

Metadata for Interoperable Bioscience

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Our areas of activity:

- Data capture and curation
- Data (nano)publication
- Data provenance
- Open, community ontologies and standards
- Semantic web
- Software development
- **Training**











Communities we work with/for:









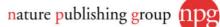
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As part of:

- UK, European and international consortia
- Pre-competitive informatics public-private partnerships
- Standardization initiatives

Some of the groups we engage with incl.:



















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Overview

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statistics ontology



Mapping the landscape of standards, databases and data policies in the life sciences (including biological, environmental and biomedical sciences)

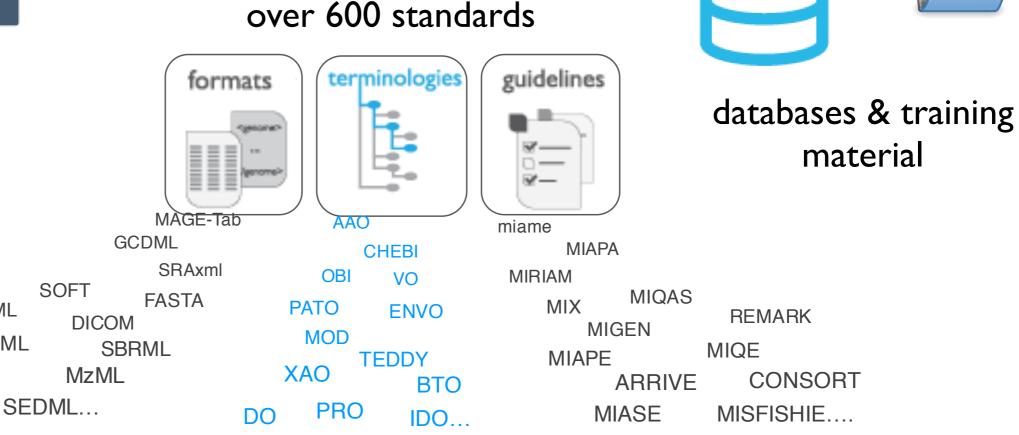


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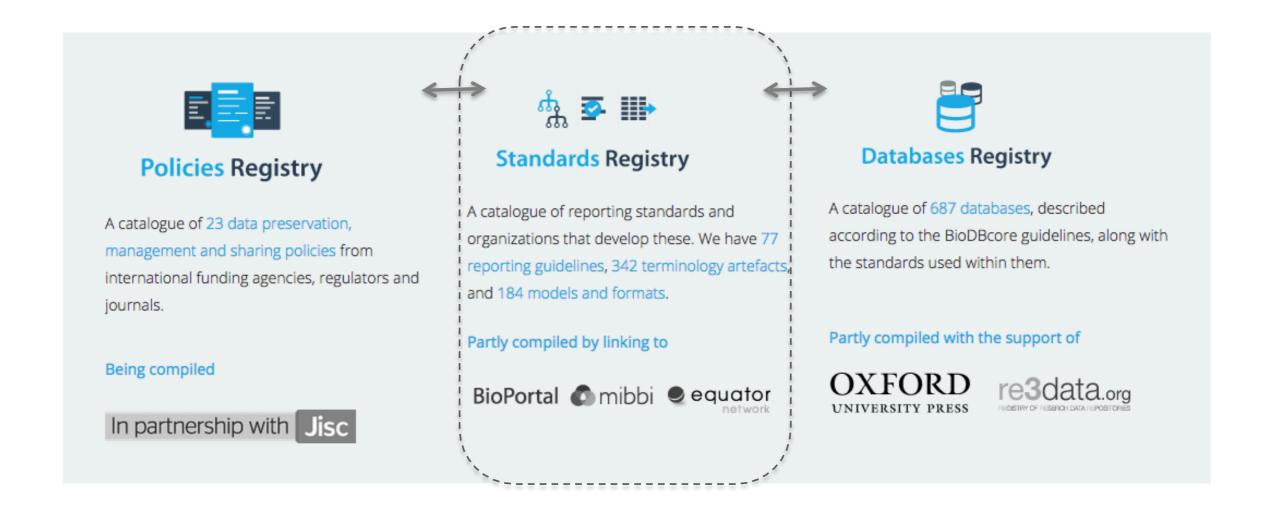
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MITAB

ISA-Tab







A web-based, curated and searchable registry ensuring that biological standards and databases are registered, informative and discoverable; also monitoring the development and evolution of standards, their usage in databases and the adoption of both in data policies.

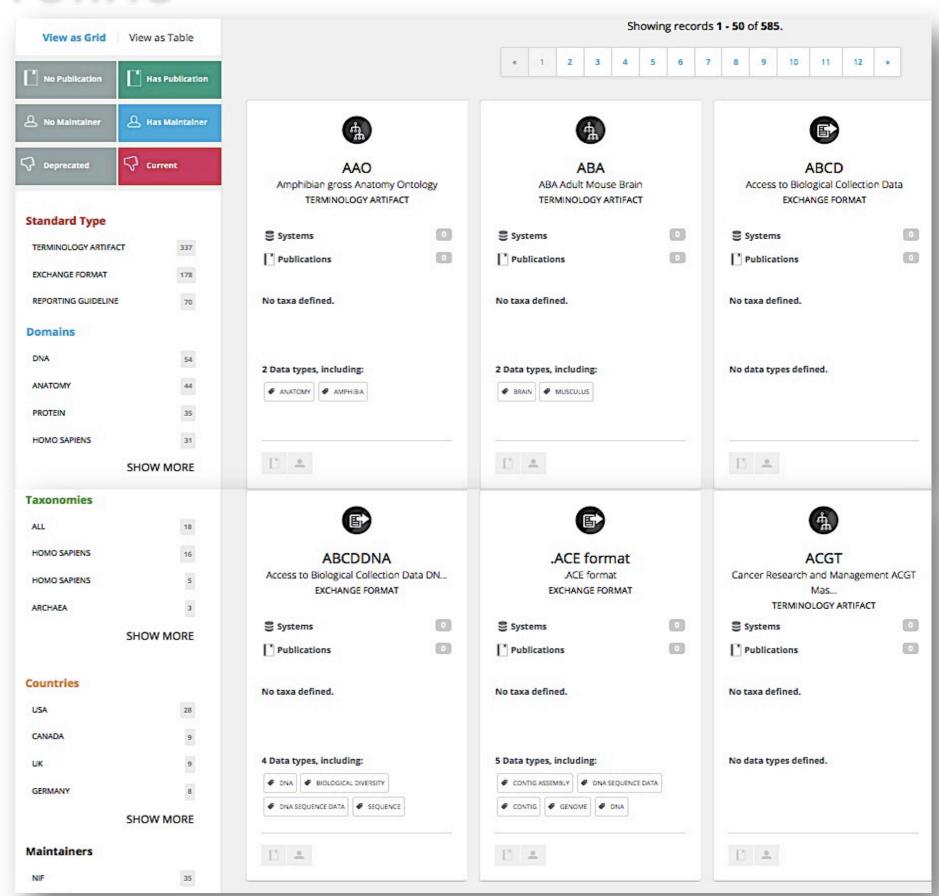
Search filter, refine

Core functionalities:

- search and filtering, e.g. by funder, domain, type of standard
- Refine by publication, maintainer etc.
- add new records, edit existing records
- "claim" records
- person's profile (as maintainer of records) associated to the ORCID profile (for credit)
- visualization and views of content and linking

Annotation Sources:

- 4 axes: (material, process, quality, information)
- NIF,OBI,CL,GO,IAO,EDAM







Collections

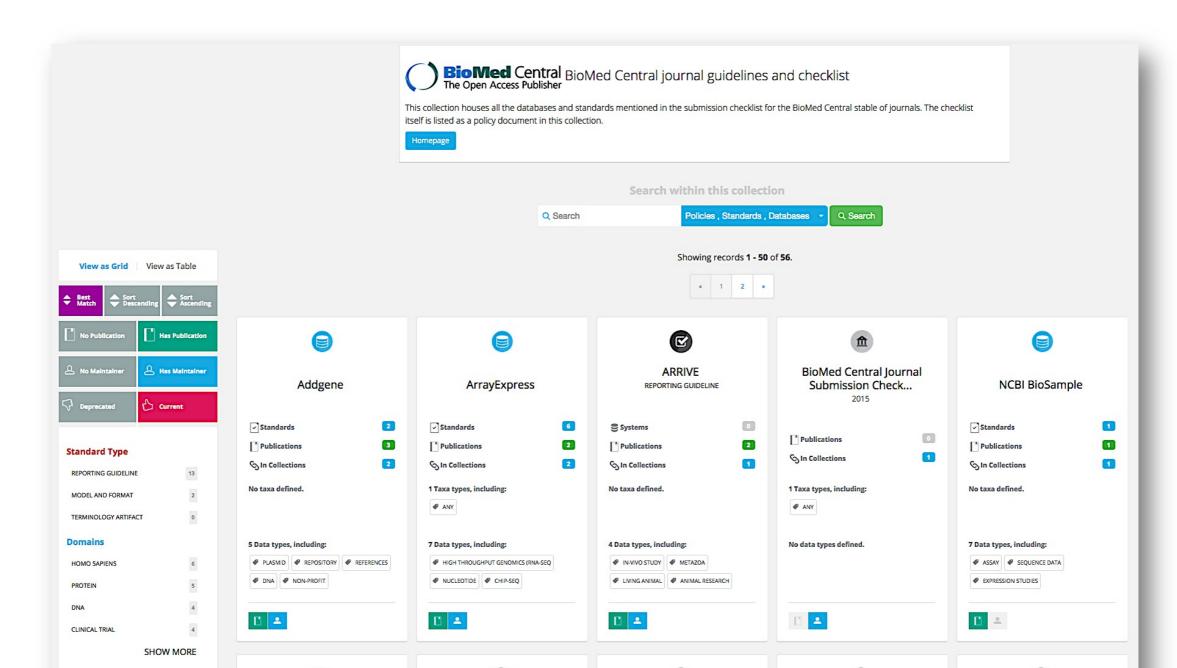
EDITORIAL

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Better reporting for better research: a checklist for reproducibility

Amye Kenall^{1*}, Scott Edmunds², Laurie Goodman², Liz Bal¹, Louisa Flintoft³, Daniel R Shanahan¹ and Tim Shipley⁴



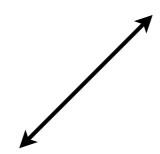


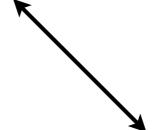
isa infrastructure



isa model

generic model for experimental description and data exchange (tab, RDF, JSON, ...)







isacommons.org





open source software tools





Towards interoperable bioscience data: Presenting the ISA Commons, authored by more than 50 collaborators at over 30 scientific organizations around the globe.

Sansone et al, 2012 Nature Genetics



ISA software suite:

Overview of ISA-Tab and first set of tools

Rocca-Serra et al, 2010 Bioinformatics

Formats & Database Fragmentation





Transcriptomics data files & relevant experimental descriptors

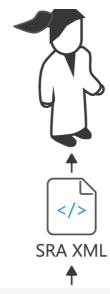






Proteomics data files & relevant experimental descriptors







Sequence data files & relevant experimental descriptors

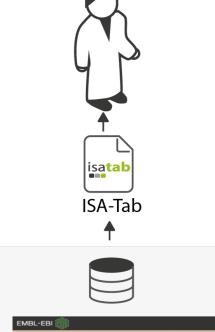






Biological sample information





Metabolomics data

MetaboLights



investigation study study assay(s) assay(s) pointers to data file names/location external files in native or other forcel mats าสรใส data data

isa**tab**

investigation

high level concept to link related studies

study

the central unit, containing information on the subject under study, its characteristics and any treatments applied.

a study has associated assays

assay

test performed either on material taken from the subject or on the whole initial subject, which produce qualitative or quantitative measurements (data)

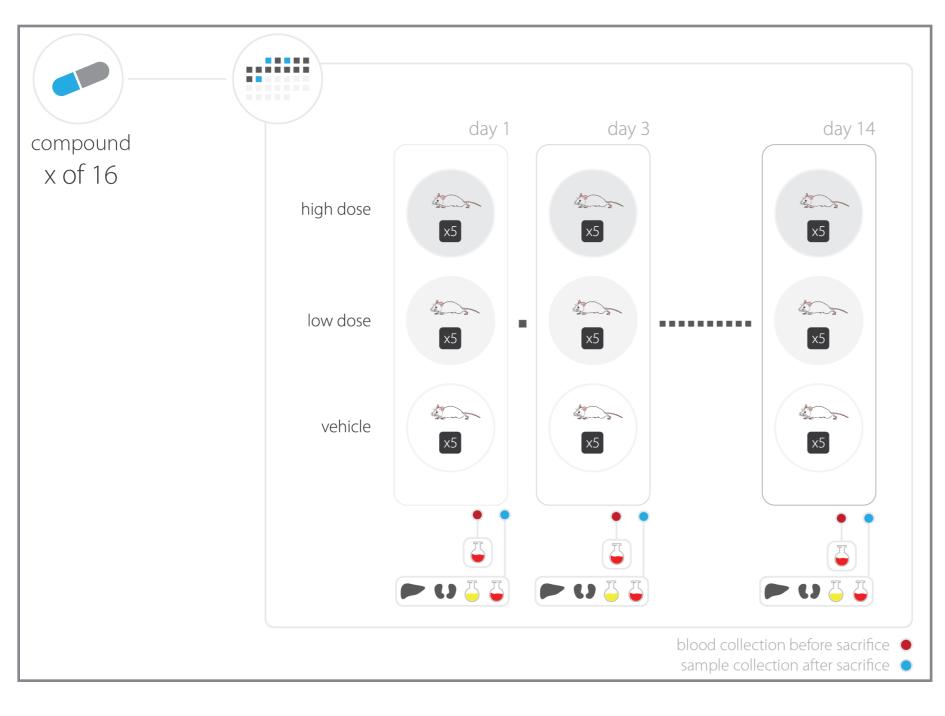




- environmental health
- environmental genomics
- metabolomics
- metagenomics
- nanotechnology
- proteomics

- stem cell discovery
- system biology
- transcriptomics
- toxicogenomics
- communities
 working to build a
 library of cellular
 signatures

The experimental plan



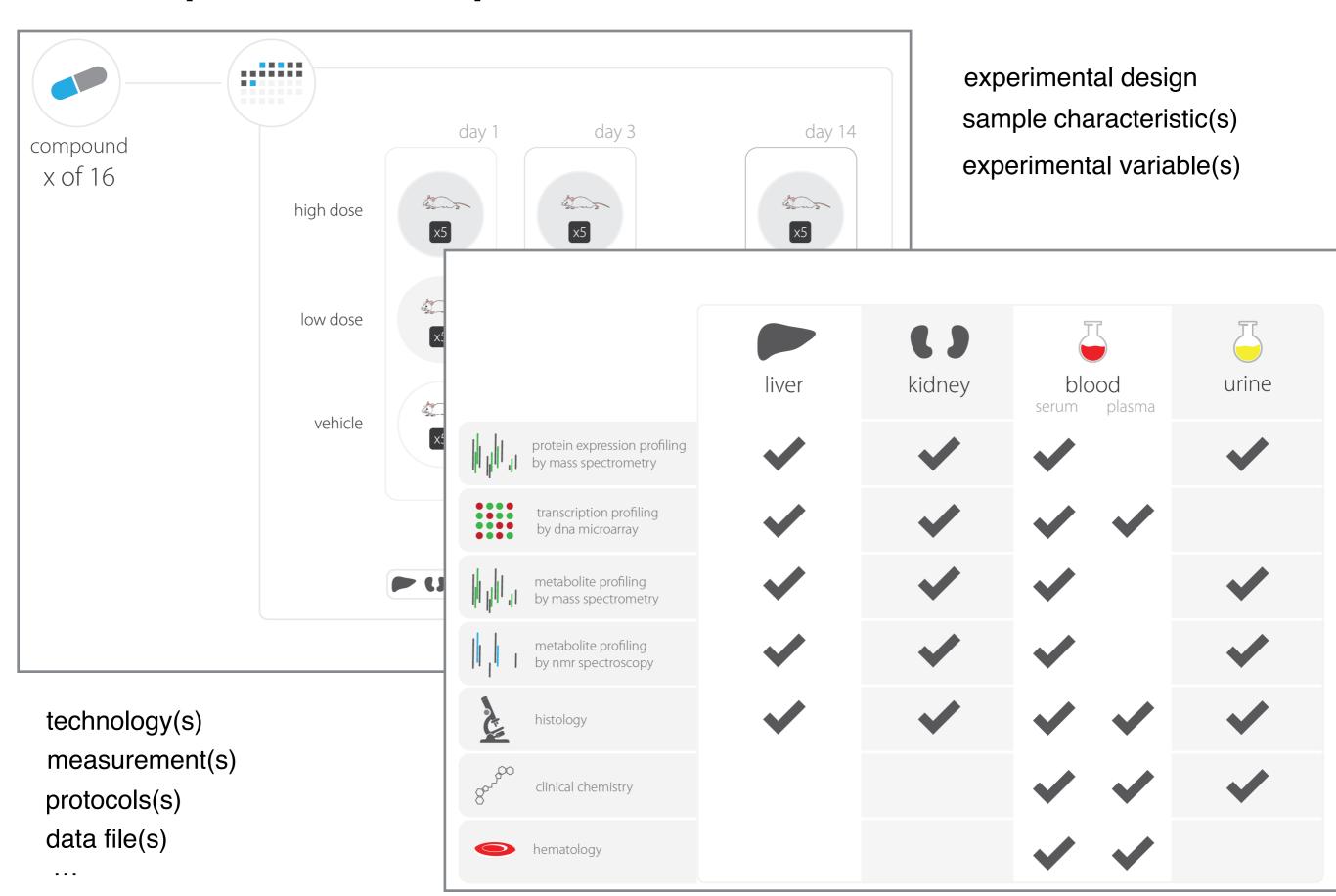
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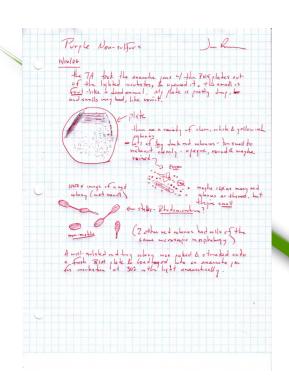
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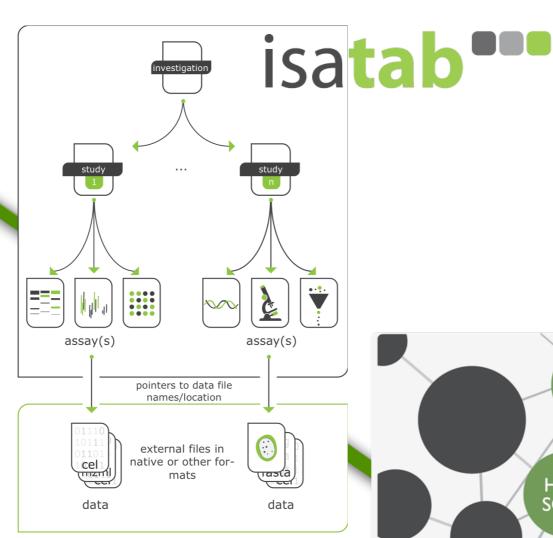
2-week systemic rat study using male Wistar rats (N=15 per dose group)

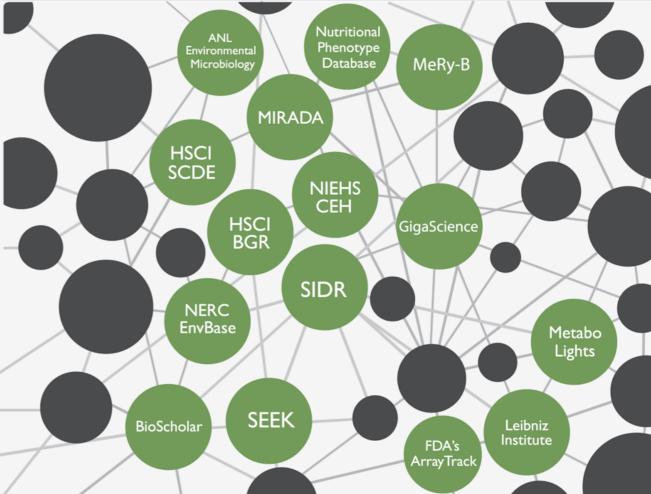
14 proprietary drug candidates from participating companies and2 reference toxic compounds

The experimental plan







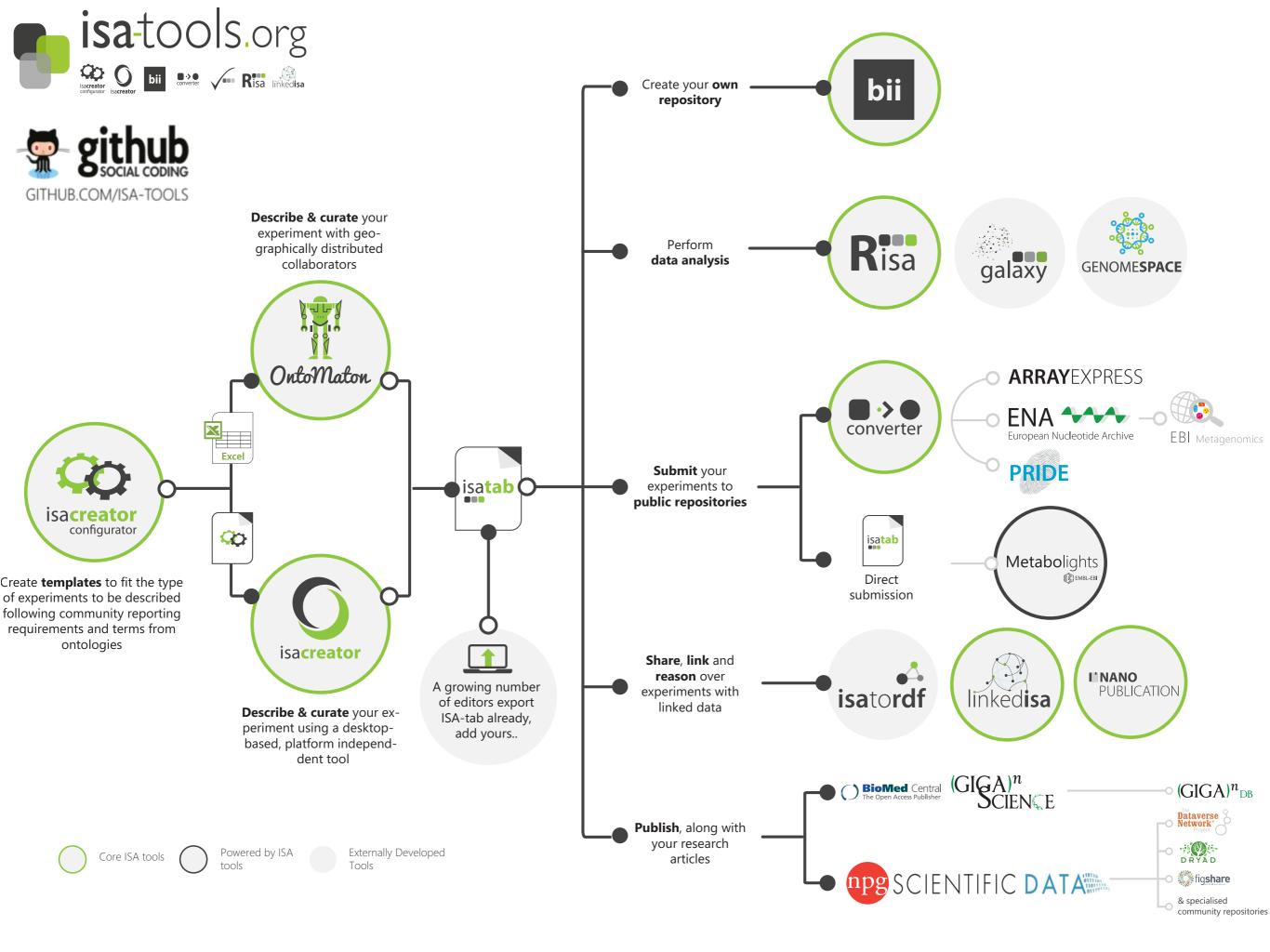


linkedISA: semantic representation of ISA-Tab experimental metadata

Alejandra González-Beltrán*, Eamonn Maguire, Susanna-Assunta Sansone and Philippe Rocca-Serra



BMC Bioinformatics, Issue 15(Suppl 14):S4 , 2014. 10.1186/1471-2105-15-S14-S4.



Editorial

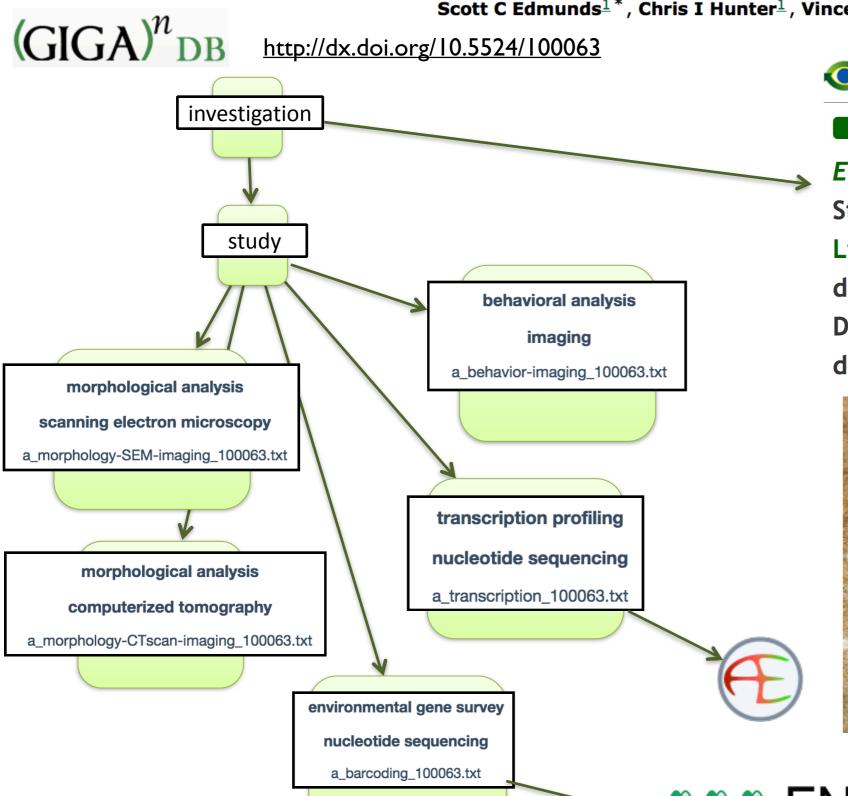
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Biodiversity research in the "big data" era: *GigaScience* and Pensoft work together to publish the most data-rich species description

Scott C Edmunds 1 *, Chris I Hunter 1 , Vincent Smith 2 , Pavel Stoev 3 4 and Lyubomir Penev 3 5

European Nucleotide Archive



Biodiversity Data Journal 1: e1013 (28 Oct 2013) doi: 10.3897/BDJ.1.e1013







Taxonomic paper

Eupolybothrus cavernicolus Komerički & Stoev sp. n. (Chilopoda: Lithobiomorpha: Lithobiidae): the first eukaryotic species description combining transcriptomic, DNA barcoding and micro-CT imaging data



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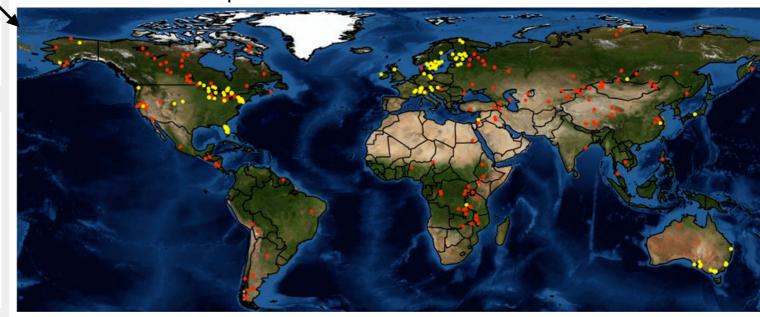
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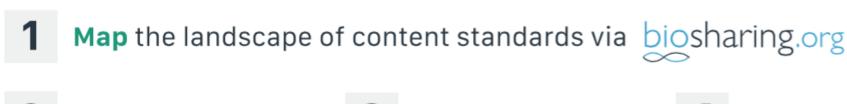
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Subject terms: Biodiversity • Community ecology • Entomology • Grassland ecology

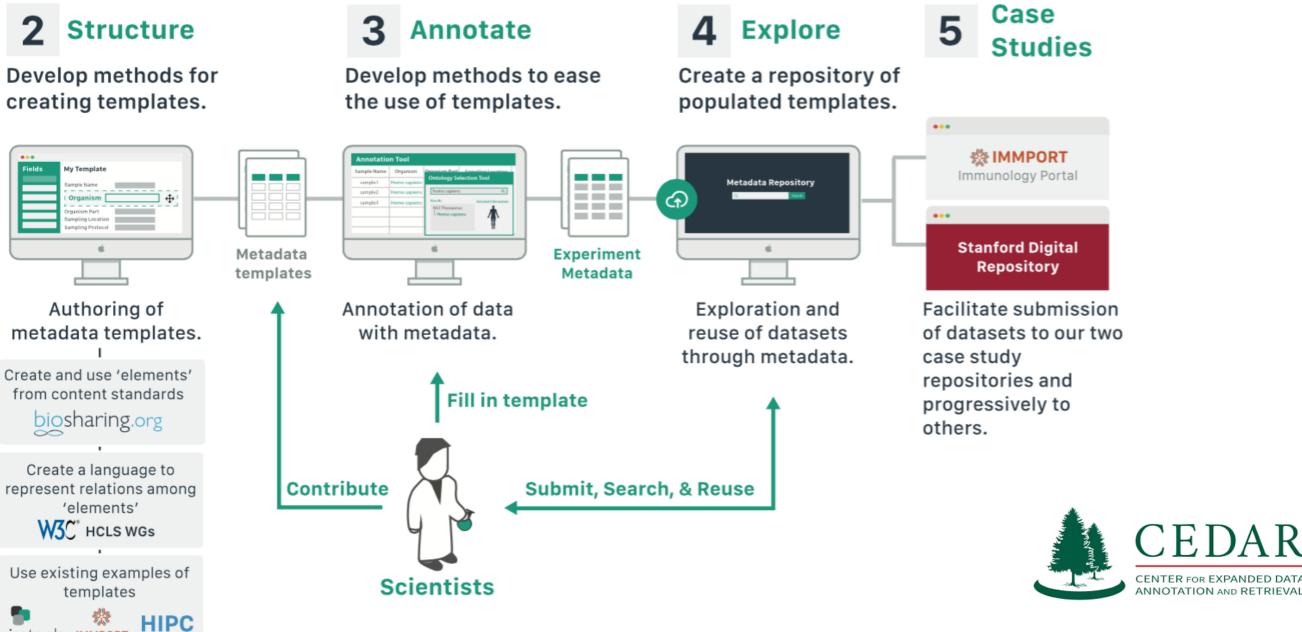
Design Type(s)	observation design • time series design • species comparison design
Measurement Type(s)	phenotype
Technology Type(s)	phenotype characterization
Factor Type(s)	
Sample Characteristic(s)	Coleoptera • Hemiptera • Orthoptera • Araneae • multicellular organism • Germany • grassland

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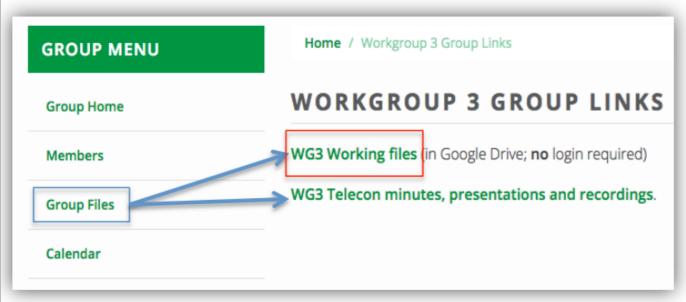
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- Analyze the CEDAR repository of populated templates to reveal patterns in the metadata that will enable the metadata tools to use predictive data entry to ease the task of filling out the templates.
 - Augment those metadata with links to the published literature (including secondary analyses and retractions).
 - Augment those metadata with links to follow-up experiments (in online databases and in the literature).
 - Allow the scientific community to comment on the experiment through structured metadata.



WG3 Metadata - work to date



- Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
- Selected Competency Questions
- 3 Metadata Mapping
- 4 Core Metadata Elements

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WG3 Metadata - SOP

- Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) document:
 - contains lists of material reviewed
 - data discovery initiatives and metadata initiatives
 - existing meta-models for representing metadata elements
 - outlines the approach used to identify metadata descriptors
 - Via use cases and competency questions (top-down approach)
 - Mapping generic and life science-specific metadata schemas (bottom-up approach)
 - Listed in the <u>BioSharing collection for bioCADDIE</u>
 - The results of both approaches has been compared and converged on the core set of metadata



WG3 Metadata - Use Cases

Selected Competency Questions:

- representative set from use cases workshop, white paper, submitted by the community and from Phil Bourne
- questions have been abstracted and key metadata elements have been highlighted and color-coded and categorized
- as the set of core and extended metadata elements are defined, it will become clearer which questions the Data Discovery Index will not be able to answers if full and which only in part.

BGUC2	Search for organism x in blological process y (apoptosis) at scale z with an estimate of the reliability of the annotations	
BGUC3-1	Search for new drug x to predict and track blological process x (cardiotoxicity)	
BGUC3-2	Search for data type x ('omics correlates) of blological process for drugs related to drug x	
BGUC3-3	Search for data types a, b, and c (EHR data, self-report, sensor) to determine natural history of patients given drugs similar to drug x	
BGUC3-4	Track responses to treatment to ensure detection of biological process x	
BGUC3-5	Find patient data "like these" with similar treatments, responses to treatment, genetics	
	Search for studies a-z with patient data with blological process x (e.g. obesity as	



WG3 Metadata - Mapping

Metadata Mapping:

- both generic and (progressively more) life science-specific metadata schemas are being mapped to identify common metadata elements
- if available, formal representations such XML schema document (XSD) and semantic model (RDF/OWL representations) will be used as input material to the mapping process
 - provenance information each metadata schema/model is described and made available in the BioSharing collection, including: version; source of metadata elements (e.g. XSD), the URL where the model or schema has been sourced; documentation, including URL where the documentation is located



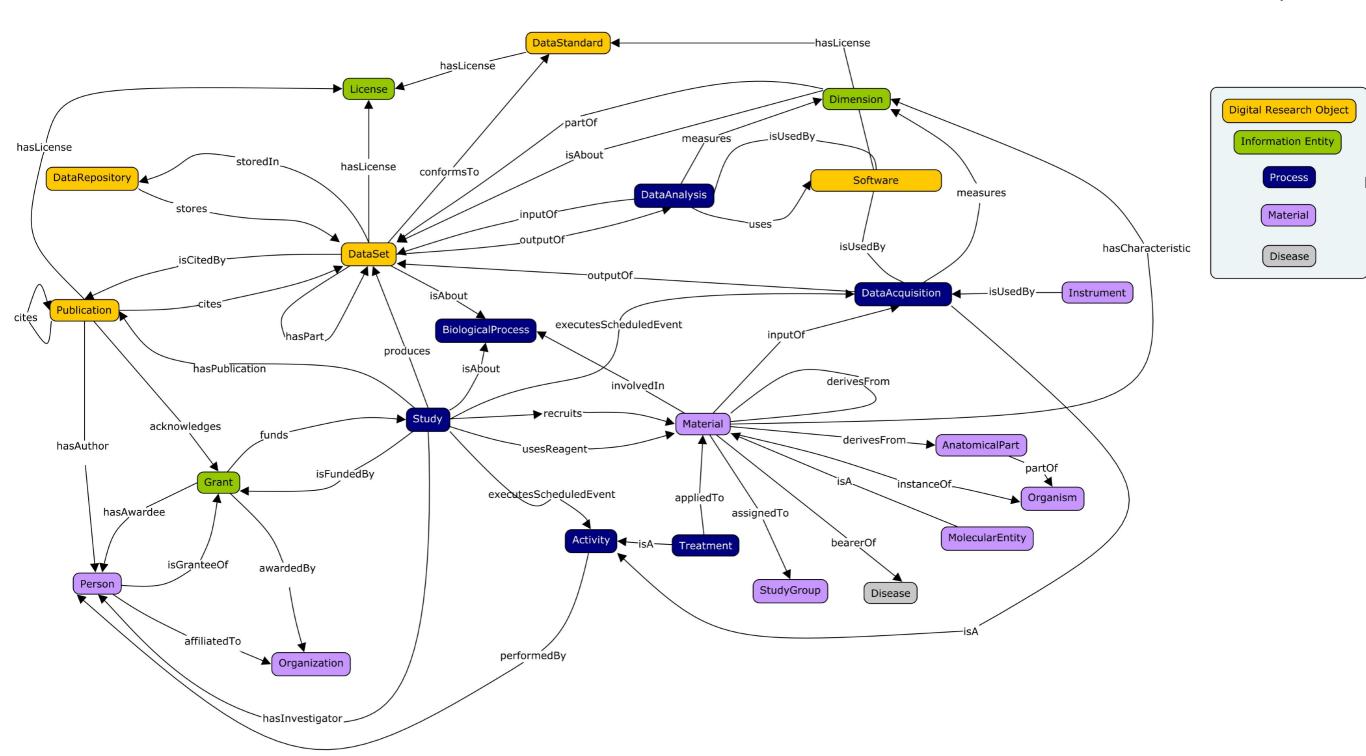
WG3 Metadata - Core list

Core Metadata Elements:

- the result of the combined approaches, as outlined documents 1-3, is delivering a set of core metadata elements and progressively these will be extended to domain specific ones
- we aim to have maximum coverage of use cases with minimal number of data elements, but we do foreseen that not all questions can be answered in full



JSON-schemas JSON examples





Open Biological and biomedical Ontologies (OBO) Foundry

- origins related to Gene Ontology (GO)
- collection of orthogonal reference ontologies in the biological and biomedical domain
 - e.g GO, chemical entities (ChEBI), investigations (OBI), phenotypes (PATO, MP), ...
- agreed set of principles; best practices on ontology development
 - open
 - well-defined format, e.g. obo or owl
 - · uses identifiers according to **obo** id policy
 - ontology life-cycle/versioning
 - clearly specified and delineated content
 - unambiguous definitions
 - · uses or extends relations in the obo relations ontology
 - well-documented
 - plurality of users (mailing list, issue tracker)
 - developed collaboratively
 - orthogonal, modular

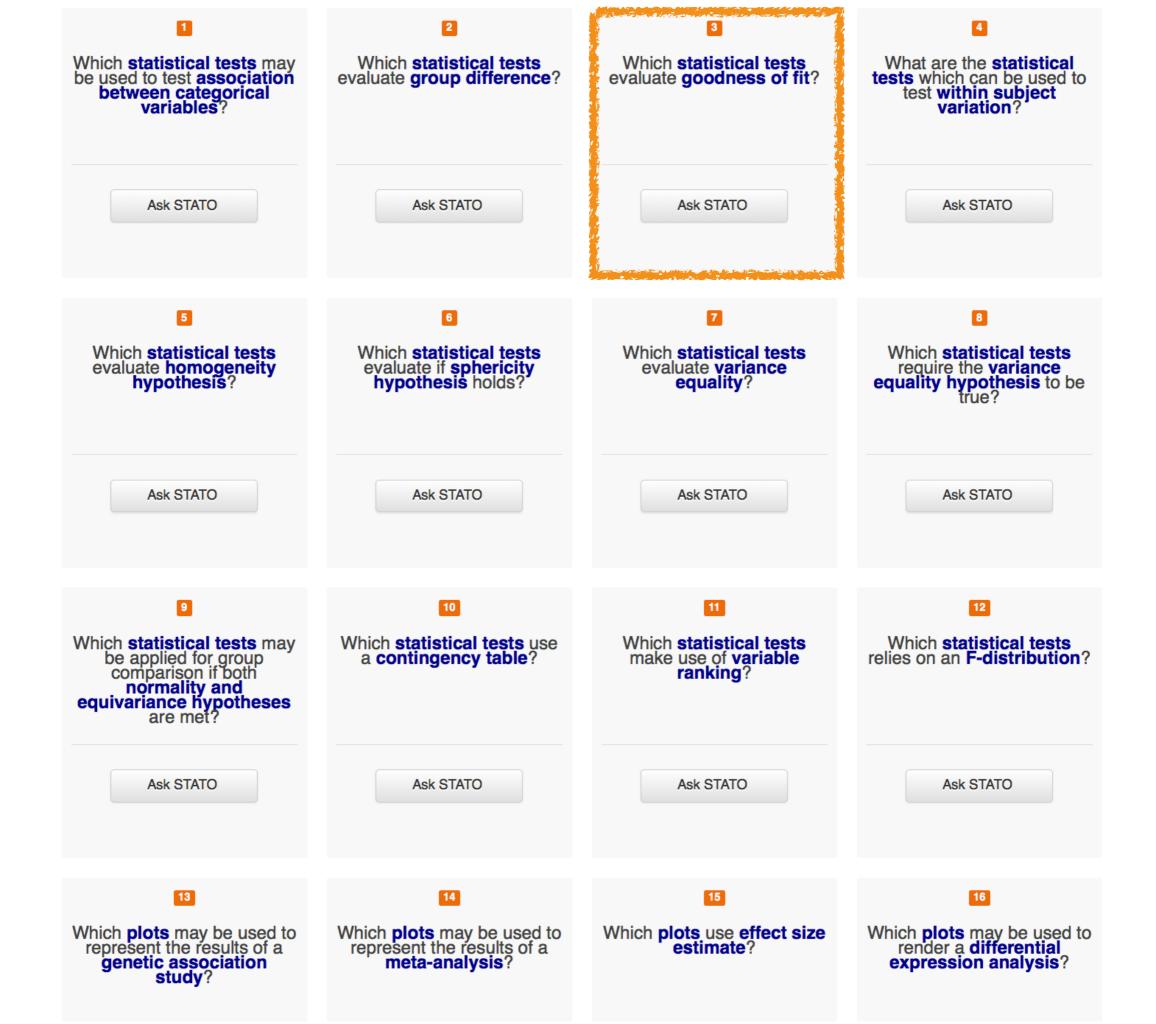


Developed in collaboration with Dr Burke, Senior Statistician, Nuffield Department of Population Health, University of Oxford

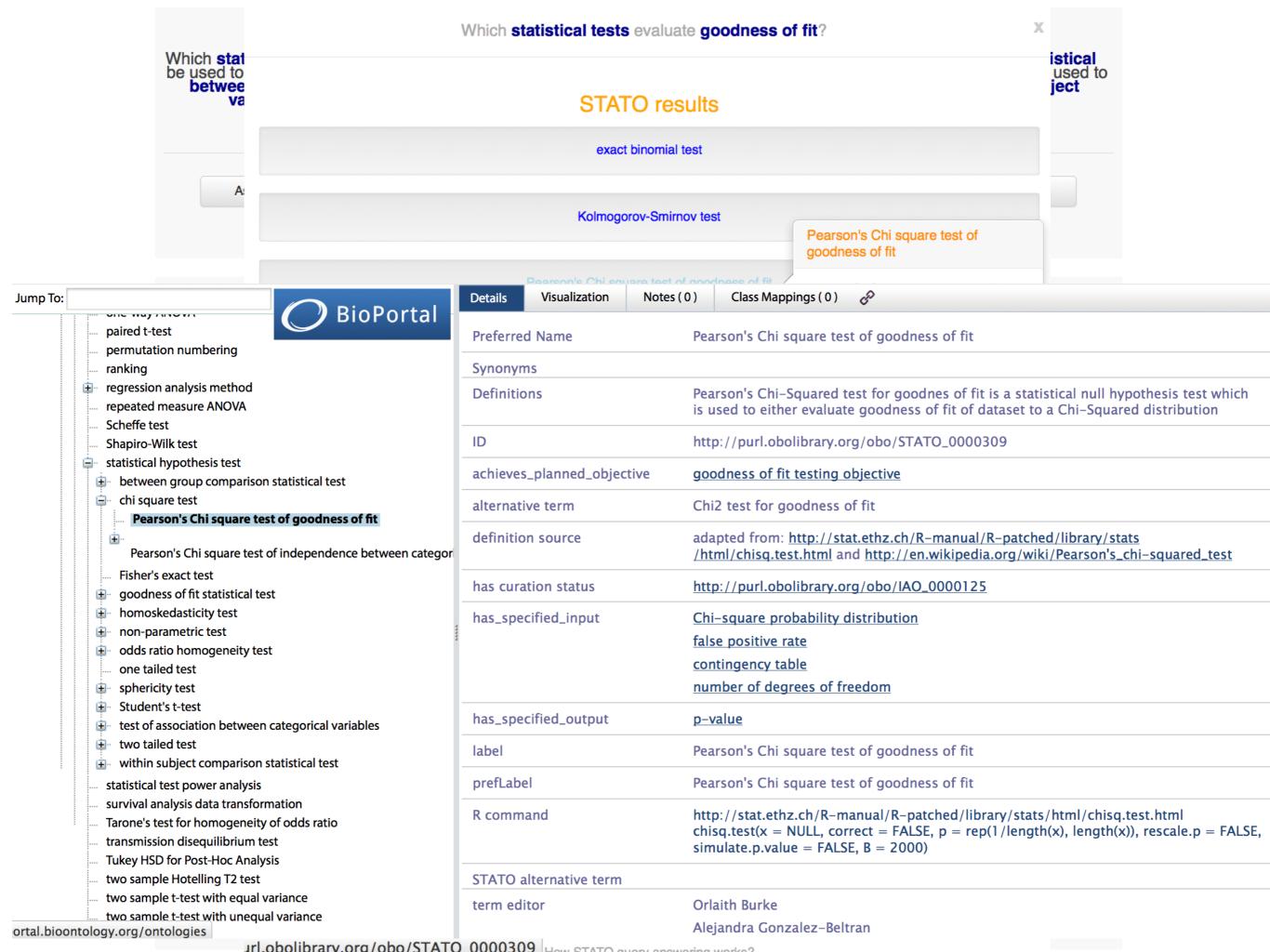
http://isa-tools.github.io/stato/



- General-purpose statistics ontology (formal logic-based representation)
- Coverage for processes (e.g. statistical tests and their condition of application) and information needed or resulting from statistical methods (e.g. probability distributions, variable, spread and variation metrics)
- STATO also benefits from: (i) extensive documentation with the provision of textual and formal definitions; (ii) an associated R code snippets using the dedicated R-command metadata tag, aiming at facilitating teaching and learning while relying of the popular R language; (iii) query examples documentation, highlighting how the ontology can be harnessed for reviewers/tutors/student alike.







Thanks for your attention! Questions?

















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