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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.obofoundry.org/ontology/pato.html>

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Description: Ontology of phenotypic qualities, intended for use in a number of applications, primarily defining composite phenotypes and phenotype annotation. The new PATO differs from the old in that the system of attributes and values has been abandoned in favor of a single hierarchy of qualities. PATO is designed to be used in conjunction with ontologies of quality-bearing entities. An example of such an entity is an insect eye (taken from the fly_anatomy ontology), which could be the bearer of the quality "red" (PATO:0000322). This combination is the red eye phenotype. We say that the phenotype term is "post-coordinated", as it is formed by coordinating two terms together. This is in contrast to ontologies of pre-coordinated phenotypes, such as the Mammalian Phenotype (MP) ontology. PATO is independent of any exchange format or database schema. One way of expressing phenotype annotation using PATO is pheno-syntax, or pheno-xml. They will also post recommendations for representing phenotypes using OWL. All representations share the same basic formal underpinnings, a combination of quality-bearing entity and a quality (the EQ model).

Abbreviations: PATO

Synonyms: PATO - Phenotypic Quality Ontology, Phenotype and Trait Ontology, Phenotypic Quality Ontology

Resource Type: controlled vocabulary, data or information resource, ontology

Keywords: plant trait, mammalian, phenotype, obo, quality, phenotypic quality

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for PATO.

No alerts have been found for PATO.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 31 mentions in open access literature.

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

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