

Resource Summary Report

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Phenoscape Knowledgebase

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Resource Information

URL: <http://kb.phenoscape.org/>

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Description: Knowledgebase that uses ontologies to integrate phenotypic data from genetic studies of zebrafish with evolutionary variable phenotypes from the systematic literature of ostariophysan fishes. Users can explore the data by searching for anatomical terms, taxa, or gene names. The expert system enables the broad scale analysis of phenotypic variation across taxa and the co-analysis of these evolutionarily variable features with the phenotypic mutants of model organisms. The Knowledgebase currently contains 565,158 phenotype statements about 2,527 taxa, sourced from 57 publications, as well as 38,189 phenotype statements about 4,727 genes, retrieved from ZFIN. 2013-01-26.

Abbreviations: Phenoscape Knowledgebase

Resource Type: data or information resource, database

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Phenoscape Knowledgebase.

No alerts have been found for Phenoscape Knowledgebase.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 14 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [ASWG](#) .

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