

ONTOLOGY CONCEPTUALIZATION – ASSIGNMENT 1

Ontology creation involves a series of subsequent iterative steps for correct modelling. In this initial stage of the process of ontology creation is the ORSD (Ontology Requirements Specification Document), where one should decide what the ontology **final objective** is, the **concepts** it will cover and how they will be **applied** through defining **domain** and **scope** of the ontology, all while specifying **how detailed** the ontology will be depending on the project configuration. For this step it is critical to generate an approximate outlook of the problem through expert knowledge of the fields involved in it.

Ontology Requirements Specification Document	
1	Purpose
	In the present work we propose the ontology Open Bacterial Ontology for Infectious diseases, O(h)BOI! , that will create a knowledge model base around human bacteria-caused infectious diseases comprising medical, epidemiological, microbiological and molecular data. To this end, this ontology is intended to be useful as means of surveillance in case of the rise of an epidemic . Having epidemiological data linked to molecular data present in pathogens and underlying disease pathogenesis will help fasten tracing data and predicting patterns in the progression of an epidemic or a specific disease. An initiative of bacterial emergence control through computational approaches is decisive and urgent, especially in the current state of affairs where bacterial resistance to antibiotics threatens to cause a global crisis across public health, economy, and ecology.
2	Scope
	<p>The scope can be defined by functional requirements, in turn determined by the Competency Questions (CQ) through SPARQL queries that we expect our ontology to answer in the knowledge domains of our ontology.</p> <p>This ontology represents information from microbial phenotypes and metabolism associated to bacterial pathogens, as well as pathogenesis mechanisms, transmission and resistance status to treatments. It also represents approved treatment practices and symptomatology of infectious diseases along with the pathways that are affected in it. Some markers and chemical information about drugs and toxins combined with epidemiological history/ databases/clinical assays and geographical knowledge.</p>
3	Implementation Language (optional)
	Ontology Web Language RDF/XML
4	Intended End-Users (optional)
	<p>Epidemiological experts in Public Health Organizations</p> <p>Physicians (internists, general medicine practitioners, public health specialists...)</p> <p>Scientists such as microbiologists and biochemists for research uses</p> <p>Bioinformaticians</p> <p>Pharmacologists</p>
5	Intended Uses

	<p>Decision making in infectious emergent disease control strategy, plan, and action specification.</p> <p>Basic medical practice decision making support.</p> <p>Research purposes in microbiology, epidemiology or pharmacology.</p>
6	Ontology Requirements
	a. Non-Functional Requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontology should be written in English • It will have a free open-access license
	b. Functional Requirements: Lists or tables of requirements written as Competency Questions and sentences
	<p><u>Competency Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What pathogens cause Y infection? • What treatment (if existing) is approved for X infectious disease in Z country? • Is there any antitoxin for a specific bacteria toxin? • Is there any antibiotic to treat X disease? What is the antibiotic mechanism? • How is the disease X transmitted? • What is the prevalence of for X disease in Z country at a specific U time? • In which city C were the first cases of a disease X reported? • Which organs and pathways are affected by a disease? • What is the phenotype P of the organism that is causing the disease? • Which symptoms S are associated with a disease X? <hr/> <p><u>Natural Language Requirements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A city belongs to a country. • A country can only have a single capital. • A country can have a border with one or more countries. It can also lack borders with other countries (in the case of island-like isolated countries). • If a country X has a border with a country Y, country Y will also have a border with X. It is a symmetric property. The range and domain of the property hasBordersWith are a country. • A country can belong to one or more continents (e.g., France belongs to Europe and South America as it has French Guiana). • Belong to is not a transitive property as a city will not always belong to all the continents that its country belongs to (e.g, Paris belongs to France and Europe, but not to South America). • An antibiotic can be commercialized by one or more companies. • An infectious disease can have one or more disease infectious agents and zero or more treatments, one or more organs affected, cause zero or more symptoms, one or more pathways affected, one or more mechanisms of pathogenesis. A drug can be directed to one or more pathogens or one or more symptoms. • An infectious disease can affect an organ(s) and/or a pathway(s). • An organ can be a part of (a) system(s) (<i>isPartOf</i>) or can be a component of a system (<i>isComponentOf</i>). These properties are equivalent. • Pathogens are equivalent to bacteria that cause at least one disease. • Pathogen and a non-pathogen are disjoint classes. • A non-pathogen is the complement of a pathogen. • Bacteria have phenotypes (metabolism, staining and morphology).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All bacteria that are not Gram + or Gram - stained, belong to the class Gram variable. • A Gram variable staining bacterial phenotype is equivalent to a Gram indetermined staining bacterial phenotype. • Gram +, Gram variable and Gram - staining classes are disjoint classes, their union conforms the Staining class (exhaustive disjoint). • A coccobacilli class is the intersection between cocci and bacilli morphology cell shape classes. • Bacteria that are not cocci or bacilli have a irregular shape. They are disjoint classes. • A bacteria can have an ObligateAerobe or Microaerophile classes of Aerobic oxygen requirements, and they can also have ObligateAnaerobe, AerotolerantAnaerobe and a FacultativeAerobe classes of Anaerobic oxygen requirements. The Anaerobic and the Aerobic classes are disjoint classes, and their union conforms the OxygenRequirement class. • Prescription (e.g. drugs) and Medical Practice (e.g. protocols, medical procedures, interventions...) are disjoint classes, and their union together conforms the Treatment class (exhaustive disjoint). • Drugs have an Accession Number that identifies them in the DrugBank database. • All Drugs are Compounds. • Both antibiotics and antitoxins are drugs. • Compounds are small molecules that have a chemical formula, a canonical smiles code that identifies them and a molecular mass weight. • Bacterial genes encode proteins that can be toxins. However, not all toxins are proteins. • Toxins can be endotoxins or exotoxins (disjoint classes) depending of whether they are secreted from the bacteria or not, and their union conforms the toxin class (exhaustive disjoint). • Enterotoxins are exotoxins that affect the intestine or the stomach. • All genes have a symbol (string) and a location in the genome (string as it can contain the position and the chromosome/plasmid) • The length of a protein is the number of amino acids of its primary sequence. • Toxins have targets that can participate in the host metabolic pathways. • Antitoxins are designed to neutralize toxins. • Antibiotics have a mechanism of action associated (or more than one).
7	Pre-Glossary of Terms (optional)
	a. Terms from Competency Questions
	Infectious Disease, Treatment, Bacteria, Pathogen, Non-pathogen, Infectious agent, Gram +, Gram variant, Gram indetermined, Gram -, Drugs, Medical Practice, Bacterial Phenotype, Antibiotic, Anti-toxin, Prevalence, City, Country, Continent, Pathogenesis mechanism, Symptoms, Organ, Pathway...
	b. Terms from Answers
	Treatment, Pathogen, Bacterial Phenotype, Antibiotic, Anti-toxin, Prevalence, City, Country, Symptoms, Organ, Pathway...
	c. Objects

	<i>hasAffected, hasBordersWith, hasPathogenesisMechanism, hasApproved, hasManifestationOf, isManifestedIn, hasPhenotype, hasMorphology, hasMetabolism, Causes, IsCausedBy, hasCapital, isCapitalOf, belongsTo, isLocatedIn, hasFirstCaseReported...</i>
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