

### WHAT ARE BULK RNASEQ DATASETS ON POLLY?

Polly offers bulk RNA-Seq datasets that are processed via a uniform upstream processing pipeline. These datasets incorporate all accessible source metadata. Additionally, they include metadata fields meticulously curated by Polly's harmonization engine. These datasets are packaged in a GCT file format.

The details of all the checks performed on every dataset before delivery are listed here. These are performed at both the dataset-level and the sample-level fields on Polly.

### QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CHECKS PERFORMED

#### Checks for Schema Compliance and Lexical Errors

- Ensure each metadata field follows the allocated format (List/String/Number/Boolean).
- Ensure labels are in a standardized format with consistent default values.
- Ensure there are no extra spaces or special characters.
- Ensure the curated metadata passes the following additional checks -
  - Case sensitivity
    - 'none' should be lowercase at the dataset and sample-level
    - 'Normal', 'True', 'False' labels should be present in camel case.
  - Singular and plural terms should be verified from the publication and the schema.

#### Ontology Checks

- Ensure curated ontology-backed fields follow the corresponding ontologies.

#### Checks for Logical Errors

- Ensure that the dataset and sample-level metadata are in agreement.
- Ensure the number of samples in the dataset-level metadata matches the count of samples in the dataset.
- Ensure the following additional checks are performed -
  - Cell lines and species should match.
  - Year and 'total\_num\_samples' should be greater than 0.
  - Re-verification should be performed in case all the curated fields are 'none'.
  - For the curated fields, 'none' or empty values should not be present along with non-none values.

#### Completeness Checks

- Provide complete metadata from multiple sources (if applicable).
- Ensure none of the metadata fields are empty.
- Ensure all the samples available on source are present on Polly
- Ensure mandatory metadata fields such as source or publication links are present.

#### Checks for Publication Information

Ensure dataset level metadata fields for publication related information are not empty and valid.

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### Checks on Raw Counts Matrix

- Ensure raw are scientifically valid and the latest upstream pipeline has been used.
- Ensure that the GCT file is parsable in Python and R.
- Ensure the dataset can open on Phantasus

### Checks on the GCT File

- Ensure the row index doesn't have any NaN values.
- Ensure the column index doesn't have any NaN values.
- Ensure the GCT data matrix doesn't have any NaN values.
- Ensure

### Other Checks

- Ensure that the datasets' filters, card view and table view function properly on Polly's GUI.
- Ensure the metadata table and sunburst plot function properly on the details page of the dataset.
- Ensure custom-curated fields (if requested) are added and harmonized.
- Ensure Gene ID is unique and standardized, with no mixed gene annotations present.
- Ensure all datasets have consistent row metadata (as per the defined row metadata columns).
- Ensure only RNA-seq samples are captured and there are no mixed samples (In some cases, scATAC-seq and scRNA-seq samples are both added to the same dataset).
- Ensure the dataset-level metadata field providing the Polly Verification status is present and correct.