

Versioned Archive and Review of Biotic  
Interactions and Taxon Names Found within  
globalbioticinteractions/virion  
hash://md5/cea0fc3c9d644334f7fc1a2beb99f816

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### Abstract

Life on Earth is sustained by complex interactions between organisms and their environment. These biotic interactions can be captured in datasets and published digitally. We present a review and archiving process for such an openly accessible digital interactions dataset of known origin and discuss its outcome. The dataset under review, named globalbioticinteractions/virion, has fingerprint hash://md5/cea0fc3c9d644334f7fc1a2beb99f816, is 335MiB in size and contains 673,295 interactions with 1 unique type of association (e.g., hostOf) between 4,304 primary taxa (e.g., homo sapiens) and 12,298 associated taxa (e.g., severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus). This report includes detailed summaries of interaction data, a taxonomic review from multiple catalogs, and an archived version of the dataset from which the reviews are derived.

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## Introduction

### Data Review and Archive

Data review and archiving can be a time-consuming process, especially when done manually. This review report aims to help facilitate both activities. It automates the archiving of datasets, including Darwin Core archives, and is a citable backup of a version of the dataset. Additionally, an automatic review of species interaction claims made in the dataset is generated and registered with Global Biotic Interactions (J. H. Poelen, Simons, and Mungall 2014).

This review includes summary statistics about, and observations about, the dataset under review :

Carlson, C.J. et al., 2021. The Global Virome in One Network (VIRION): an atlas of vertebrate-virus associations. Available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1101/2021.08.06.455442>  
<https://github.com/globalbioticinteractions/virion/archive/10d31f235e242e157cc452f43552a5ee40e4f38c.2025-09-06T06:56:29.428Z> hash://md5/cea0fc3c9d644334f7fc1a2beb99f816

For additional metadata related to this dataset, please visit <https://github.com/globalbioticinteractions/virion> and inspect associated metadata files including, but not limited to, *README.md*, *eml.xml*, and/or *globi.json*.

## Methods

The review is performed through programmatic scripts that leverage tools like Preston (Elliott et al. 2025), Elton (Kuhn, Poelen, and Leinweber 2025), Nomer (Salim and Poelen 2025), globinizer (J. Poelen, Seltmann, and Mietchen 2024) combined with third-party tools like grep, mlr, tail and head.

Table 1: Tools used in this review process

tool name	version
preston	0.10.1
elton	0.15.13
nomer	0.5.17
globinizer	0.4.0
mlr	6.0.0
jq	1.6
yq	4.25.3
pandoc	3.1.6.1
duckdb	1.3.1

The review process can be described in the form of the script below <sup>1</sup>.

```
# get versioned copy of the dataset (size approx. 335MiB) under review
elton pull globalbioticinteractions/virion

# generate review notes
elton review globalbioticinteractions/virion\
> review.tsv

# export indexed interaction records
elton interactions globalbioticinteractions/virion\
> interactions.tsv

# export names and align them with the Catalogue of Life using Nomer
elton names globalbioticinteractions/virion\
| nomer append col\
> name-alignment.tsv
```

or visually, in a process diagram.

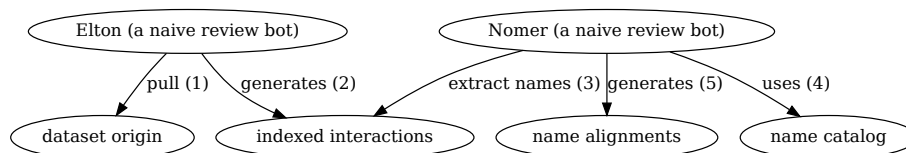


Figure 1: Review Process Overview

<sup>1</sup>Note that you have to first get the data (e.g., via `elton pull globalbioticinteractions/virion`) before being able to generate reviews (e.g., `elton review globalbioticinteractions/virion`), extract interaction claims (e.g., `elton interactions globalbioticinteractions/virion`), or list taxonomic names (e.g., `elton names globalbioticinteractions/virion`)

You can find a copy of the full review script at `check-data.sh`. See also GitHub and Codeberg.

## Results

In the following sections, the results of the review are summarized <sup>2</sup>. Then, links to the detailed review reports are provided.

## Files

The following files are produced in this review:

filename	description
biblio.bib	list of bibliographic reference of this review
check-dataset.sh	data review workflow/process as expressed in a bash script
data.zip	a versioned archive of the data under review
HEAD	the digital signature of the data under review
index.docx	review in MS Word format
index.html	review in HTML format
index.md	review in Pandoc markdown format
index.pdf	review in PDF format
indexed-citations.csv.gz	list of distinct reference citations for reviewed species interaction claims in gzipped comma-separated values file format
indexed-citations.html.gz	list of distinct reference citations for reviewed species interactions claims in gzipped html file format
indexed-citations.tsv.gz	list of distinct reference citations for reviewed species interaction claims in gzipped tab-separated values format
indexed-interactions-col-family-col-family.svg	network diagram showing the taxon family to taxon family interaction claims in the dataset under review as interpreted by the Catalogue of Life via Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024)

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<sup>2</sup>Disclaimer: The results in this review should be considered friendly, yet naive, notes from an unsophisticated robot. Please keep that in mind when considering the review results.

filename	description
indexed-interactions-col-kingdom-col-kingdom.svg	network diagram showing the taxon kingdom to taxon kingdom interaction claims in the dataset under review as interpreted by the Catalogue of Life via Nomen Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024)
indexed-interactions.csv.gz	species interaction claims indexed from the dataset under review in gzipped comma-separated values format
indexed-interactions.html.gz	species interaction claims indexed from the dataset under review in gzipped html format
indexed-interactions.tsv.gz	species interaction claims indexed from the dataset under review in gzipped tab-separated values format
indexed-interactions.parquet	species interaction claims indexed from the dataset under review in Apache Parquet format
indexed-interactions-sample.csv	list of species interaction claims indexed from the dataset under review in gzipped comma-separated values format
indexed-interactions-sample.html	first 500 species interaction claims indexed from the dataset under review in html format
indexed-interactions-sample.tsv	first 500 species interaction claims indexed from the dataset under review in tab-separated values format
indexed-names.csv.gz	taxonomic names indexed from the dataset under review in gzipped comma-separated values format
indexed-names.html.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review in gzipped html format
indexed-names.tsv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review in gzipped tab-separated values format
indexed-names.parquet	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review in Apache Parquet format

filename	description
indexed-names-resolved-col.csv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the Catalogue of Life as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped comma-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-col.html.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the Catalogue of Life as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped html format
indexed-names-resolved-col.tsv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the Catalogue of Life as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped tab-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-col.parquet	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the Catalogue of Life as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in Apache Parquet format
indexed-names-resolved-discoverlife.csv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Discover Life bee species checklist as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped comma-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-discoverlife.html.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Discover Life bee species checklist as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped html format

filename	description
indexed-names-resolved-discoverlife.tsv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Discover Life bee species checklist as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped tab-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-discoverlife.parquet	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Discover Life bee species checklist as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in Apache Parquet format
indexed-names-resolved-gbif.csv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with GBIF Backbone Taxonomy as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped comma-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-gbif.html.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with GBIF Backbone Taxonomy as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped html format
indexed-names-resolved-gbif.tsv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with GBIF Backbone Taxonomy as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped tab-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-gbif.parquet	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with GBIF Backbone Taxonomy as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in Apache Parquet format

filename	description
indexed-names-resolved-itis.csv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS) as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped comma-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-itis.html.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS) as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped html format
indexed-names-resolved-itis.tsv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS) as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped tab-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-itis.parquet	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS) as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in Apache Parquet format
indexed-names-resolved-mdd.csv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the Mammal Diversity Database as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped comma-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-mdd.html.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Mammal Diversity Database as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped html format



filename	description
indexed-names-resolved-mdd.tsv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Mammal Diversity Database as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped tab-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-mdd.parquet	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Mammal Diversity Database as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in Apache Parquet format
indexed-names-resolved-ncbi.csv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the NCBI Taxonomy as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped comma-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-ncbi.html.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the NCBI Taxonomy as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped html format
indexed-names-resolved-ncbi.tsv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the NCBI Taxonomy as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped tab-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-ncbi.parquet	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the NCBI Taxonomy as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in Apache Parquet format

filename	description
indexed-names-resolved-pbdb.csv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the Paleobiology Database as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped comma-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-pbdb.html.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Paleobiology Database as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped html format
indexed-names-resolved-pbdb.tsv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Paleobiology Database as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped tab-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-pbdb.parquet	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with Paleobiology Database as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in Apache Parquet format
indexed-names-resolved-tpt.csv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the Terrestrial Parasite Tracker (TPT) Taxonomic Resource as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped comma-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-tpt.html.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the Terrestrial Parasite Tracker (TPT) Taxonomic Resource as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped html format

filename	description
indexed-names-resolved-tpt.tsv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the Terrestrial Parasite Tracker (TPT) Taxonomic Resource as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped tab-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-tpt.parquet	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the Terrestrial Parasite Tracker (TPT) Taxonomic Resource as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in Apache Parquet format
indexed-names-resolved-wfo.csv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the World of Flora Online as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped comma-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-wfo.html.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the World of Flora Online as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped html format
indexed-names-resolved-wfo.tsv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the World of Flora Online as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped tab-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-wfo.parquet	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the World of Flora Online as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in Apache Parquet format

filename	description
indexed-names-resolved-worms.csv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS) as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped comma-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-worms.html.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS) as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped html format
indexed-names-resolved-worms.tsv.gz	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS) as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in gzipped tab-separated values format
indexed-names-resolved-worms.parquet	taxonomic names found in the dataset under review aligned with the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS) as accessed through the Nomer Corpus of Taxonomic Resources (J. H. (ed. ). Poelen 2024) in Apache Parquet format
indexed-names-sample.csv	first 500 taxonomic names found in the dataset under review in comma-separated values format
indexed-names-sample.html	first 500 taxonomic names found in the dataset under review in html format
indexed-names-sample.tsv	first 500 taxonomic names found in the dataset under review in tab-separated values format
interaction.svg	diagram summarizing the data model used to index species interaction claims
nanopub-sample.trig	first 500 species interaction claims as expressed in the nanopub format (Kuhn and Dumontier 2014)

filename	description
nanopub.trig.gz	species interaction claims as expressed in the nanopub format (Kuhn and Dumontier 2014)
process.svg	diagram summarizing the data review processing workflow
prov.nq	origin of the dataset under review as expressed in rdf/nquads
review.csv.gz	review notes associated with the dataset under review in gzipped comma-separated values format
review.html.gz	review notes associated with the dataset under review in gzipped html format
review.tsv.gz	review notes associated with the dataset under review in gzipped tab-separated values format
review-sample.csv	first 500 review notes associated with the dataset under review in comma-separated values format
review-sample.html	first 500 review notes associated with the dataset under review in html format
review-sample.tsv	first 500 review notes associated with the dataset under review in tab-separated values format
review.svg	a review badge generated as part of the dataset review process
zenodo.json	metadata of this review expressed in Zenodo record metadata

## Archived Dataset

Note that *data.zip* file in this archive contains the complete, unmodified archived dataset under review.

## Biotic Interactions

In this review, biotic interactions (or biotic associations) are modeled as a primary (aka subject, source) organism interacting with an associate (aka object, target) organism. The dataset under review classified the primary/associate organisms with specific taxa. The primary and associate organisms The kind of interaction is documented as an interaction type.

The dataset under review, named globalbioticinteractions/virion, has fingerprint

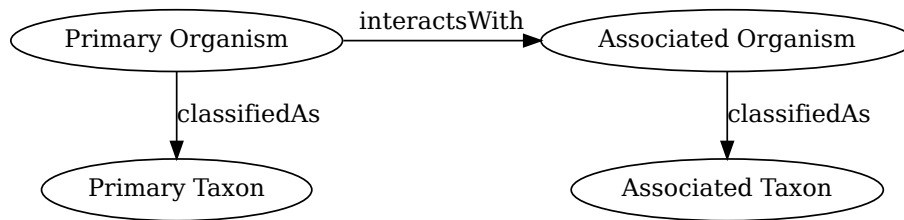


Figure 2: Biotic Interaction Data Model

hash://md5/cea0fc3c9d644334f7fc1a2beb99f816, is 335MiB in size and contains 673,295 interactions with 1 unique type of association (e.g., hostOf) between 4,304 primary taxa (e.g., homo sapiens) and 12,298 associated taxa (e.g., severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus).

An exhaustive list of indexed interaction claims can be found in gzipped csv, tsv and parquet archives. To facilitate discovery, a preview of claims available in the gzipped html page at indexed-interactions.html.gz are shown below.

The exhaustive list was used to create the following data summaries below.

Table 3: Sample of Indexed Interaction Claims

sourceTaxonName	interactionType	targetTaxonName	referenceCitation
anatidae	hostOf	aalivirus a	Carlson, C.J. et al., 2021. The Global Virome in One Network (VIRION): an atlas of vertebrate-virus associations. Available at: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1101/2021.08.06.455442">http://dx.doi.org/10.1101/2021.08.06.455442</a> . Accessed at <a href="https://github.com/viralemergence/virion/raw/main/Virion/Virion.csv.gz">https://github.com/viralemergence/virion/raw/main/Virion/Virion.csv.gz</a> on 08 Sep 2025.

sourceTaxonName	interactionType	targetTaxonName	referenceCitation
anatidae	hostOf	adeno-associated virus	Carlson, C.J. et al., 2021. The Global Virome in One Network (VIRION): an atlas of vertebrate-virus associations. Available at: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1101/2021.08.06.455442">http://dx.doi.org/10.1101/2021.08.06.455442</a> . Accessed at <a href="https://github.com/viralemergence/virion/raw/main/Virion/Virion.csv.gz">https://github.com/viralemergence/virion/raw/main/Virion/Virion.csv.gz</a> on 08 Sep 2025.
primates	hostOf	adeno-associated virus	Carlson, C.J. et al., 2021. The Global Virome in One Network (VIRION): an atlas of vertebrate-virus associations. Available at: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1101/2021.08.06.455442">http://dx.doi.org/10.1101/2021.08.06.455442</a> . Accessed at <a href="https://github.com/viralemergence/virion/raw/main/Virion/Virion.csv.gz">https://github.com/viralemergence/virion/raw/main/Virion/Virion.csv.gz</a> on 08 Sep 2025.

sourceTaxonName	interactionTypeName	targetTaxonName	referenceCitation
primates	hostOf	adeno-associated virus	Carlson, C.J. et al., 2021. The Global Virome in One Network (VIRION): an atlas of vertebrate-virus associations. Available at: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1101/2021.08.06.455442">http://dx.doi.org/10.1101/2021.08.06.455442</a> . Accessed at <a href="https://github.com/viralemergence/virion/raw/main/Virion/Virion.csv.gz">https://github.com/viralemergence/virion/raw/main/Virion/Virion.csv.gz</a> on 08 Sep 2025.

Table 4: Most Frequently Mentioned Interaction Types (up to 20 most frequent)

interactionTypeName	count
hostOf	673295

Table 5: Most Frequently Mentioned Primary Taxa (up to 20 most frequent)

sourceTaxonName	count
homo sapiens	473876
sus scrofa	42113
gallus gallus	20199
bos taurus	15853
canis lupus	9225
anas platyrhynchos	5011
equus caballus	4854
ovis aries	3973
felis catus	3870
anatidae	3765
capra hircus	2591
mus musculus	2415



sourceTaxonName	count
meleagris gallopavo	1963
oryctolagus cuniculus	1791
macaca mulatta	1564
oncorhynchus mykiss	1241
pan troglodytes	1195
rattus norvegicus	1194
aves	1170

Table 6: Most Frequently Mentioned Associate Taxa (up to 20 most frequent)

targetTaxonName	count
severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus	157863
alphainfluenzavirus influenzae	84454
human immunodeficiency virus 1	76625
norwalk virus	15859
betainfluenzavirus influenzae	14737
orthopneumovirus hominis	13884
hepacivirus hominis	12710
rotavirus a	11880
orthoflavivirus denguei	10841
hepatitis b virus	10314
lyssavirus rabies	8242
enterovirus a	8189
foot-and-mouth disease virus	6445
enterovirus b	6127
betaarterivirus suid 2	5881
morbillivirus hominis	5637
orthorubulavirus parotitidis	5397
influenza a virus	5111
rabies lyssavirus	4275

Table 7: Most Frequent Interactions between Primary and Associate Taxa (up to 20 most frequent)

sourceTaxonName	interactionType	targetTaxonName	count
homo sapiens	hostOf	severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus	157386

sourceTaxonName	interactionType	targetTaxonName	count
homo sapiens	hostOf	human immunodeficiency virus 1	76550
homo sapiens	hostOf	alphainfluenzavirus influenzae	46967
homo sapiens	hostOf	norwalk virus	15302
sus scrofa	hostOf	alphainfluenzavirus influenzae	15016
homo sapiens	hostOf	betainfluenzavirus influenzae	14729
homo sapiens	hostOf	orthopneumovirus hominis	13881
homo sapiens	hostOf	hepacivirus hominis	12691
homo sapiens	hostOf	orthoflavivirus denguei	10805
homo sapiens	hostOf	hepatitis b virus	10067
homo sapiens	hostOf	rotavirus a	9308
homo sapiens	hostOf	enterovirus a	8148
gallus gallus	hostOf	alphainfluenzavirus influenzae	6969
sus scrofa	hostOf	betaarterivirus suid 2	5837
homo sapiens	hostOf	enterovirus b	5733
homo sapiens	hostOf	morbillivirus hominis	5633
homo sapiens	hostOf	orthorubulavirus parotitidis	5395
bos taurus	hostOf	foot-and-mouth disease virus	4445
homo sapiens	hostOf	rhinovirus a	4113

### Interaction Networks

The figures below provide a graph view on the dataset under review. The first shows a summary network on the kingdom level, and the second shows how interactions on the family level. It is important to note that both network graphs were first aligned taxonomically using the Catalogue of Life. Please refer to the original (or verbatim) taxonomic names for a more original view on the interaction data.

Figure 3: Interactions on taxonomic kingdom rank as interpreted by the Catalogue of Life download svg

Figure 4: Interactions on the taxonomic family rank as interpreted by the Catalogue of Life. download svg

You can download the indexed dataset under review at [indexed-interactions.csv.gz](#). A tab-separated file can be found at [indexed-interactions.tsv.gz](#)

Learn more about the structure of this download at GloBI website, by opening a GitHub issue, or by sending an email.

Another way to discover the dataset under review is by searching for it on the GloBI website.

## Taxonomic Alignment

As part of the review, all names are aligned against various name catalogs (e.g., col, ncbi, discoverlife, gbif, itis, wfo, mdd, tpt, pbdb, and worms). These alignments can help review name usage or aid in selecting of a suitable taxonomic name resource.

Table 8: Sample of Name Alignments

providedName	relationName	resolvedCatalogName	resolvedName
Anas platyrhynchos domesticus	NONE	col	Anas platyrhynchos domesticus
Anser cygnoid	SYNONYM_OF	col	Anser cygnoides
Aquareovirus d	NONE	col	Aquareovirus d
Aquareovirus f	NONE	col	Aquareovirus f

Table 9: Distribution of Taxonomic Ranks of Aligned Names by Catalog. Names that were not aligned with a catalog are counted as NAs. So, the total number of unaligned names for a catalog will be listed in their NA row.

resolvedCatalogName	resolvedRank	count
col	NA	6685
col	class	5
col	family	131
col	genus	443
col	order	26
col	parvphylum	1
col	phylum	1

resolvedCatalogName	resolvedRank	count
col	realm	1
col	species	4247
col	subfamily	7
col	subgenus	31
col	subspecies	26
discoverlife	NA	11581
gbif	NA	7314
gbif	class	5
gbif	family	135
gbif	form	2
gbif	genus	291
gbif	order	26
gbif	phylum	1
gbif	species	3783
gbif	subspecies	33
itis	NA	7499
itis	class	4
itis	family	92
itis	genus	283
itis	order	20
itis	species	3655
itis	subfamily	1
itis	subspecies	27
itis	superclass	1
mdd	NA	11581
ncbi	NA	3345
ncbi	clade	1
ncbi	class	4
ncbi	family	134
ncbi	genus	299
ncbi	order	29
ncbi	phylum	1
ncbi	series	1
ncbi	species	7774
ncbi	subfamily	7
ncbi	subgenus	4
ncbi	subspecies	2
pbdb	NA	9484
pbdb	class	4
pbdb	family	95
pbdb	genus	243
pbdb	order	19
pbdb	species	1734
pbdb	suborder	1

resolvedCatalogName	resolvedRank	count
pbdb	tribe	1
pbdb	unranked clade	4
tpt	NA	8651
tpt	family	73
tpt	genus	228
tpt	order	16
tpt	species	2613
wfo	NA	11573
wfo	genus	8
worms	NA	9584
worms	class	3
worms	family	111
worms	genus	273
worms	order	22
worms	parvphylum	1
worms	species	1583
worms	subfamily	4
worms	subspecies	3

Table 10: Name relationship types per catalog. Name relationship type “NONE” means that a name was not recognized by the associated catalog. “SAME\_AS” indicates either a “HAS\_ACCEPTED\_NAME” or “SYNONYM\_OF” name relationship type. We recognize that “SYNONYM\_OF” encompasses many types of nomenclatural synonymies (ICZN 1999) (e.g., junior synonym, senior synonyms).

resolvedCatalogName	relationName	count
col	NONE	11680
col	SYNONYM_OF	610
col	HAS_ACCEPTED_NAME	5032
discoverlife	NONE	17010
gbif	HAS_ACCEPTED_NAME	4499
gbif	NONE	12475
gbif	SYNONYM_OF	390
itis	NONE	12673
itis	SYNONYM_OF	167
itis	HAS_ACCEPTED_NAME	4216
mdd	NONE	15385
mdd	HAS_ACCEPTED_NAME	1604
mdd	SYNONYM_OF	21
ncbi	NONE	6330

resolvedCatalogName	relationName	count
ncbi	SYNONYM_OF	2670
ncbi	SAME_AS	8024
ncbi	COMMON_NAME_OF	1
pdbb	NONE	14700
pdbb	HAS_ACCEPTED_NAME	2261
pdbb	SYNONYM_OF	123
tpt	NONE	13871
tpt	HAS_ACCEPTED_NAME	3131
tpt	SYNONYM_OF	8
wfo	NONE	17002
wfo	HAS_ACCEPTED_NAME	5
wfo	SYNONYM_OF	2
wfo	HAS_UNCHECKED_NAME	3
worms	SYNONYM_OF	106
worms	NONE	14712
worms	HAS_ACCEPTED_NAME	2235

Table 11: List of Available Name Alignment Reports

catalog name	alignment results
col	associated names alignments report in gzipped html, csv, and tsv)
ncbi	associated names alignments report in gzipped html, csv, and tsv)
discoverlife	associated names alignments report in gzipped html, csv, and tsv)
gbif	associated names alignments report in gzipped html, csv, and tsv)
itis	associated names alignments report in gzipped html, csv, and tsv)
wfo	associated names alignments report in gzipped html, csv, and tsv)
mdd	associated names alignments report in gzipped html, csv, and tsv)
tpt	associated names alignments report in gzipped html, csv, and tsv)
pdbb	associated names alignments report in gzipped html, csv, and tsv)
worms	associated names alignments report in gzipped html, csv, and tsv)

## Additional Reviews

Elton, Nomer, and other tools may have difficulties interpreting existing species interaction datasets. Or, they may misbehave, or otherwise show unexpected behavior. As part of the review process, detailed review notes are kept that document possibly misbehaving, or confused, review bots. An sample of review notes associated with this review can be found below.

Table 12: First few lines in the review notes.

reviewDate	reviewCommentType	reviewComment
2025-09-07T23:39:39Z	note	found [36] columns, but only [34] columns are defined: ignoring remaining undefined columns.
2025-09-07T23:39:39Z	note	target taxon name missing
2025-09-07T23:39:39Z	note	found [36] columns, but only [34] columns are defined: ignoring remaining undefined columns.
2025-09-07T23:39:39Z	note	target taxon name missing

In addition, you can find the most frequently occurring notes in the table below.

Table 13: Most frequently occurring review notes, if any.

reviewComment	count
found [36] columns, but only [34] columns are defined: ignoring remaining undefined columns.	677079
target taxon name missing	3783
source taxon name missing	1

For additional information on review notes, please have a look at the first 500 Review Notes in html format or the download full gzipped csv or tsv archives.

## GloBI Review Badge

As part of the review, a review badge is generated. This review badge can be included in webpages to indicate the review status of the dataset under review.



Figure 5: Picture of a GloBI Review Badge <sup>3</sup>

Note that if the badge is green, no review notes were generated. If the badge is yellow, the review bots may need some help with interpreting the species interaction data.

## GloBI Index Badge

If the dataset under review has been registered with GloBI, and has been successfully indexed by GloBI, the GloBI Index Status Badge will turn green. This means that the dataset under review was indexed by GloBI and is available through GloBI services and derived data products.

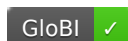


Figure 6: Picture of a GloBI Index Badge <sup>4</sup>

If you'd like to keep track of reviews or index status of the dataset under review, please visit GloBI's dataset index <sup>5</sup> for badge examples.

## Discussion

This review and archive provides a means of creating citable versions of datasets that change frequently. This may be useful for dataset managers, including natural history collection data managers, as a backup archive of a shared Darwin Core archive. It also serves as a means of creating a trackable citation for the dataset in an automated way, while also including some information about the contents of the dataset.

This review aims to provide a perspective on the dataset to aid in understanding of species interaction claims discovered. However, it is important to note that this review does *not* assess the quality of the dataset. Instead, it serves as an indication of the open-ness<sup>6</sup> and FAIRness (Wilkinson et al. 2016; Trekels et al. 2023) of the dataset: to perform this review, the data was likely openly available, **F**indable, **A**ccessible, **I**nteroperable and **R**eusable. The current Open-FAIR

<sup>3</sup>Up-to-date status of the GloBI Review Badge can be retrieved from the GloBI Review Depot

<sup>4</sup>Up-to-date status of the GloBI Index Badge can be retrieved from GloBI's API

<sup>5</sup>At time of writing (2025-09-08) the version of the GloBI dataset index was available at <https://globalbioticinteractions.org/datasets>

<sup>6</sup>According to <http://opendefinition.org/>: "Open data is data that can be freely used, re-used and redistributed by anyone - subject only, at most, to the requirement to attribute and sharealike."



assessment is qualitative, and a more quantitative approach can be implemented with specified measurement units.

This report also showcases the reuse of machine-actionable (meta)data, something highly recommended by the FAIR Data Principles (Wilkinson et al. 2016). Making (meta)data machine-actionable enables more precise processing by computers, enabling even naive review bots like Nomer and Elton to interpret the data effectively. This capability is crucial for not just automating the generation of reports, but also for facilitating seamless data exchanges, promoting interoperability.

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