Minimal Metadata Standards and MIIDI Reports

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Dryad metadata

- At present, Dryad imposes minimal metadata requirements
- The DataCite Mandatory Metadata Properties required for DOI assignment:
  - Identifier (the DOI)
  - Creator (i.e. authors)
  - Title
  - Publisher (i.e. repository name “Dryad Data Repository”)
  - Publication Year
- Since a Dryad title is “Data from *Journal Article Title*”, and this and the authors’ names are harvested automatically from the journal, nothing extra is required
- In Work Package 5 of the Dryad-UK Project “Metadata standards for data annotation, deposition and citation”, we set out to investigate whether we could enable the creation of richer metadata without too much effort, providing better data descriptions that would assist discovery and reuse
- We also wanted to enable the publication of Dryad metadata as Open Linked Data, encoded in RDF, the machine-readable data description language used on the Web
- The particular focus for enhanced metadata was infectious disease data
Mapping DataCite metadata to RDF

- Using appropriate ontology elements, from
  - from standard vocabularies - Dublin Core, FOAF, FRBR and PRISM
  - from our SPAR ontologies CiTO, CiTO4Data and FaBiO
  - and adding two missing properties in a new DataCite Ontology

Silvio Peroni and I mapped all the metadata elements defined in the DataCite Metadata Kernel v2.0 (Jan 2011) to RDF

- This mapping document is available at [http://bit.ly/jG0wt1](http://bit.ly/jG0wt1)

- We also created exemplar mappings of Dryad metadata to RDF, shown in a document **RDF for a Dryad repository holding, using DataCite terms**


- It would be good if Dryad could start to embed such RDF metadata in its landing pages as RDFa, so that it could enter the web of open linked data
RDF for a Dryad data package, using DataCite terms

<http://datadryad.org/handle/10255/dryad.8684> # The Dryad data package
dctersms:bibliographicCitation "Vijendravarma RK, Narasimha S, Kawecki TJ (2011) Data from: Plastic and evolutionary responses of cell size and number to larval malnutrition in Drosophila melanogaster. Dryad Digital Repository. 10.5061/dryad.8684";
datacite:hasPrimaryIdentifier [ a prism:doi ;
    literal:hasLiteralValue "10.5061/dryad.8684" ];
datacite:hasAlternateIdentifier [ a fabio:hasHandle ;
    literal:hasLiteralValue "10255/dryad.8684" ];
dctersms:creator [ a foaf:Person ; foaf:name "Vijendravarma, Roshan K" ];
dctersms:creator [ a foaf:Person ; foaf:name "Narasimha, Sunitha" ];
dctersms:creator [ a foaf:Person ; foaf:name "Kawecki, Tadeusz J" ];
dctersms:title "Data from: Plastic and evolutionary responses of cell size and number to larval malnutrition in Drosophila melanogaster";
dctersms:publisher [ a foaf:Organization ;
    foaf:name "Dryad Data Repository" ;
    foaf:homepage <http://datadryad.org/> ];
fabio:hasPublicationYear "2011"^^xsd:gYear ;
datacite:hasRelatedIdentifier [ a prism:doi ;
    literal:hasLiteralValue "10.1111/j.1420-9101.2010.02225.x" ; # DOI of the related journal article
Impact of Environment and Social Gradient on *Leptospira* Infection in Urban Slums


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Abstract

Leptospirosis has become an urban health problem as slum settlements have expanded worldwide. Efforts to identify interventions for urban leptospirosis have been hampered by the lack of population-based information on *Leptospira* transmission determinants. The aim of the study was to estimate the prevalence of *Leptospira* infection and identify risk factors for infection in the urban slum setting.

Methods and Findings

We performed a community-based survey of 3,171 slum residents from Salvador, Brazil. *Leptospira* agglutinating antibodies were measured as a marker for prior infection. Poisson regression models evaluated the association between the presence of *Leptospira* antibodies and environmental attributes obtained from Geographical Information System surveys and indicators of socioeconomic status and exposures for individuals. Overall prevalence of *Leptospira* antibodies was 15.4% (95% confidence interval [CI], 14.0–16.8). Households of subjects with *Leptospira* antibodies clustered in squatter areas at the bottom of valleys. The risk of acquiring *Leptospira*
Factual metadata in the Study Summary

**Study Summary**

Infectious disease studied: Leptospirosis
Pathogen (causative agent of disease): Various species of the *Leptospira* spirochete bacterium
Primary animal vector of disease pathogen: Rat (*Rattus norvegicus*)
Pathogen host subjected to study: Human (*Homo sapiens*)
Number of subject individuals in study: 3,171
Number of control individuals in study: None. This was a whole population study
Indicator of infection: Presence of *Leptospira* agglutinating antibodies in blood
Assay used: Microscopic agglutination test (MAT)
Location of study site (place name): Pau da Lima, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil
Northern limit of study site: 12 degrees 55 minutes 15.20 second South
Southern limit of study site: 12 degrees 55 minutes 42.90 second South
Eastern limit of study site: 38 degrees 25 minutes 51.20 seconds West
Western limit of study site: 38 degrees 26 minutes 26.70 seconds West
Starting date of study: April 2003
Ending date of study: May 2004
The problem with this summary is that

- it is hand-crafted by a single individual
- it is not backed by any recognised metadata standard
- it is only human-readable, lacking an ontology-based machine-readable RDF representation
MIIDI

- MIIDI is a Minimal Information standard for reporting an Infectious Disease Investigation
  - A standard to formalise the Document Summary of Reis et al. 2008
- An international MIIDI workshop in September 2009 led to an initial draft
- In January 2011, Tanya Gray started work to develop MIIDI properly
- The MIIDI standard can be used both to create structured digital abstracts for journal articles, such as that by Reis et al., and also to describe data sets, mathematical models, experimental workflows and software relevant to an infections disease investigation, to accompany Dryad submissions
- Because the range of infectious disease investigations is large, MIIDI is specifically designed to deal with a diversity of investigation types and a variety of study types
  - It does so using the ISA – Investigation, Study, Assay hierarchy
Developing MIIDI

- The September 2009 MIIDI draft was just a simple textual description

- On 31 January 2011, Tanya Gray started work with me, funded by the JISC Dryad-UK Project

- Her first activity was to develop MIIDI into a validated XML data model

- She then used Orbeon Forms to create a MIIDI Form based on the model, that permits easy Web metadata entry conforming to the MIIDI standard

- To permit encoding of MIIDI terms in RDF, we have mapped them to appropriate ontologies, including

  - the SPAR (Semantic Publishing and Referencing) Ontologies, and
  - IDO, the Infectious Disease Ontology
The MIIDI XML data model
Input Form for creating a MIIDI Report

Clicking on this link will delete all entered data!

Reset Form

View Report

Open an Existing Report

Save Your Report

Provenance

The provenance of this MIIDI report

As author of this MIIDI report you need only enter this information once. Having done so, save the partially completed MIIDI Report as a filename (e.g. MyMIIDITemplate.xml). Then open a copy of this template and save it with a new file name for each MIIDI Report you wish to create.

Your Academic Title

Your First Name

Your Family Name

Your professional e-mail address

Your present academic position at this institution (job title)
Advantages of the MIIDI metadata entry form

- The form is created directly from the XML data model
- A user fills in the MIIDI Form in a web browser at http://www.miidi.org:8080/input-form/
- The form can be customized for that user, so that personal metadata need only be entered once
- The user can save a MIIDI Report at any stage and complete it later
- The MIIDI Form eases the task of metadata creation by using a number of web services that provide metadata look-up, returning
  - bibliographic metadata in response to an input DOI or PubMed ID
  - geo-coordinates from a location on Google Maps, and
  - formal biomedical ontology terms via the BioPortal API
- The completed MIIDI Report is saved in XML, and can also be output in HTML, RDF/XML, JSON, Turtle and other RDF serializations
‘Investigation’ section of the MIIDI Report for Reis et al. 2008

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### Research Investigation

#### Investigation details

**Title of funded research project**
- Salvador Leptospirosis Study 2003-2004

**URL for funded research project**

**Purpose of investigation**
- To determine the social and environmental risk factors for contracting leptospirosis in an urban slum

**Principal Investigator**

**Name**
- First name(s) or initials: Albert
- Family Name: Ko
‘Output’ section of the MIIDI Report for Reis et al. 2008

Please describe one or more scholarly outputs (Research Objects) arising from the investigation

Choose one from Journal article, dataset, computer program, mathematical model or project report

Please click on a button to display the corresponding input fields:

- Journal article
- Project report
- Data entity
- Computer program
- Mathematical model
- Experimental protocol or workflow

Information about the journal article described in this MIIDI Report

Article Identifiers

DOI
10.1371/journal.pntd.0000228

Click on the “Retrieve bibliographic details” button if you wish to retrieve full bibliographic information for this article from the Web automatically populated.

Retrieve bibliographic details

PubMed ID
18431445

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Bibliographic Information

Bibliographic Citation

Abstract
Background: Leptospirosis has become an urban health problem as slum settlements have expanded worldwide. Efforts to identify interventions for urban leptospirosis have been hampered by the lack of population-based information on Leptospira transmission

View NCBO ontology terms identified in the abstract text
MIIDI Reports and Dryad

- Dryad now has a small but increasing number of affiliated infectious disease journals
- MIIDI Reports can now be used to create rich metadata for Dryad data submissions of infectious disease datasets
- Indeed, a MIIDI Report can describe the research investigation that has led both to the journal article and its associated Dryad datasets

Outstanding questions:

- Is the metadata content rich enough?
- Is the form too complex and time-consuming?
- Can we persuade authors to complete MIIDI Reports?
- Do we need paid curators to do this work?
- What added value will such metadata bring?
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The problem of access to the biomedical literature

- The free access to biomedical journals in developing countries offered by the HINARI Programme, set up in 2002 by WHO together with major publishers, is at risk.

The Lancet Editorial, 22 January 2011:

DOI:10.1016/S0140-6736(11)60066-4

- “When news came last week that several large publishers—including Elsevier (our publisher), Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, and Springer—had withdrawn journals from HINARI’s Bangladesh programme (and other countries too, such as Kenya and Nigeria), there was a collective cry of betrayal.”

- “Elsevier says that Bangladesh is a country that could move to a ‘discounted commercial agreement’, and that there will be other countries too.”

- “Our view is that any country designated as “low human development” by the UN justifies a clear and unambiguous commitment by all publishers to full and free access to research results through HINARI.”
The vision: Open Research Reports

- The pre-existing ideas
  - of a structured digital abstract to encapsulate the basic facts in an infectious disease article,
  - of the MIIDI metadata standard to guide its encoding

- led to the first articulation of the vision for Open Research Reports
  - in January 2011, following the ‘Beyond the PDF’ meeting in San Diego, while discussing the *Lancet* editorial over dinner with Leslie Chan, Cameron Neylon and Peter Murray Rust

1. To get experts to create Open Research Reports for papers they read
   - employing a tool they find easy to use, in a way that creates annotations that are also useful for their own personal use

2. To publish these reports in a subscription-free open access journal
   - bringing the authors academic credit for a citable mini-publication

3. To tackle first the most cited papers for major infectious diseases