

GCS JSON to Database Storage Pipeline

Complete Technical Guide: From Normalized JSON to Database Records

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1. Overview

1.1 Process Summary

```
Normalized JSON (in GCS)
  ↓
Extract Metadata & Biomarkers
  ↓
Create Report Record (reports table)
  ↓
Get report_id
  ↓
Create Biomarker Records (biomarkers table)
  ↓
Return Success
```

1.2 Key Components

Component	Purpose	Location
Normalized JSON	Source data	GCS: <code>users/{nic}/processed/{file_id}_normalized.json</code>
<code>store_normalized_report_to_db()</code>	Main function	<code>app/services/reportService.py</code>
<code>reports</code> table	Report metadata	Supabase PostgreSQL
<code>biomarkers</code> table	Biomarker values	Supabase PostgreSQL

1.3 When This Happens

This process is triggered **automatically** by the background worker after OCR processing:

```
# app/workers/ocr_worker.py
def process_document_worker(gcs_uri, nic, patient_id, file_id):
    # ... OCR and normalization ...

    # 1. Save normalized JSON to GCS
    store_json(nic, f"{file_id}_normalized", normalized_json)

    # 2. Save to Supabase database
    store_normalized_report_to_db(
        patient_id=UUID(patient_id),
        file_id=file_id,
        gcs_path=gcs_uri,
        normalized_json=normalized_json # ← This is the input
    )
```

2. JSON Structure from GCS

2.1 Complete Structure

The normalized JSON stored in GCS has this structure:

```
{
  "patient": {
    "name": "MR S KUMAR",
    "age_years": 62,
    "gender": "Male",
    "ref_doctor": "Dr. Silva",
    "service_ref_no": "CHL000735039"
  },
  "report": {
    "type": "Full Blood Count",
    "sample_collected_at": "2025-06-03T09:10:00",
    "printed_at": "2025-06-03T18:43:00"
  },
  "biomarkers": [
    {
      "name": "WBC",
      "value": 7970.0,
      "unit": "per cu mm",
      "absolute": null,
      "ref_range": [4000.0, 11000.0]
    },
    {
      "name": "Hemoglobin",
      "value": 13.5,
      "unit": "g/dL",
      "absolute": null,
      "ref_range": [12.0, 16.0]
    }
  ]
}
```

```

    "ref_range": [13.0, 17.0]
},
{
  "name": "Platelets",
  "value": 250000.0,
  "unit": "per cu mm",
  "absolute": null,
  "ref_range": [150000.0, 450000.0]
}
]
}

```

2.2 Field Mapping to Database

JSON Path	Database Table	Database Field	Notes
report.type	reports	report_type	Required
report.sample_collected_at	reports	sample_collected_at	Optional, ISO-8601
biomarkers[].name	biomarkers	name	Required
biomarkers[].value	biomarkers	value	Required, numeric
biomarkers[].unit	biomarkers	unit	Optional
biomarkers[].ref_range[0]	biomarkers	ref_min	Optional
biomarkers[].ref_range[1]	biomarkers	ref_max	Optional
biomarkers[].flag	biomarkers	flag	Optional (Lipid reports)

Note: Patient data from JSON is **NOT** stored in database (already exists from registration).

3. Database Schema

3.1 Tables Involved

```

-- Already exists (from patient registration)
patients (
  id uuid PRIMARY KEY,
  full_name text,
  email text,
  nic text,
  ...
)

-- Created by our process
reports (
  id uuid PRIMARY KEY DEFAULT gen_random_uuid(),
  patient_id uuid REFERENCES patients(id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
  file_id text NOT NULL,
  report_type text NOT NULL,
  sample_collected_at timestamp,

```

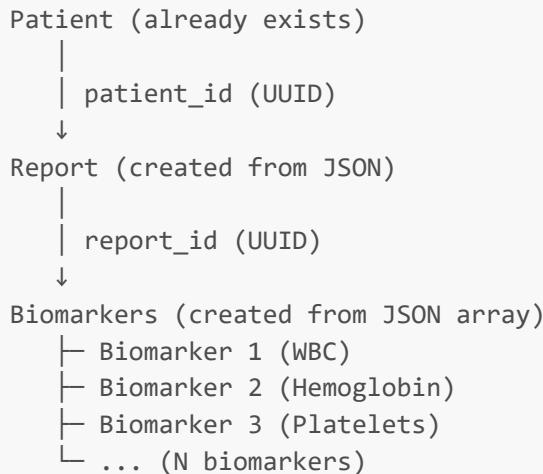
```

gcs_path text,
created_at timestamptz DEFAULT now()
)

-- Created by our process (multiple rows)
biomarkers (
    id uuid PRIMARY KEY DEFAULT gen_random_uuid(),
    report_id uuid REFERENCES reports(id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    name text NOT NULL,
    value numeric NOT NULL,
    unit text,
    ref_min numeric,
    ref_max numeric,
    flag text
)

```

3.2 Relationship Flow



4. Data Extraction Process

4.1 Step-by-Step Extraction

Step 1: Extract Report Metadata

```

# Input: normalized_json
normalized_json = {
    "report": {
        "type": "Full Blood Count",
        "sample_collected_at": "2025-06-03T09:10:00"
    },
    ...
}

# Extract
report_type = normalized_json.get("report_type", "Unknown")

```

```
# Result: "Full Blood Count"

sample_date_str = normalized_json.get("sample_collection_date")
# Result: "2025-06-03T09:10:00"

# Parse to datetime
sample_date = datetime.fromisoformat(sample_date_str)
# Result: datetime object
```

Important: The JSON uses `report.type` and `report.sample_collected_at`, but we extract using different keys for compatibility.

Step 2: Create Report Record

```
# Prepare data
report_data = ReportCreate(
    patient_id=UUID("550e8400-e29b-41d4-a716-446655440000"),
    file_id="abc-123-def-456",
    report_type="Full Blood Count",
    sample_collected_at=datetime(2025, 6, 3, 9, 10, 0),
    gcs_path="gs://bucket/users/199512345678/reports/abc-123.pdf"
)

# Insert to database
response = supabase.table("reports").insert({
    "patient_id": "550e8400-e29b-41d4-a716-446655440000",
    "file_id": "abc-123-def-456",
    "report_type": "Full Blood Count",
    "sample_collected_at": "2025-06-03T09:10:00",
    "gcs_path": "gs://bucket/users/199512345678/reports/abc-123.pdf"
}).execute()

# Get generated report_id
report_id = response.data[0]["id"]
# Result: "a1b2c3d4-e5f6-7890-abcd-ef1234567890"
```

Step 3: Extract Biomarkers Array

```
# Input: normalized_json
biomarkers_data = normalized_json.get("biomarkers", [])

# Result: Array of biomarker objects
[
    {
        "name": "WBC",
        "value": 7970.0,
        "unit": "per cu mm",
        "ref_range": [4000.0, 11000.0]
    },
    {
```

```

        "name": "Hemoglobin",
        "value": 13.5,
        "unit": "g/dL",
        "ref_range": [13.0, 17.0]
    }
]

```

Step 4: Process Each Biomarker

```

for bm in biomarkers_data:
    # Extract fields
    name = bm.get("name", "")           # "WBC"
    value = bm.get("value", 0)          # 7970.0
    unit = bm.get("unit")               # "per cu mm"

    # Handle ref_range array
    ref_range = bm.get("ref_range")     # [4000.0, 11000.0]

    if isinstance(ref_range, list) and len(ref_range) >= 2:
        ref_min = float(ref_range[0])   # 4000.0
        ref_max = float(ref_range[1])   # 11000.0
    else:
        ref_min = None
        ref_max = None

    # Create biomarker object
    biomarker = BiomarkerCreate(
        report_id=UUID(report_id),
        name=name,
        value=float(value),
        unit=unit,
        ref_min=ref_min,
        ref_max=ref_max,
        flag=bm.get("flag")
    )

```

Step 5: Bulk Insert Biomarkers

```

# Prepare array of biomarker data
biomarker_data = [
    {
        "report_id": "a1b2c3d4-...",
        "name": "WBC",
        "value": 7970.0,
        "unit": "per cu mm",
        "ref_min": 4000.0,
        "ref_max": 11000.0,
        "flag": None
    },
    {

```

```

        "report_id": "a1b2c3d4-...",
        "name": "Hemoglobin",
        "value": 13.5,
        "unit": "g/dL",
        "ref_min": 13.0,
        "ref_max": 17.0,
        "flag": None
    }
]

# Bulk insert
response = supabase.table("biomarkers").insert(backend_data).execute()

# Result: Array of created biomarker records with auto-generated IDs

```

5. Storage Implementation

5.1 Main Function (`reportService.py`)

```

def store_normalized_report_to_db(
    patient_id: UUID,
    file_id: str,
    gcs_path: str,
    normalized_json: dict
) -> dict:
    """
    Store normalized report and biomarkers to Supabase.

    Args:
        patient_id: Patient's UUID (from patients table)
        file_id: Unique file identifier (from upload)
        gcs_path: Path to PDF in GCS (gs://bucket/...)
        normalized_json: Normalized medical report JSON (from GCS)

    Returns:
        {
            "success": True/False,
            "data": {
                "report": {...},
                "biomarkers": [...]
            }
        }
    """
    try:
        # STEP 1: Extract report metadata
        report_type = normalized_json.get("report_type", "Unknown")
        sample_date_str = normalized_json.get("sample_collection_date")

        # Parse date if provided
        sample_date = None
        if sample_date_str:
            try:

```

```
sample_date = datetime.fromisoformat(sample_date_str)
except:
    sample_date = None

# STEP 2: Create report record
report_data = ReportCreate(
    patient_id=patient_id,
    file_id=file_id,
    report_type=report_type,
    sample_collected_at=sample_date,
    gcs_path=gcs_path
)

report_result = create_report(report_data)
if not report_result.get("success"):
    return {"success": False, "error": f"Failed to create report: {report_result.get('error')}"}  
report_id = report_result["data"]["id"]

# STEP 3: Extract biomarkers array
biomarkers_data = normalized_json.get("biomarkers", [])

if biomarkers_data:
    biomarkers = []

# STEP 4: Process each biomarker
for bm in biomarkers_data:
    # Safe float conversion
    def safe_float(value):
        if value is None or value == "":
            return None
        try:
            return float(value)
        except (ValueError, TypeError):
            return None

    # Handle ref_range array format
    ref_min = None
    ref_max = None

    if "ref_range" in bm and bm["ref_range"] is not None:
        ref_range = bm["ref_range"]
        if isinstance(ref_range, list) and len(ref_range) >= 2:
            ref_min = safe_float(ref_range[0])
            ref_max = safe_float(ref_range[1])
        else:
            ref_min = safe_float(bm.get("ref_min"))
            ref_max = safe_float(bm.get("ref_max"))

    # Create biomarker
    biomarker = BiomarkerCreate(
        report_id=UUID(report_id),
        name=bm.get("name", ""),
        value=float(bm.get("value", 0)),
```

```

        unit=bm.get("unit"),
        ref_min=ref_min,
        ref_max=ref_max,
        flag=bm.get("flag")
    )
    biomarkers.append( biomarker)

# STEP 5: Bulk insert biomarkers
biomarkers_result = create_biomarkers_bulk(biomarkers)

if not biomarkers_result.get("success"):
    return {
        "success": True,
        "warning": f"Report created but biomarkers failed: {biomarkers_result.get('error')}",
        "data": {
            "report": report_result["data"],
            "biomarkers": []
        }
    }

return {
    "success": True,
    "data": {
        "report": report_result["data"],
        "biomarkers": biomarkers_result["data"]
    }
}

# No biomarkers in JSON
return {
    "success": True,
    "data": {
        "report": report_result["data"],
        "biomarkers": []
    }
}

except Exception as e:
    return {"success": False, "error": str(e)}

```

5.2 Helper Functions

create_report()

```

def create_report(report: ReportCreate) -> dict:
    """Insert report into Supabase"""
    try:
        report_data = {
            "patient_id": str(report.patient_id),
            "file_id": report.file_id,
            "report_type": report.report_type,
            "gcs_path": report.gcs_path,

```

```

    }

    if report.sample_collected_at:
        report_data["sample_collected_at"] =
report.sample_collected_at.isoformat()

    response = supabase.table("reports").insert(report_data).execute()

    if response.data:
        return {"success": True, "data": response.data[0]}
    return {"success": False, "error": "Failed to create report"}
except Exception as e:
    return {"success": False, "error": str(e)}

```

create_biomarkers_bulk()

```

def create_biomarkers_bulk(biomarkers: List[BiomarkerCreate]) -> dict:
    """Insert multiple biomarkers at once"""
    try:
        biomarker_data = []
        for biomarker in biomarkers:
            biomarker_data.append({
                "report_id": str(biomarker.report_id),
                "name": biomarker.name,
                "value": float(biomarker.value),
                "unit": biomarker.unit,
                "ref_min": float(biomarker.ref_min) if biomarker.ref_min is not None
else None,
                "ref_max": float(biomarker.ref_max) if biomarker.ref_max is not None
else None,
                "flag": biomarker.flag
            })
    response = supabase.table("biomarkers").insert(biomarker_data).execute()

    if response.data:
        return {"success": True, "data": response.data, "count":
len(response.data)}
    return {"success": False, "error": "Failed to create biomarkers"}
except Exception as e:
    return {"success": False, "error": str(e)}

```

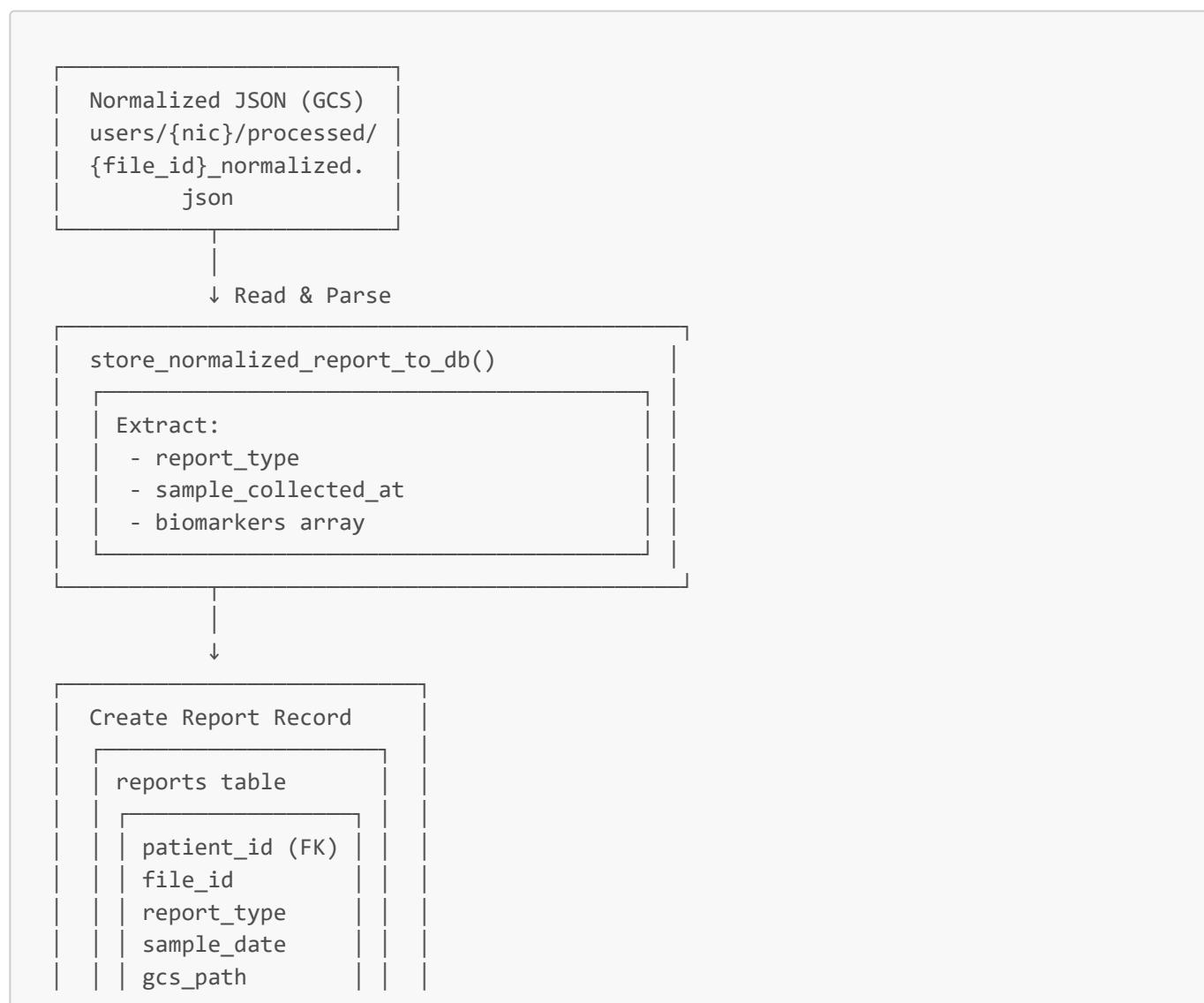
6. Code Flow Analysis

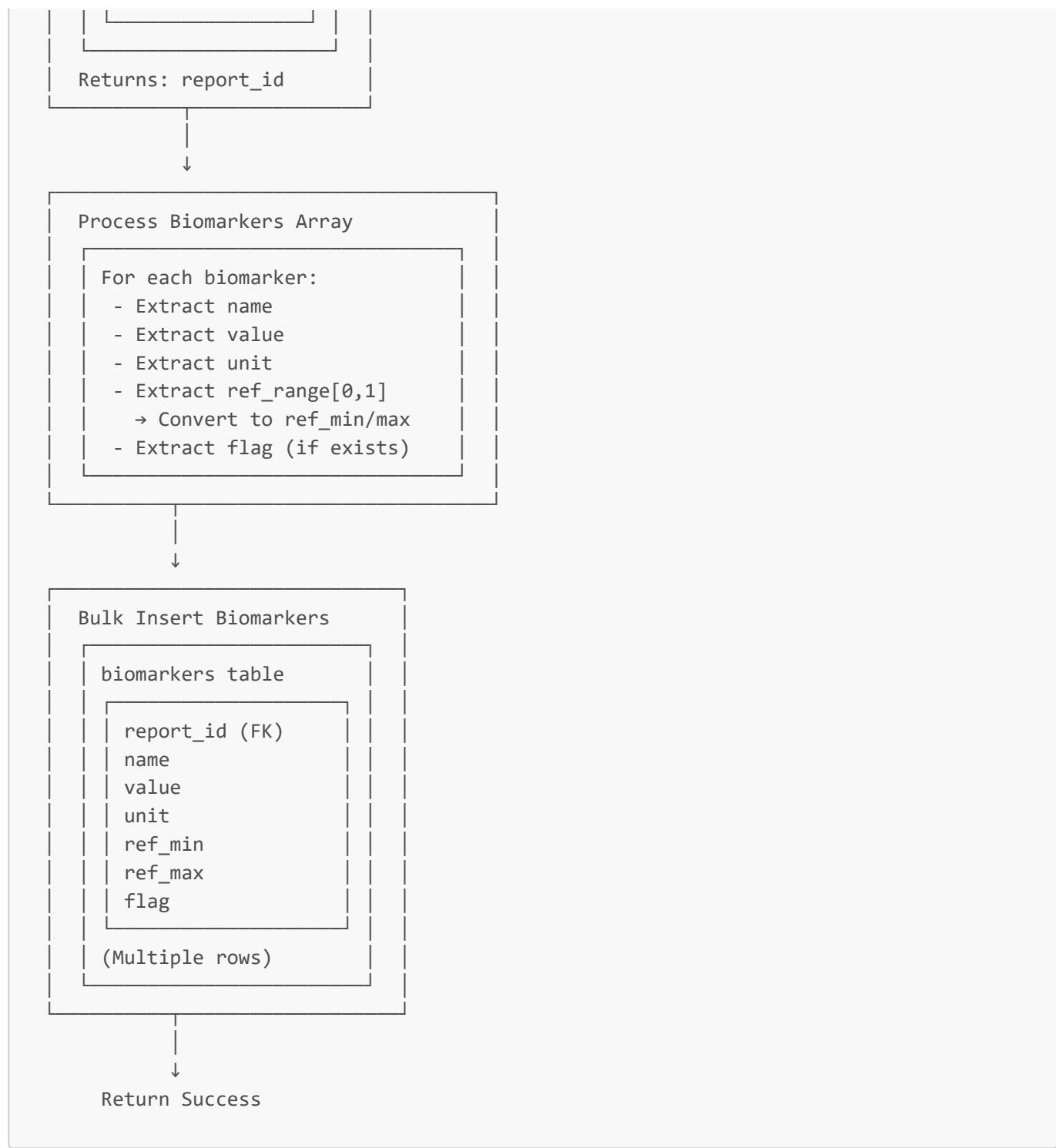
6.1 Complete Call Stack

1. User uploads PDF with NIC
↓
2. API endpoint (reports.py)

- Looks up patient_id from NIC
- Uploads to GCS
- Triggers background worker
- ↓
- 3. Background worker (ocr_worker.py)
 - OCR with Document AI
 - Normalize data
 - Save JSON to GCS
 - Call store_normalized_report_to_db()
- ↓
- 4. store_normalized_report_to_db() (reportService.py)
 - Extract metadata
 - Create report record
 - Get report_id
 - Extract biomarkers
 - Create biomarker records
- ↓
- 5. Database (Supabase)
 - Insert into reports table
 - Insert into biomarkers table
 - Return created records

6.2 Data Flow Diagram





7. Example Walkthroughs

7.1 Example 1: FBC Report

Input JSON (from GCS)

```
{
  "patient": {
    "name": "MR S KUMAR",
    "age_years": 62,
    "gender": "Male"
  },
}
```

```

"report": {
    "type": "Full Blood Count",
    "sample_collected_at": "2025-06-03T09:10:00"
},
"biomarkers": [
    {
        "name": "WBC",
        "value": 7970.0,
        "unit": "per cu mm",
        "ref_range": [4000.0, 11000.0]
    },
    {
        "name": "Hemoglobin",
        "value": 13.5,
        "unit": "g/dL",
        "ref_range": [13.0, 17.0]
    },
    {
        "name": "Platelets",
        "value": 250000.0,
        "unit": "per cu mm",
        "ref_range": [150000.0, 450000.0]
    }
]
}

```

Processing Steps

Step 1: Extract Metadata

```

report_type = "Full Blood Count"
sample_date = datetime(2025, 6, 3, 9, 10, 0)

```

Step 2: Create Report

```

INSERT INTO reports (
    patient_id,
    file_id,
    report_type,
    sample_collected_at,
    gcs_path
) VALUES (
    '550e8400-e29b-41d4-a716-446655440000',
    'fbc-2025-06-03',
    'Full Blood Count',
    '2025-06-03 09:10:00',
    'gs://healix/users/199512345678/reports/fbc-2025-06-03.pdf'
) RETURNING id;

-- Returns: report_id = 'a1b2c3d4-e5f6-7890-abcd-ef1234567890'

```

Step 3: Process Biomarkers

```
# Biomarker 1: WBC
{
  "report_id": "a1b2c3d4-...",
  "name": "WBC",
  "value": 7970.0,
  "unit": "per cu mm",
  "ref_min": 4000.0,
  "ref_max": 11000.0,
  "flag": None
}

# Biomarker 2: Hemoglobin
{
  "report_id": "a1b2c3d4-...",
  "name": "Hemoglobin",
  "value": 13.5,
  "unit": "g/dL",
  "ref_min": 13.0,
  "ref_max": 17.0,
  "flag": None
}

# Biomarker 3: Platelets
{
  "report_id": "a1b2c3d4-...",
  "name": "Platelets",
  "value": 250000.0,
  "unit": "per cu mm",
  "ref_min": 150000.0,
  "ref_max": 450000.0,
  "flag": None
}
```

Step 4: Bulk Insert

```
INSERT INTO biomarkers (
  report_id, name, value, unit, ref_min, ref_max, flag
) VALUES
  ('a1b2c3d4-...', 'WBC', 7970.0, 'per cu mm', 4000.0, 11000.0, NULL),
  ('a1b2c3d4-...', 'Hemoglobin', 13.5, 'g/dL', 13.0, 17.0, NULL),
  ('a1b2c3d4-...', 'Platelets', 250000.0, 'per cu mm', 150000.0, 450000.0, NULL)
RETURNING *;
```

Database Result

reports table:

id	patient_id	file_id	report_type	sample_collected_at	gcs_path	created_at
a1b2...	550e...	fbc-2025...	Full Blood Count	2025-06-03 09:10:00	gs://...	2026-02-07 14:00:00

biomarkers table:							
id	report_id	name	value	unit	ref_min	ref_max	flag
bio1...	a1b2...	WBC	7970	per cu mm	4000	11000	NULL
bio2...	a1b2...	Hemoglobin	13.5	g/dL	13	17	NULL
bio3...	a1b2...	Platelets	250000	per cu mm	150000	450000	NULL

7.2 Example 2: Lipid Profile

Input JSON

```
{
  "report": {
    "type": "Serum Lipid Profile",
    "sample_collected_at": "2025-06-15T08:30:00"
  },
  "biomarkers": [
    {
      "name": "Total Cholesterol",
      "value": 220.0,
      "unit": "mg/dL",
      "flag": "High",
      "ref_range": [125.0, 200.0]
    },
    {
      "name": "HDL Cholesterol",
      "value": 45.0,
      "unit": "mg/dL",
      "flag": "Low",
      "ref_range": [40.0, 60.0]
    },
    {
      "name": "LDL Cholesterol",
      "value": 150.0,
      "unit": "mg/dL",
      "flag": "High",
      "ref_range": [0.0, 100.0]
    }
  ]
}
```

Database Result

biomarkers table:

id	report_id	name	value	unit	ref_min	ref_max	flag
bio1...	lipid1...	Total Cholesterol	220	mg/dL	125	200	High
bio2...	lipid1...	HDL Cholesterol	45	mg/dL	40	60	Low
bio3...	lipid1...	LDL Cholesterol	150	mg/dL	0	100	High

Note: Lipid profiles include **flag** field with clinical interpretation.

8. Error Handling

8.1 Error Scenarios

Scenario 1: Invalid JSON Format

```
# Missing biomarkers key
normalized_json = {
    "report": {"type": "FBC"}
    # No "biomarkers" key
}

# Handling
biomarkers_data = normalized_json.get("biomarkers", [])
# Result: [] (empty array)
# Process continues, creates report with 0 biomarkers
```

Scenario 2: Invalid Reference Range

```
# String instead of array
bm = {
    "name": "WBC",
    "value": 7970.0,
    "ref_range": "4000-11000"  # String, not array
}

# Handling
if isinstance(ref_range, list) and len(ref_range) >= 2:
    ref_min = float(ref_range[0])  # Skipped
else:
    ref_min = None  # Used instead

# Result: ref_min = None, ref_max = None
```

Scenario 3: Missing Value

```
bm = {
    "name": "WBC",
```

```

# No "value" key
"unit": "per cu mm"
}

# Handling
value = float(bm.get("value", 0)) # Uses default: 0
# Result: value = 0.0 (stored in database)

```

Scenario 4: Database Constraint Violation

```

# Duplicate file_id
report_data = {
    "file_id": "existing-file-id", # Already exists
    ...
}

# Result
# Supabase raises exception
# Caught in try-except
return {"success": False, "error": "duplicate key value..."}

```

8.2 Error Recovery

```

# Report created but biomarkers failed
try:
    create_report(...) # Success
    create_biomarkers_bulk(...) # Fails
except:
    # Don't rollback report
    # Return partial success with warning
    return {
        "success": True,
        "warning": "Report created but biomarkers failed",
        "data": {
            "report": ...,
            "biomarkers": []
        }
    }

```

9. Testing & Validation

9.1 Manual Testing

```

-- 1. Check report was created
SELECT * FROM reports WHERE file_id = 'test-file-123';

-- 2. Check biomarkers were created

```

```

SELECT r.file_id, r.report_type, COUNT(b.id) as biomarker_count
FROM reports r
LEFT JOIN biomarkers b ON r.id = b.report_id
WHERE r.file_id = 'test-file-123'
GROUP BY r.file_id, r.report_type;

-- 3. Check reference ranges
SELECT name, value, unit, ref_min, ref_max, flag
FROM biomarkers
WHERE report_id =
  (SELECT id FROM reports WHERE file_id = 'test-file-123')
)
ORDER BY name;

-- 4. Check data integrity
SELECT
  'Missing ref_min' as issue,
  COUNT(*) as count
FROM biomarkers
WHERE ref_min IS NULL AND ref_max IS NOT NULL

UNION ALL

SELECT
  'Negative values' as issue,
  COUNT(*) as count
FROM biomarkers
WHERE value < 0;

```

9.2 Validation Queries

```

-- Verify all reports have biomarkers
SELECT r.id, r.file_id, r.report_type, COUNT(b.id) as biomarker_count
FROM reports r
LEFT JOIN biomarkers b ON r.id = b.report_id
GROUP BY r.id, r.file_id, r.report_type
HAVING COUNT(b.id) = 0;

-- Check for orphaned biomarkers (shouldn't exist due to FK)
SELECT b.* FROM biomarkers b
LEFT JOIN reports r ON b.report_id = r.id
WHERE r.id IS NULL;

-- Verify patient linkages
SELECT p.full_name, p.nic, COUNT(r.id) as report_count
FROM patients p
LEFT JOIN reports r ON p.id = r.patient_id
GROUP BY p.id, p.full_name, p.nic;

```

Summary

Key Takeaways

1. **Source:** Normalized JSON from GCS (`users/{nic}/processed/{file_id}_normalized.json`)

2. **Process:**

- Extract report metadata → Create report record
- Extract biomarkers array → Process each biomarker
- Handle `ref_range` array → Convert to `ref_min/ref_max`
- Bulk insert biomarkers

3. **Tables:**

- `reports`: 1 row per report
- `biomarkers`: N rows per report (linked via `report_id`)

4. **Error Handling:**

- Graceful defaults for missing data
- Partial success if biomarkers fail
- Database constraints enforce integrity

5. **Performance:**

- Bulk insert for biomarkers (efficient)
- Single transaction per report
- Indexed foreign keys for fast queries

This document explains the complete pipeline from GCS JSON to database storage.

For more details:

- Code: [app/services/reportService.py](#)
- Schema: See database section
- Examples: See walkthroughs above