CEDAR: Enhancing Open Science Through Standard Metadata

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OPEN Comment: The FAIR Guiding **Principles for scientific data** management and stewardship

Mark D. Wilkinson *et al.*[#]

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There is an urgent need to improve the infrastructure supporting the reuse of scholarly data. A diverse set of stakeholders—representing academia, industry, funding agencies, and scholarly publishers—have come together to design and jointly endorse a concise and measureable set of principles that we refer to as the FAIR Data Principles. The intent is that these may act as a guideline for those wishing to enhance the reusability of their data holdings. Distinct from peer initiatives that focus on the human scholar, the FAIR Principles put specific emphasis on enhancing the ability of machines to automatically find and use the data, in addition to supporting its reuse by individuals. This Comment is the first formal publication of the FAIR Principles, and includes the rationale behind them, and some exemplar implementations in the community.

The FAIR Guiding Principles

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Metadata in public repositories are a mess!

- Investigators view their work as publishing papers or delivering products, not leaving a legacy of reusable data
- Sponsors or managers may require data sharing, but they may not encourage the use of their own funds to pay for it
- Creating good metadata to describe data sets is unbearably hard

AtMs-SLE-sle1

Identifiers BioSample: SAMN10417071; Sample name: AtMs-SLE-sle1; SRA: SRS4040527

Organism

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Homo sapiens (human)

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cell subtype	Fresh atypical memory B cells
cell type	Primary cell
disease	SLE
disease stage	New-onset
ethnicity	Asian
health state	SLE
karyotype	46 chromosomes
population	Peripheral blood
race	yellow race
sample type	leukocyte
treatment	No treatment
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Description Fresh atypical memory B cells from new-onset SLE patient sle1, sorted by Moflo with standard medium RPMI1640

Human sample from Homo sapiens

Identifiers BioSample: SAMN06290438; Sample name: S26; SRA: SRS1954055

Organism Homo sapiens (human)

cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Sarcopterygii; Dipnotetrapodomorpha; Tetrapoda; Amniota; Mammalia; Theria; Eutheria; Boreoeutheria; Euarchontoglires; Primates; Haplorrhini; Simiiformes; Catarrhini; Hominoidea; Hominidae; Homininae; Homo

Package <u>Human; version 1.0</u>

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	tissue	Liver
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Submission The Blumberg Institute, Ying-hsiu Su; 2017-02-02

Accession: SAMN06290438 ID: 6290438 BioProject SRA

Sample from Homo sapiens

Identifiers BioSample: SAMEA7571649; SRA: ERS5328271

Organism <u>Homo sapiens</u> (human)

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	collection date	2010-01
	sample type	MIBC
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	ENA last update	2020-11-13
	ENA-CHECKLIST	ERC000011
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	INSDC center name	Jena University Hospital
	INSDC first public	2021-01-06T17:11:48Z
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Human sample from Homo sapiens

Identifiers BioSample: SAMN15811762; Sample name: CST3-M15545

Organism Homo sapiens (human)

cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Sarcopterygii; Dipnotetrapodomorpha; Tetrapoda; Amniota; Mammalia; Theria; Eutheria; Boreoeutheria; Euarchontoglires; Primates; Haplorrhini; Simiiformes; Catarrhini; Hominoidea; Hominidae; Homininae; Homo

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Full metadata record available at: <u>https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/biosample/15811762</u>

NCBI *BioSample* Metadata are Dreadful!

- 73% of "Boolean" metadata values are not actually *true* or *false*
 - nonsmoker, former-smoker
- 26% of "integer" metadata values cannot be parsed into integers
 - *JM52*, *UVPgt59.4*, *pig*
- 68% of metadata entries that are supposed to represent terms from biomedical ontologies do not actually do so.
 - presumed normal, wild_type

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Good metadata need ontologies!

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Classes	12,066,086
Properties	36,286
Mappings	108,276,774

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Foundational Model of Anatomy

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Submissions

Version	Released	Uploaded	Downloads
5.0.0 (Parsed, Indexed, Metrics, Annotator)	04/24/2019	05/13/2019	OWL CSV RDF/XML Diff
4.14.0 (Archived)	01/01/2019	01/01/2019	OWL Diff
4.13.0 (Archived)	10/01/2018	10/01/2018	OWL Diff
4.12.0 (Archived)	07/01/2018	07/01/2018	OWL Diff
4.11.0 (Archived)	04/01/2018	04/01/2018	OWL Diff

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The microarray community took the lead in standardizing metadata **reporting guidelines**

- What was the substrate of the experiment?
- What array platform was used?
- What were the experimental conditions?



DNA Microarray

Minimum Information About a Microarray Experiment - MIAME

MIAME describes the Minimum Information About a Microarray Experiment that is needed to enable the interpretation of the results of the experiment unambiguously and potentially to reproduce the experiment. [Brazma et al., Nature Genetics]

The six most critical elements contributing towards MIAME are:

- 1. The raw data for each hybridisation (e.g., CEL or GPR files)
- The final processed (normalised) data for the set of hybridisations in the experiment (study) (e.g., the gene expression data matrix used to draw the conclusions from the study)
- The essential sample annotation including experimental factors and their values (e.g., compound and dose in a dose response experiment)
- The experimental design including sample data relationships (e.g., which raw data file relates to which sample, which hybridisations are technical, which are biological replicates)
- Sufficient annotation of the array (e.g., gene identifiers, genomic coordinates, probe oligonucleotide sequences or reference commercial array catalog number)
- The essential laboratory and data processing protocols (e.g., what normalisation method has been used to obtain the final processed data)

For more details, see MIAME 2.0.

But it didn't stop with MIAME!

- Minimal Information About T Cell Assays (MIATA)
- Minimal Information Required in the Annotation of biochemical Models (MIRIAM)
- MINImal MEtagemome Sequence analysis Standard (MINIMESS)
- Minimal Information Specification For In Situ Hybridization and Immunohistochemistry Experiments (MISFISHIE)

These are exactly the kinds of community standards that we need to structure metadata!

Two kinds of community standards that guide the authoring of scientific metadata

- Ontologies: Collections of standard terms for salient entities in a discipline (e.g., Gene Ontology, International Classification of Diseases)
- 2. Reporting Guidelines: Enumerations of those aspects of a class of experiment that useful metadata need to mention (e.g., Minimum Information About a Microrray Experiment; MIAME)



BioSample Human



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The CEDAR Workbench



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CEDAR Metadata Editor in the **Open Science Framework** Web Platform

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Human BioMolecular Atlas Program

Screenshot

An open, global atlas of the human body at the cellular level

The HuBMAP Data Portal is the central resource for discovery, visualization, and download of single-cell tissue data generated by the consortium. A standardized data curation and processing workflow ensure that only high quality is released.

Navigate healthy human cells with the Common Coordinate Framework

Interact with the human body data with the Anatomical Structures, Cell Types and Biomarkers (ASCT+B) Tables and CCF Ontology. Also explore two user interfaces: the Registration User Interface (RUI) for tissue data registration and Exploration User Interface (EUI) for semantic and spatial data.

Get Started





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Spreadsheets can't enforce adherence to standards

- Spreadsheets are prone to errors, such as missing fields and formatting problems
- Validation features in tools such as Excel are limited, allowing users to enter erroneous information
- Metadata ingestion processes based on spreadsheets need to anticipate and rectify such errors

Our Solution: A CEDAR-based approach that ...

- Facilitates high-quality metadata creation and validation when using spreadsheets
- Takes advantage of:
 - CEDAR's library of customizable metadata templates for reporting guidelines
 - Established controlled terminologies and ontologies

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Upload and submit your spreadsheet file to validate the metadata records





Overview

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GENERATE NEW SPREADSHEET



20 metadata records were found in the spreadsheet.

General Spreadsheet is uploaded from: /Users/johardi/Documents/Experiment/2022-08-31_SampleData.xlsx
 General Spreadsheet is validated against CEDAR template: Sample Section Specification v2.2



Validation Summary

The validity of a metadata record is measured by two metrics: completeness and adherence.

Completeness measures the presence of all required values in the metadata record defined by the metadata specification.

Adherence measures the conformance of the stated value in the metadata field to the data type defined by the metadata specification.

A metadata record is called invalid when errors were found in its value using these two metrics.



Analysis: Missing Values

Evaluating 20 metadata records for missing values in the spreadsheet.





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Analysis: Invalid Value Types

Evaluating 20 metadata records for invalid value types in the spreadsheet.

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Field name	Error flag	# of invalid metadata records
source_storage_time_unit	Value is not a standard term	9 <mark>11</mark>
preparation_medium	Value is not a standard term	9 <mark>11</mark>
processing_time_unit	Value is not a standard term	9 <mark>11</mark>
source_storage_time_value	Value is not a number	5 <mark></mark>
processing_time_value	Value is not a number	5 <mark></mark>
histological_report	Value is not a string	5 <mark></mark>
area_value	Value is not a number	<mark>4 1</mark> 6



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Types of Error

Value is not a standard term Value is not a number Value is not a string

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Repair Invalid Value Types

46 values are not in accordance with the metadata specification.

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(i) Spreadsheet is validated against CEDAR template: Sample Section Specification v2.2

INSTRUCTION: Select an issue below and fix the data type error on the given metadata records. A table will appear once you make the selection to perform the repair.



Technology for better metadata

- **1. CEDAR Workbench:** An editor that helps researchers to create standards-compliant metadata from
 - Ontologies
 - Reporting guidelines
- 2. CEDAR Metadata Validator: A system that validates spreadsheet-entered metadata against CEDAR templates

A metadata template ...

- Serves as a knowledge base of a scientific community's metadata preferences
- Captures those preferences in a *reusable, standardized form*
- Can be used by *people* to review, enhance, or build on those preferences
- Can be accessed by *machines* to assist in a variety of tasks



Metadata for Machines Workshops

- Are intensive 1–3 day invited, highly participatory sessions
- Historically, have been hosted by the GO FAIR Organization
- Lead groups of scientists to consensus regarding
 - Ontologies
 - Reporting guidelines
 - for different
 - Areas of science
 - Classes of experiments
- Ultimately result in new CEDAR metadata templates



The Netherlands Organization for Health Research and Development

- Has hosted Metadata for Machines workshops to develop metadata templates and controlled terminologies needed for all its funded research related to COVID
- Uses CEDAR to create the metadata templates during the workshops
- Mandates the use of these metadata templates *as a condition of funding*
- Is now expanding the use of M4Ms and standardized metadata into other areas of research that it supports



Building a CEDAR metadata template



CEDAR metadata templates communicate community standards in a reusable manner

- Capture knowledge of a professional community in machinereadable form (in our case, knowledge of preferred metadata standards)
- Help the community to codify its knowledge in a public, inspectable, editable place
- Ideally, can plug-and-play with a variety of software systems
- Allow the community—and others outside the community to reuse the knowledge over and over again

A CEDAR templates are like cartridges that can plug into a variety of applications to communicate preferences regarding community-based metadata standards.



Making data FAIR requires good metadata; making good metadata requires:

- Community-endorsed metadata standards for all areas of science
- Technology
 - Like CEDAR,

to help create standards-adherent metadata in the first place

- Like the CEDAR Metadata Validator to help improve metadata entered from spreadsheets
- A concerted effort on the part of funders, publishers, professional societies, and investigators to stimulate the creation of the standards needed to advance science

Data will not be FAIR until ...

- Funding agencies enforce their requirements
- Publishers demand it
- Investigators feel peer pressure
- Academic institutions deem the sharing of FAIR data to be an essential component of scholarship
- Professional societies take the lead in developing community-based standards for their constituencies

← BioSample Human

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Value

In the meantime, semantic technology remains the key to

- Making data FAIR
- Enabling third parties to find and access other people's data
- Making new discoveries through data reuse

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