

Resource Summary Report

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BioSample Database at EBI

RRID:SCR_004856

Type: Tool

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/biosamples/>

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Description: Database that aggregates sample information for reference samples (e.g. Coriell Cell lines) and samples for which data exist in one of the EBI's assay databases such as ArrayExpress, the European Nucleotide Archive or PRoteomics Identificates DatabasE. It provides links to assays for specific samples, and accepts direct submissions of sample information. The goals of the BioSample Database include: # recording and linking of sample information consistently within EBI databases such as ENA, ArrayExpress and PRIDE; # minimizing data entry efforts for EBI database submitters by enabling submitting sample descriptions once and referencing them later in data submissions to assay databases and # supporting cross database queries by sample characteristics. The database includes a growing set of reference samples, such as cell lines, which are repeatedly used in experiments and can be easily referenced from any database by their accession numbers. Accession numbers for the reference samples will be exchanged with a similar database at NCBI. The samples in the database can be queried by their attributes, such as sample types, disease names or sample providers. A simple tab-delimited format facilitates submissions of sample information to the database, initially via email to biosamples (at) ebi.ac.uk. Current data sources: * European Nucleotide Archive (424,811 samples) * PRIDE (17,001 samples) * ArrayExpress (1,187,884 samples) * ENCODE cell lines (119 samples) * CORIELL cell lines (27,002 samples) * Thousand Genome (2,628 samples) * HapMap (1,417 samples) * IMSR (248,660 samples)

Abbreviations: BioSD

Synonyms: BioSamples database, BioSamples, BioSamples Database at EBI, BioSample Database at the EBI, EBI BioSample Database, BioSample Database, BioSD at EBI, BioSD - BioSample Database

Resource Type: data or information resource, database

Defining Citation: [PMID:22096232](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/22096232/)

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Alternate IDs: biotools:biosamples, r3d100012628, OMICS_01025, nlx_143930

Alternate URLs: <https://bio.tools/biosamples>, <https://doi.org/10.17616/R37R3P>

Record Creation Time: 20220129T080226+0000

Record Last Update: 20260905T133126+0000

Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for BioSample Database at EBI.

No alerts have been found for BioSample Database at EBI.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](https://www.biocrunch.org/)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 16 mentions in open access literature.

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

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