## **Supporting Text S4**

# **PhyloPythiaS+:** A Self-Training Method for the Rapid Reconstruction of Low-Ranking Taxonomic Bins from Metagenomes

## **Benchmarking**

This document describes how to configure the software to reproduce the results.

### Software installation

Follow the installation instructions and go through the tutorial.

### **Download datasets**

The datasets for the benchmarks can be downloaded from: <a href="https://github.com/algbioi/datasets">https://github.com/algbioi/datasets</a>

Each file is a 7z archive and can be extracted, e.g. using command: 7za x archive.7z Each extracted directory contains a readme.txt file describing all the files contained in the directory.

#### Real datasets

Follow the tutorial:

- Create the pipeline directory in directory: /apps/pps/tests
- Use configuration file: /apps/pps/tools/config\_ppsp\_vm\_refNCBI20121122\_example.cfg as a template (i.e. copy this file and modify it appropriately).
- Make sure, you set the following parameters in the configuration file: pipelineDir inputFastaFile inputFastaScaffoldsFile
  - scaffoldsToContigsMapFile
- Run the pipeline using command:

ppsp -c CONFIGURATION FILE -n -g -o s16 mg -t -p c s v -r -s

Analyze the results as described in the tutorial.

## Simulated datasets

Follow the tutorial:

- Create the pipeline directory in directory: /apps/pps/tests
- Use configuration file:
  - /apps/pps/tools/config\_ppsp\_vm\_refNCBI20121122\_example.cfg as a template (i.e. copy this file and modify it appropriately).
- Make sure, you set the following parameters in the configuration file: pipelineDir inputFastaFile
  - referencePlacementFileOut excludeRefSeqRank (e.g. excludeRefSeqRank=species) excludeRefMgRank (e.g. excludeRefSeqRank=strain)
- Run the pipeline using command:

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ppsp -c CONFIGURATION_FILE -n -g -o s16 mg -t -p c -r -s
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• Analyze the results as described in the tutorial