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**A Southern Indian Ocean database of hydrographic profiles obtained with instrumented elephant seals**

Roquet *et al.*

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Our understanding of Southern Ocean currents is limited by a lack data, particularly in seasons and locations that are hard for ships to access. By affixing sensors to wild seals, these researchers have built a large database of temperature and salinity profiles, extending our knowledge of this key component of our planet's oceans.

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- Methods
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- Data Records 
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### Data Records

All the samples used in this study are summarized in Table 1. Consistent identifiers are used in Tables 2 and 3 to allow mapping between the proteomic and transcriptomic data outputs.

#### Data Record 1

The raw data, peaklists (.mgf), ProteomeDiscoverer result files (.msf) and ProteomeDiscoverer workflow files (.xml) have been uploaded to ProteomeXchange (<http://www.proteomexchange.org/>) with the following accession number PXD000134 (ref. 67; Table 2).

#### Data Record 2

Microarray data are available at the NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database under the accession numbers GSE26451 (ref. 68) and GSE26453 (ref. 69; Table 3).

#### Data Record 3

The peptide and protein identification data sets have been annotated by The Global Proteome Machine at <http://gpsdb.thegpm.org/>

#### Data Record 4

The peptide and protein identification data sets have been annotated by the StemCellOmicsRepository (SCOR) at <http://scor.chem.wisc.edu/>

### Data Citations

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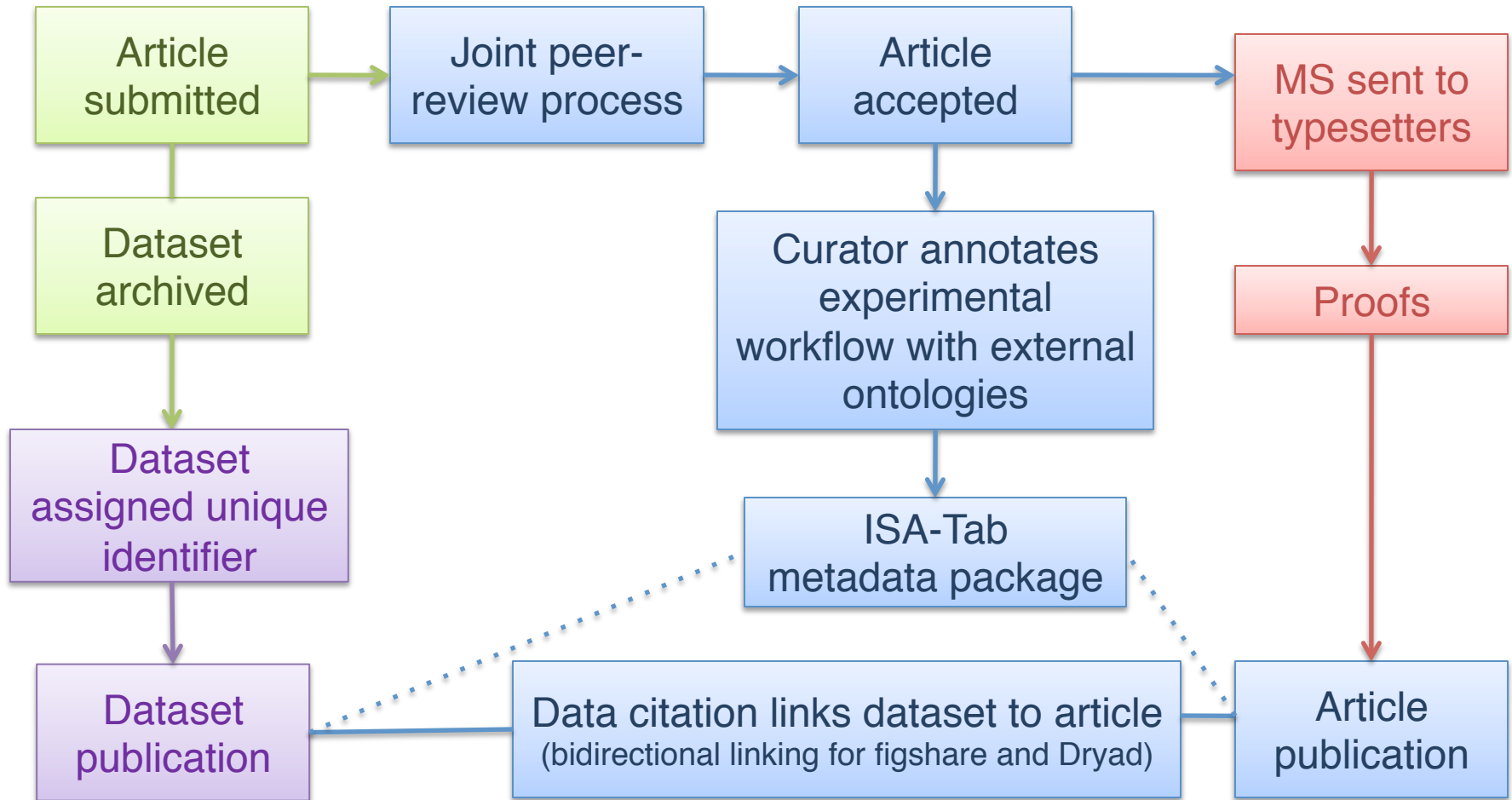
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Figure 1



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## Time-resolved gene expression profiling during reprogramming of C/EBP $\alpha$ -pulsed B cells into iPS cells

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# Neuroscience

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**Code in GitHub**

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## Global integrated drought monitoring and prediction system

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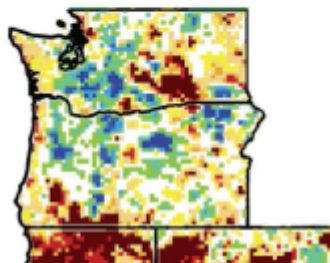
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### Australia's Drought: Lessons for California

MOST OF CALIFORNIA IS SUFFERING FROM AN extreme drought, and storage levels in the major reservoirs are well below historic levels. For the past several months, an unusually stubborn ridge of high pressure off the West Coast of the United States has been blocking normal winter storms and the rain they carry. California's history of drought has led to state-wide strategies to save water, but Californian residents and policy-makers can do even more: They can look to the story of Australia's experience with a drought so intense and long-lasting



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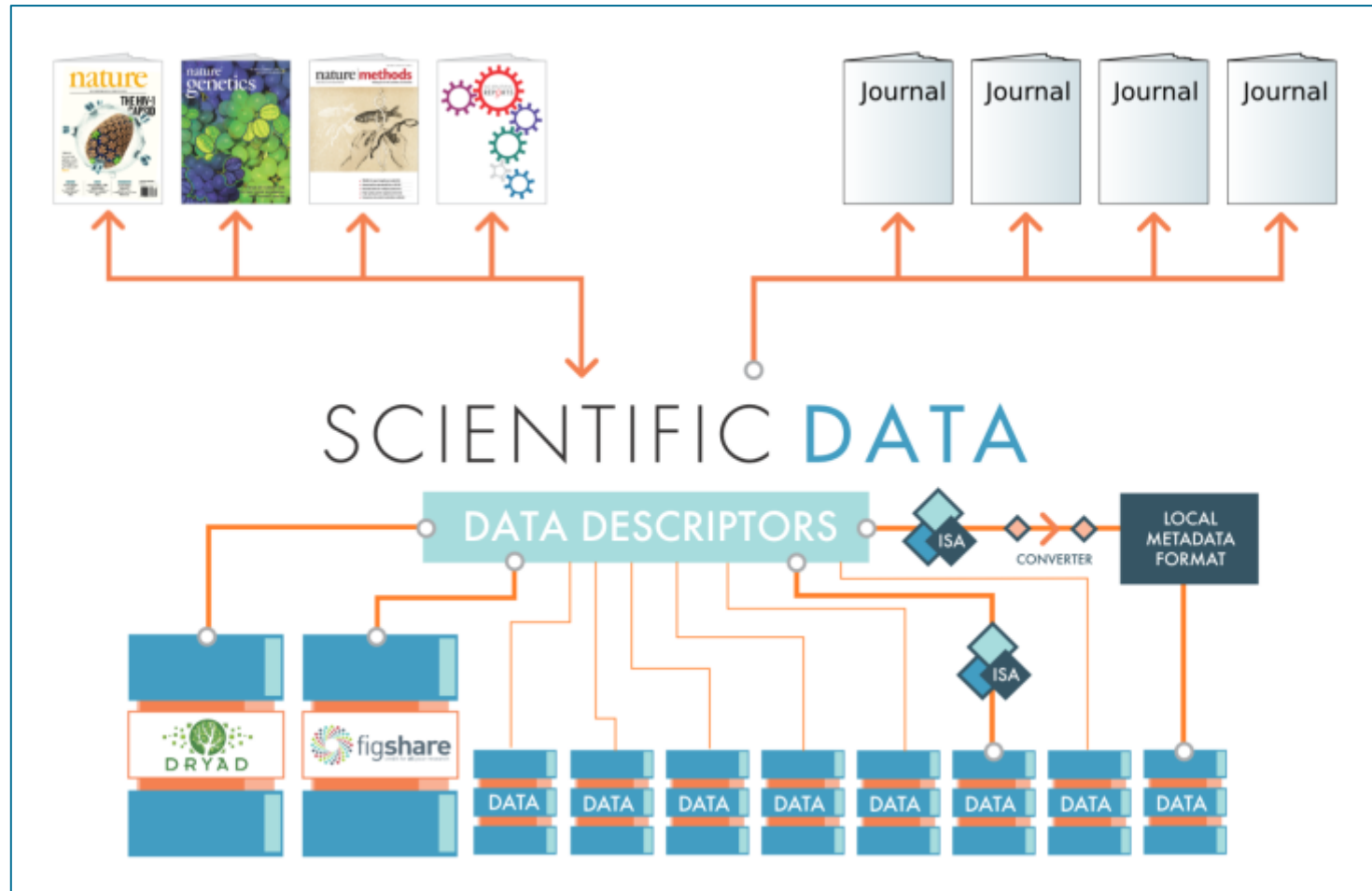
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