

Resource Summary Report

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Ontology for Biomedical Investigations

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Resource Information

URL: <http://obi-ontology.org/>

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Description: An ontology for the description of biological and clinical investigations built with international, collaborative effort. The ontology represents the design of an investigation, the protocols and instrumentation used, the material used, the data generated and the type analysis performed on it. This includes a set of universal terms that are applicable across various biological and technological domains, and domain-specific terms relevant only to a given domain. Currently OBI is being built under the Basic Formal Ontology (BFO). This project was formerly titled the Functional Genomics Investigation Ontology (FuGO) project.

Abbreviations: OBI

Synonyms: OBI Ontology

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

Defining Citation: [PMID:20626927](#)

Keywords: life-science, clinical, investigation, biomedical, protocol, instrumentation, experiment, biology, owl, molecular, cellular, organismal, multi-organismal

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Ontology for Biomedical Investigations.

No alerts have been found for Ontology for Biomedical Investigations.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 21 mentions in open access literature.

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

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