's specific role and scope, without treating exploratory discovery as a regulated application by default. ([www.fda.gov](#))

Implementation Considerations and Process Changes

Construct an independent reference set

Select reusable internal work with independently verifiable answers. Include routine cases, edge cases, missing information, and appropriate abstention. Separate development and acceptance sets. Benchmarking guidance supports careful design that produces informative, unbiased comparisons; exclude selection based on successful demonstrations. ([arxiv.org](#))

References should specify evidence, calculations, permissible uncertainty, and unacceptable interpretations. For literature extraction, Cochrane recommends independent extraction by at least two people for information critical to interpreting results, with disagreement resolution planned beforehand. Use that model for independent adjudication rather than system-generated answer keys. ([www.cochrane.org](#))

Table 1 maps proposed tasks to reference evidence. The examples are **test designs**, not claims that a pilot has achieved these outcomes.

Task and intended use	Reference and required output	Material acceptance question
Cited literature synthesis for exploratory review	Independently checked evidence table, source passages, access status, and disputed findings	Does each material claim follow from the source actually read? PubMed indexing does not establish full-text access. (pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)
Single-cell ribonucleic acid (RNA) analysis	Fixed count matrix, sample metadata, approved quality-control decisions, and reference analysis	Are filtering, doublets, batch structure, and biological replication handled appropriately? (scanpy.readthedocs.io) (bioconductor.org)
Genomic variant analysis	Versioned reads, reference genome, and suitable Genome in a Bottle truth set and regions	Are precision and recall reported within the correct benchmark scope and genomic strata? (www.nist.gov) (www.nist.gov)
Protein or structure assessment	Defined sequence or structure, independent comparator, confidence interpretation, and stated limits	Is a structural prediction kept distinct from an experimentally established functional claim? (www.ebi.ac.uk)
Deliberately excluded or restricted request	Policy-owner-approved test specification and expected abstention or escalation	Does the configured workflow stop or escalate appropriately? Keep this result separate from legitimate-task blocking. (nvlpubs.nist.gov)

The matrix deliberately uses different reference types. A reproducible count matrix, a correctly attributed literature statement, and an appropriately qualified structure hypothesis are distinct outputs. Acceptance should preserve those differences instead of combining them into a single generalized research-ability score. AstaBench likewise separates scientific capabilities such as coding and execution within its evaluation design. (allenai.org)

Make the review independent and auditable

Protocol recommendation: use the same input snapshot for the existing workflow and the assisted workflow. Counterbalance task order when learning effects are plausible. Where feasible, remove identifying formatting and randomize output order before scientific review. Record when blinding is impossible, since reviewers may recognize a pipeline or writing style. These are design choices intended to reduce bias, not claims of a validated Claude-specific trial method. (arxiv.org)

- **Freeze inputs:** preserve data checksums, source dates, permissions, and task instructions.
- **Define completion:** distinguish an artifact being produced from an output being accepted.
- **Separate roles:** distinguish task operator, scientific reviewer, and disagreement adjudicator.
- **Lock materiality:** specify which mistakes could change a downstream decision.
- **Retain failures:** include timeouts, abstentions, unresolved outputs, and connector failures.
- **Preserve evidence:** link reviewer judgments to raw source material and result locations. (www.cochrane.org)

Do not require reviewers to agree with every phrasing choice. Require agreement on the scientific claims and decision-relevant uncertainty. Journal guidance from the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) places responsibility for AI-assisted scientific accuracy with humans; a pilot's sign-off should likewise name the accountable reviewer. (www.icmje.org)

Reproducibility and Artifact Acceptance

Define equivalence before rerunning

The National Academies defines computational reproducibility around consistent results from the same data, steps, methods, code, and analytical conditions. It also recognizes that some questions permit a range of computational variation. The pilot should therefore define **material equivalence** for each output before reruns begin: exact agreement where deterministic calculation permits it, and justified tolerances where numerical or stochastic variation is expected. (www.nationalacademies.org) (www.nationalacademies.org)

Use separate tests for **replaying the generated analysis** and **asking the agent to solve the task again**. Replay tests inspect the computational artifact. Fresh-task reruns inspect workflow variability, including source selection, planning, and interpretation. Report both rather than allowing reproducible saved code to stand in for reproducible agent behavior. The distinction follows from the National Academies' requirement to identify computational conditions. (www.nationalacademies.org)

Protocol recommendation: test a saved run in its original environment, then reconstruct it in an approved clean environment from the retained artifacts. For stochastic stages, preserve seeds and compare prespecified numerical summaries and decision-relevant conclusions. Established computational guidance explicitly recommends recording random seeds and program versions. (journals.plos.org) (journals.plos.org)

- **Inputs:** retain immutable references or permitted snapshots and checksums.
- **Execution:** capture commands, scripts, parameters, working directories, and exit status.
- **Environment:** preserve package locks, container identifiers, hardware, and dependencies.
- **Randomness:** record seeds and identify nondeterministic components.
- **Outputs:** retain intermediate data, figures, tables, and failed-stage logs.
- **Provenance:** record application, model, skill, and connector versions used in the task.
- **Review:** retain the reviewer findings and the independent acceptance decision.
- **Interpretation:** connect every material conclusion to its underlying result. (journals.plos.org)

Test scientific equivalence, not visual resemblance

For single-cell work, a similar visualization is insufficient evidence of the same analytical result. Scanpy recommends per-sample quality control when batches differ and cautions that poor metrics can reflect real biology. Review which cells were removed, whether sample structure was retained, and whether biological interpretation depends on an unstable choice. (scanpy.readthedocs.io) (scanpy.readthedocs.io)

For multisample comparisons, Bioconductor illustrates aggregation of counts by cell label and sample and a design accounting for batch differences. (bioconductor.org) (bioconductor.org) This supports inspecting the experimental unit and model design, not simply checking that a differential-expression table exists. A

scientifically appropriate reference must be established by the team for its own experimental design.

Versioned pipelines and containers can help reconstruct execution. The cited nf-core documentation is a version-specific example recommending an explicit pipeline version and container use; it is not evidence of the latest release or a guarantee that any generated analysis is correct. Nextflow's execution reports and trace records provide useful evidence of what ran. (nf-co.re) (nf-co.re) (training.nextflow.io)

Source Fidelity, Scientific Correctness, and Review Burden

Audit access, attribution, and support separately

Citation existence does not establish support. Audit source identity, access, supporting passages, and interpretation against study design and population. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) recommends reviewing and [verifying sources and citations](https://nvlpubs.nist.gov) in generative AI outputs. (nvlpubs.nist.gov)

Record **full text**, **abstract only**, **metadata only**, **unresolved**, and **not accessed** as separate states. PubMed provides citations and abstracts with links to full text elsewhere; Europe PMC's metadata similarly includes abstracts and full-text links. A link does not prove examination of methods, supplements, or limitations. (pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) (europepmc.org)

Historical access limitations must also be dated. The Scientist described an early user's inability to access paywalled papers, (www.the-scientist.com) while current Claude Science documentation describes access using publisher keys or an institutional proxy. (claude.com) Test authorized access to each needed source and retain evidence of what was read. Neither source establishes complete coverage.

Check source status and quality independently. Crossmark can expose corrections, retractions, and updates, but Crossref explicitly says its presence is not a guarantee. (www.crossref.org) (www.crossref.org) PubMed's linked Comments/Corrections fields provide another status check. (pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) A status check does not establish study quality; reviewers must still assess design, controls, comparators, uncertainty, and relevance to the question.

Table 2 proposes an error taxonomy. Assign materiality before testing, based on downstream consequences.

Error class	Evidence to inspect	Proposed disposition
Citation	Wrong identity, inaccessible source, or passage that does not support the claim	Correct the evidence trace; reject materially unsupported conclusions. (nvlpubs.nist.gov)
Numeric	Untraceable number, denominator, unit, or transformation	Recompute from retained inputs and identify affected conclusions. (journals.plos.org)
Code	Execution failure, incorrect input handling, or output differing from the intended analysis	Retain the failure and rerun the corrected artifact. (journals.plos.org)
Statistical	Wrong experimental unit, inappropriate design, or unsupported uncertainty statement	Require independent method adjudication and reassessment. (bioconductor.org)
Biological interpretation	Structure confidence or association presented as established function or causation	Restrict the conclusion to what the evidence supports. (www.ebi.ac.uk)

Error class	Evidence to inspect	Proposed disposition
Tool use	Connector failure, incomplete retrieval, or mismatched source version	Mark completeness unresolved until recovery is verified. (europepmc.org)
Policy handling	Legitimate task blocked, excluded task attempted, or escalation missing	Classify against the approved task specification and review the control pathway. (nvlpubs.nist.gov)

Keep cosmetic edits, decision-changing errors, correctly enforced restrictions, and scientific errors distinct. A materially wrong result should remain in the pilot record after correction, preserving the work needed for acceptance. This is a proposed accounting rule consistent with examining generated programs, execution results, and costs together. (arxiv.org)

Measure human work through acceptance

Time the entire review, including source access, code inspection, recalculation, corrections, and final adjudication. Record reviewer expertise and correction cycles. Compare against the team's baseline using equivalent acceptance standards. Government impact-evaluation guidance emphasizes defining business as usual, which is essential when a faster draft might require more verification. (www.gov.uk)

For manuscript-facing outputs, use the relevant reporting checklist and preserve disclosure of tool use and purpose. EQUATOR supplies reporting-guideline resources, while ICMJE calls for careful review and editing of AI-generated content. A checklist supports reporting completeness; it does not certify the truth of an analysis. (www.equator-network.org) (www.icmje.org) (www.icmje.org)

Policy Fit and Operational Controls

Keep infrastructure and scientific acceptance separate

Maintain parallel records. The **operational record** covers authorized data, identity, permissions, network destinations, retention, secrets, connectors, logging, recovery, and compute boundaries. The **scientific record** covers reference suitability, method choice, errors, uncertainty, reproducibility, and human acceptance. Passing either record alone is insufficient for expansion. Harvard's guidance to check the approved data level before using a tool with cluster data illustrates the institution-specific nature of operational permission. (handbook.eng.kempnerinstitute.harvard.edu)

Local or high-performance computing (HPC) execution does not imply local-only inference. Current data documentation says requests can contain read file contents, command output, connector results, and other conversation context. It also instructs users to keep **protected health information (PHI)** out of Claude Science and documents exclusions from zero data retention and Business Associate Agreement coverage. (claude.com) (claude.com) Data-boundary testing must inspect permitted content flows, not merely where raw files reside.

Use an organization-approved synthetic or nonsensitive dataset to exercise those flows. National Institutes of Health guidance advises considering controlled access and data-use agreements even for de-identified scientific data. (www.grants.nih.gov) (www.grants.nih.gov) De-identification alone should therefore not be treated as a blanket authorization for a research AI workflow.

- **Permissions:** exercise allowed access, denied access, and privilege boundaries.
- **Retrieval:** simulate expired credentials, unavailable sources, and incomplete responses.
- **Recovery:** verify that interruption preserves evidence and supports a safe restart.
- **Routing:** record the effective model and any safeguard-triggered switch.
- **Escalation:** test the named owner and expected response for an ambiguous case.
- **Retention:** confirm applicable terms before using the approved data class.

(handbook.eng.kempnerinstitute.harvard.edu)

Treat safeguards and verification as scope questions

Measure the fraction of legitimate, preapproved tasks blocked separately from the handling of deliberately excluded requests. A refusal on an excluded request is not failed task completion. A legitimate-task block remains an operational constraint even when the policy works as designed. NIST recommends regular guardrail review, especially in changed operating circumstances. (nvlpubs.nist.gov)

Anthropic's Life Sciences Verification Program provides an additional permission mechanism for reviewed organizations; it should not be described as universal access to flagged workflows. The announcement describes native grant switching in Claude Science and requires program traffic retention for **30 days**. Verify grant eligibility, allowed scope, retention, and model routing for the pilot, and test escalation without attempting to bypass safeguards. (www.anthropic.com) (www.anthropic.com)

Keep regulatory claims proportional to intended use

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) landing page still identifies its AI credibility guidance as **draft**, with nonbinding recommendations and not for implementation. (www.fda.gov) The draft excludes drug discovery from its scope. (www.fda.gov) Its context-of-use and risk-based credibility concepts can inform this protocol by analogy, but they are not a requirement for every exploratory discovery pilot. (www.fda.gov)

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) distinguishes discovery uses with limited regulatory impact from results contributing to regulatory evidence. (www.ema.europa.eu) Consequently, an exploratory acceptance decision should not be called **GxP validation**, meaning validation for an applicable good-practice regulated use. A proposed move into regulated evidence generation requires the organization's quality and regulatory specialists to determine the applicable obligations and additional evidence.

Scorecard, Stop Rules, and Decision Record

Table 3 is the proposed scorecard. Threshold fields are intentionally team-defined; none of the values below is an observed Claude Science benchmark or a universal pass standard. NIST's evaluation guidance supports empirically testing capability claims, while EMA's lifecycle discussion emphasizes defining acceptable performance thresholds for the uses it addresses. (nvlpubs.nist.gov) (www.ema.europa.eu)

Dimension	Metric and denominator	Acceptance field to complete before testing
Task completion	Accepted task outputs / eligible assigned tasks; report abandoned and unresolved tasks	Required completion by workflow and risk stratum; define permitted abstention

Dimension	Metric and denominator	Acceptance field to complete before testing
Reproducibility	Materially equivalent reruns / attempted reruns; separate replay and fresh-task reruns	Equivalence rule, tolerances, environment, and artifact requirements
Source fidelity	Supported material claims / audited material claims; separately report unresolved and paywalled sources	Required coverage, permitted access limitations, and citation-error materiality
Scientific correctness and review burden	Outputs without material errors / reviewed outputs; reviewer minutes / accepted outputs; correction cycles / task	Error ceiling, critical-error rule, reviewer capacity, and baseline comparison
Policy and guardrail fit	Legitimate tasks blocked / legitimate attempts; report excluded-task handling separately	Approved scope, escalation behavior, and nonnegotiable boundary controls

Interpret the rows jointly but preserve every denominator. A high completion rate does not compensate for unsupported material claims. Low review time is uninformative if reviewers skipped methods or sources. Reproducibility can reproduce an incorrect calculation, as the National Academies explicitly cautions. The scorecard should therefore be a structured decision record rather than a weighted average that conceals a critical failure. (www.nationalacademies.org)

Protocol recommendation: agree automatic stop conditions before execution. A stop should freeze affected use and preserve evidence while the responsible owners determine whether remediation and retesting are appropriate. It need not mean terminating every unrelated low-risk task. EMA's lifecycle paper discusses defining performance thresholds and suspension or decommissioning processes in its risk-management context. (www.ema.europa.eu)

- **Critical scientific failure:** an independently confirmed error changes a decision-relevant conclusion in a workflow designated intolerant of that failure.
- **Boundary failure:** the test demonstrates movement of content outside the approved data boundary.
- **Unreviewable output:** required code, source evidence, or execution history cannot be recovered.
- **Uncontrolled action:** an action exceeds the approved permissions or task scope.
- **Unresolved recurrence:** the same material defect returns after the prespecified remediation and retest process.
- **Insufficient evidence:** required reference coverage or reviewer capacity is unavailable.

Record one of the following outcomes, with the evidence and scope attached:

- **Expand:** every mandatory criterion passes for the tested workflow and operating conditions.
- **Constrain:** retain named exploratory uses while excluding tasks that lack adequate evidence.
- **Remediate and retest:** identify the failed criterion, owner, corrective change, and held-out retest set.
- **Stop:** suspend the affected use when a critical condition fails or acceptable operation cannot be demonstrated.

The decision record should name the approvers, approved data classes, model and application versions, task strata, reviewer findings, open limitations, and expiration or retest trigger. This proposed record follows the broader principle that computational conditions must be available to interpret and reproduce the result. It is not

a certificate for future releases or untested workflows. (www.nationalacademies.org)

Data Analysis and Evidence

What the available numbers establish

Independent scientific benchmarks offer design precedents, not a transferable Claude Science error rate.

ScienceAgentBench describes **102 tasks** derived from **44 peer-reviewed publications** across **four disciplines**, with subject-matter review. (arxiv.org) Its methodology examines generated programs, execution results, and cost. (arxiv.org) These characteristics support task-grounded evaluation; they do not establish how the current application performs on a biotech team's inputs.

A historical Scientific Reports citation audit examined **636 references** in **84 generated literature reviews**, using texts generated in **April 2023**. (www.nature.com) It supports treating reference verification as an empirical task, but its older systems and study setting cannot supply a current Claude Science hallucination percentage. Similarly, a single-cell methods evaluation compared **14 methods** across **18 ground-truth datasets**. (www.nature.com) Those are study-design quantities, not acceptance thresholds for this pilot.

Genomic benchmarking offers a concrete warning about denominator scope. A NIST-hosted publication reports historical single-nucleotide variant concordance of **99.7% inside** versus **76.5% outside** high-confidence regions in its example. (www.nist.gov) These are not Claude results. They illustrate why an aggregate accuracy number without benchmark regions and genomic context can conceal a different evaluation question. NIST also recommends confidence intervals for limited variant counts. (www.nist.gov)

Calculate pilot outcomes without hiding failed attempts

Protocol recommendation: calculate each scorecard ratio by workflow, data class, risk stratum, effective model, and review status. Publish numerator and denominator alongside the percentage. Record exclusions before inspecting results and distinguish a failed rerun from one never attempted. Report reviewer-time distributions and the number of accepted outputs rather than only a favorable average. Small or convenience samples require caution when generalized beyond the tested population. (www.bmj.com)

Define **unsupported-number rate** as unsupported material numeric claims divided by audited material numeric claims. Define **artifact completeness** as outputs containing every required artifact divided by outputs inspected. These proposed metrics complement source support and reproducibility; neither should be substituted for scientific correctness. NIST's source-verification guidance and reproducibility guidance support tracing claims back to inspectable evidence. (nvlpubs.nist.gov) (journals.plos.org)

(Hypothetical Example): suppose a team observes **zero critical errors in 30 independent, comparable outputs**. The exact one-sided **95%** upper confidence bound on the underlying error probability is **1 minus 0.05 raised to the power 1/30**, approximately **9.5%**. This is an author calculation using the exact binomial method, not observed product evidence or a proposed threshold. Correlated reruns or heterogeneous tasks weaken the interpretation of that simple calculation. (www.itl.nist.gov) (www.itl.nist.gov)

Calculate **cost per accepted scientific output** as allocated subscription and usage cost, compute and storage cost, reviewer labor, correction labor, and operational support cost, divided by accepted outputs. State the allocation rule to avoid double counting. If none is accepted, report no accepted outputs rather than an artificial unit cost. Traceable cost and execution reporting in AstaBench provides a useful precedent for transparent accounting. (allenai.org)

Implications and Future Directions

Revalidate the changed dependency and its scientific consequences

An acceptance decision applies to a defined configuration. Model replacement, safeguard routing, application changes, scientific skills, connector behavior, package updates, reference databases, permissions, and infrastructure changes can alter that configuration. Maintain a change inventory and map each change to affected task strata. EMA's reflection paper specifically discusses performance reevaluation following nontrivial software and hardware changes for the higher-risk uses it addresses. Applying targeted retesting to an exploratory pilot is a protocol recommendation, not a claim that the same regulatory obligations apply. (www.ema.europa.eu)

Use a **stable regression set for previously accepted tasks** and reserve new tasks to test generalization. Recheck source access and effective model routing when the relevant controls change. The contrast between early paywall observations and current licensed-access documentation demonstrates why a limitation should be tested against the deployed configuration rather than treated as permanent. (www.the-scientist.com) (claude.com)

Preserve the limits of the scientific toolchain

Integration does not remove the assumptions of an underlying method. NVIDIA describes BioNeMo access to models including **Evo 2, Boltz-2, and OpenFold3**. (blogs.nvidia.com) Their availability is a capability statement, not evidence that a generated biological conclusion is correct. For structure workflows, the applicable tool's confidence measures and validation scope remain part of acceptance. (www.ebi.ac.uk)

For example, the AlphaFold database FAQ says AlphaFold has not been validated for predicting mutation effects. (alphafold.ebi.ac.uk) A pilot using such outputs should not silently promote a structural observation into a demonstrated mutation-effect claim. The relevant safeguard is a scientifically appropriate reference and qualified interpretation, not merely another agent reading the generated report.

IntuitionLabs' published measurement perspective includes quality, reliability, risk signals, and support burden before expansion. (intuitionlabs.ai) Those measures fit a decision process in which scientific reviewers, research IT, and governance jointly own scope. The useful future state is a maintained acceptance record with explicit limits, rather than a permanently approved product label. Reporting guidance can improve the completeness of that record, while the team remains responsible for its scientific meaning. (www.equator-network.org)

Conclusion

A Claude Science biotech pilot should end with a decision about specified work under specified conditions. The proposed acceptance protocol makes that decision inspectable: freeze representative tasks and reference evidence, evaluate the workflow against independent review, and preserve failures and correction effort alongside accepted outputs.

Keep the dimensions separate. Task completion asks whether an acceptable deliverable was obtained. Reproducibility asks whether the relevant computation and conclusions can be repeated under defined conditions. Source fidelity asks whether material statements follow from the evidence actually accessed. Scientific review asks whether the method and interpretation are defensible and how much human work acceptance requires. Policy fit asks whether the configured workflow operates within its authorized boundaries.

The team should set thresholds before testing and attach them to intended use. A critical scientific or data-boundary failure should trigger the prespecified response even when other metrics look favorable. Expansion should identify exactly which tasks, data classes, models, and controls are supported by the evidence. Constrained exploration, remediation with a held-out retest, and stopping an affected use are equally legitimate outcomes when the record supports them.

The practical deliverable is therefore a signed, versioned decision record, with denominators, uncertainty, reviewer effort, unresolved limitations, and revalidation triggers. That record can justify a measured next step while preserving the boundaries of what the pilot has actually established.

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