# Metadata and Data Standards for NIDDK Research Data -The ATLAS-D2K Experience

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## The ATLAS-D2K Center

A kidney and lower urinary tractfocused data discovery hub with access to visualizations and analysis tools.

Bringing GUDMAP & RBK data under one ATLAS that embraces open science and provides links to related consortiums.





### **Overall Aims:**







Our long-term goal is to bring complex data into an accessible form for our research community. Establish connections between molecular data of kidney and lower urinary tract present in GUDMAP, RBK, KPMP, HuBMAP, and the HCA. Enable researchers of various levels of experience by providing tools to interact with the data.

### GenitoUrinary Development Molecular Anatomy Project (GUDMAP) & (Re)Building a Kidney (RBK): Overview

**Overarching Program Goal:** 

- **GUDMAP:** high resolution molecular anatomy of the developing and mature genitourinary system (mouse, human, rat, dog)
- **RBK:** optimize differentiation of human kidney cell types in defined structures, and determine methods to promote kidney repair, to generate or repair nephrons that can function within the kidney (human, human iPSCs, zebrafish)

Number of investigators involved: GUDMAP: 9 RBK: 25

<u>Technology Focus</u>: array of gene expression techniques on tissues, differentiation of stem cells, a range of imaging techniques

<u>Current Gaps</u>? robust anatomical ontologies broadly implemented, metadata standardization, interactive tools for data analysis/data annotation (e.g., cluster data)

# ATLAS-D2K Research goals



#### Example queries:

a) scRNA-Seq data analysis (rookie/veteran)b) GWAS gene list mapped to expression.

Graphical Tools for Genitourinary Data

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Integrating molecular and imaging data

Establishing reference datasets

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Data harmonization across consortiums

Bioinformatic pipelines and visualization tools

# Ontologies and controlled vocabularies

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### Boolean Search on Scored Expression

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# Anatomical annotation using established terms

Manual annotation of structures

Links to other data through anatomy



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  - Uberon multi-species anatomy ontology
  - The Cell Ontology

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- Healthy adult human tissue focus in HuBMAP ASCT+B Tables
  - Data-driven effort lead by Sanjay and enhanced by many.

Recommendation:

Select a source of anatomical and cell type terms that fit your research, use them as a standard, and capture the source of those terms from established ontologies.

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# Data Curation/Interaction UI: Gene

Direct to expression data associated with this gene

Search for presence of different types of expression data, scored exp. region, etc.



Direct to different specimens associated with this gene

### Normal anatomical and structural changes

### **3-D** Mapping of Tissues



### GUDMAP

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#### Recommendations:

- 1. Develop a plan to capture biosample metadata and protocol with the sequencing data.
- 2. Capture and associate biosamples metadata and consolidate on a lossless image file standard.

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## mRNA-Seq Reanalysis Progress

# Studies		# Experiments		# Replicates	# Files
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Execution Status	C	ount (# Replicates)		Description	
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#### After a few rounds of resolution and execution

Success	- 549 mRNA-Seq replicates (45 studies) - Re-labeled 3 mRNA-Seq replicates to ChiP-Seq (1 study)
Outstanding issues	<ul> <li>Missing files: 3 replicates</li> <li>Conflicting files: 50 replicates (3 studies)</li> </ul>
As of 08/10/2021	Malladi & Henry, UT Southwesterr

### mRNA-Seq QC, Processed Files, and Visualization



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https://www.gudmap.org/id/Q-Y4GY

Summary

Experiment (5

mRNA QC (15)

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#### **Recommendations:**

- 1. Consider asking your core to use programmatically published base processing pipelines.
- 2. Publish these AND analysis code to a coding repository. (Contemporaneous documentation saves time later.)
- 3. Consider what intermediate layers should be protected (RAW versus counts).
- 4. Publish analysis intermediates.

# ATLAS-D2K Team





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