

# Resource Summary Report

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## STEPS

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### Proper Citation

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### Resource Information

**URL:** <http://steps.sourceforge.net/STEPS/default.php>

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**Description:** STEPS is a package for exact stochastic simulation of reaction-diffusion systems in realistic, complex 3D geometries. Our core simulation algorithm is an efficient implementation of a variation on Gillespie's SSA, extended to deal with diffusion of molecules over the elements of a 3D tetrahedral mesh. While it was mainly developed for simulating detailed models of neuronal signaling pathways in dendrites and around synapses, it is a general tool and can be used for studying any biochemical pathway in which spatial gradients and morphology are thought to play a role. We have implemented STEPS as a set of Python modules, which means STEPS users can use Python scripts to control all aspects of setting up the model, generating a mesh, controlling the simulation and generating and analyzing output. The core computational routines are still implemented as C/C++ extension modules for maximal speed of execution.

**Abbreviations:** STEPS

**Synonyms:** STochastic Engine For Pathway Simulation

**Resource Type:** simulation software, software resource, software application

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## Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for STEPS.

No alerts have been found for STEPS.

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## Data and Source Information

**Source:** [SciCrunch Registry](#)

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## Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 336 mentions in open access literature.

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

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