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Larger Word Size in Modified Algorithm Speeds Up BLASTP, BLASTX, TBLASTN Search

Larger Word Size in Modified Algorithm Speeds Up BLASTP, BLASTX, TBLASTN Search. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):b11.

2015 October 21 [posted]

[Editor's Note: This is a reprint of an announcement from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). To automatically receive the latest news and announcements regarding major changes and updates to NCBI resources and tools please see the subscribe page.]

The NCBI BLAST Web page now offers faster BLASTP, BLASTX, and TBLASTN searches due to a modified algorithm that can use a larger word size. This improvement can make search 2-4 times faster without changing the results most of the time.

Note: You may also recover the search's previous behavior by changing the word size from 6 to 3. To do so, expand "Algorithm parameters" at the bottom of the BLAST page and use the Word size menu.

For more information on the modified algorithm, please see: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17921491>.

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Updated CMT Subset Available for Download

Updated CMT Subset Available for Download. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):b10.

2015 October 19 [posted]

NLM is pleased to announce the availability of an updated Convergent Medical Terminology (CMT) problem list subset.

This file contains 1,466 SNOMED CT concepts Kaiser Permanente uses for documenting History and Family History. The release also includes mappings to ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM. SNOMED CT concepts are based on the January 2014 International Release.

The problem list subset is available for download by UMLS licensees from the UMLS Terminology Services (UTS).

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Updated Candidate Baseline of GP/FP Reference Sets and SNOMED CT to ICPC-2 Map

Updated Candidate Baseline of GP/FP Reference Sets and SNOMED CT to ICPC-2 Map. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):b9.

2015 October 14 [posted]

On behalf of the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation (IHTSDO), NLM is pleased to announce the release of the Candidate Baseline of General Practitioner/Family Practitioner (GP/FP) Reference Sets and SNOMED CT to International Classification of Primary Care (ICPC-2) Map. This is an update to the previously released baseline work, resulting from the harmonization agreement between the IHTSDO and the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA).

The purpose of the GP/FP subset is to provide frequently used SNOMED CT concepts for the reason for encounter and health issue data fields within general/family practice electronic health records. The purpose of the SNOMED CT GP/FP subset to ICPC-2 map is to allow for granular concepts to be recorded by GPs/FPs at the point of care using SNOMED CT, and the subsequent analysis and reporting utilizing the internationally recognized ICPC-2 classification.

The release is aligned to, and should be used with, the July 2015 International SNOMED CT Release. The GP/FP subset to ICPC-2 map is still a baseline release but it is planned to be included with future International SNOMED CT releases, starting in January 2016.

To obtain the release you will need your UMLS Terminology Services (UTS) login. See the NLM SNOMED CT International Release page for more information.

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REMM Web Site: New Design Launched

REMM Web Site: New Design Launched. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):b8.

2015 October 14 [posted]

[Editor's Note: This is a reprint of an announcement published as an NLM Toxicology and Environmental Health Information email update from the NLM Division of Specialized Information Services. To automatically receive news on resources, services, and outreach in toxicology and environmental health please see the [subscribe page](#).]

The Radiation Emergency Medical Management (REMM) Team is proud to announce the first major redesign of the REMM Web site since it was launched in 2007. The redesign includes a more modern banner, a new color palette and font style, and a new navigation system.

There are now 6 content groups on the new home page. We have added an easy to use navigational menu at the top of the home page with sections for:

- Interactive Clinical Tools
- Diagnosis and Treatment
- Reference and Data
- Overview of REMM and
- Links to downloading the REMM app for various mobile devices

One of our most popular features, the Multimedia Library in carousel form, remains on the home page, with 7 categories of multimedia assets.

Since REMM's last major content update in November 2014, significant content updates have been added including:

1. New references on most of the Emergencies Incidents pages
2. New references in the Key Guidance Documents section
3. Information about the March 2015 FDA-approval of filgrastim for the indication of radiation-induced myelosuppression
4. New section describing Selection of Radiation Detection Systems
5. New listings in the Training and Education page
6. New references on the Recovery and Resilience page
7. New information on the Other Audiences pages for Legal Advisors, Senior Leaders, First Responders, Veterinarians, Public Information Officers and Others
8. New references in the very large Biodosimetry Library
9. Major revisions to the Dose Reconstruction page
10. Major revisions to the Data Collection page
11. Update to the Monitoring Drinking Water and Milk page
12. Updates to the Use of Blood Products page
13. Update to the Stem Cell Transplant page
14. Additions to the page of REMM consultants
15. REMM has a new email update notification system by GovDelivery. If you are a REMM Listserv subscriber, you don't need to do anything. You were automatically moved to the new system.

Users who have previously bookmarked REMM pages of interest should know that all the prior URLs have been retained, so the bookmarks will still work just like before.

Users who have visited REMM pages before may need to refresh (reload) the Web page to see the new design. Otherwise, only the old pages cached in your browser will display.

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New VSAC Tutorial Available

New VSAC Tutorial Available. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):b7.

2015 October 09 [posted]

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) is pleased to announce the release of the first video tutorial featuring the Value Set Authority Center (VSAC) REST API. The API allows remote retrieval of value set information through URL-based calls that contain functions and corresponding parameters. The API is based on the IHE Sharing Value Sets (SVS) Technical Framework (opens as a PDF file).

The new tutorial "Authentication with the Value Set Authority Center (VSAC) SVS API" demonstrates how to perform proper authentication when submitting requests to the VSAC REST API. The authentication process uses UMLS credentials (username and password) and consists of two steps. First request a Ticket Granting Ticket (TGT), then request the Service Ticket (ST). The TGT is valid for 8 hours, while the ST is valid for 5 minutes and can be used to submit only one API request. Users must generate a new ST for each new API request.

The tutorial is available from a link on the VSAC Support Center, Learning Resources for NLM Clinical Terminology Artifacts and Tooling, and the NLM Distance Education Resources pages.

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New RxClass Tutorial Available

New RxClass Tutorial Available. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):b6.

2015 October 08 [posted]

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) is pleased to announce the release of the first video tutorial for the RxClass Web application.

The "Searching and Navigating Through Drug Classes Using RxClass Application" tutorial describes the RxClass major interface elements and functionalities. RxClass allows users to explore drug classes and their members, links the drug classes to drug information in RxNorm, provides a browser interface for navigating the hierarchies of drug classes, and includes a search mechanism for locating specific drug classes or drugs.

The tutorial is available from a link on the Learning Resources for NLM Clinical Terminology Artifacts and Tooling and the NLM Distance Education Resources pages.

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NCBI NOW: Next Generation Sequencing Online Workshop

NCBI NOW: Next Generation Sequencing Online Workshop. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):b5.

2015 October 06 [posted]

[Editor's Note: This is a reprint of an announcement from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). To automatically receive the latest news and announcements regarding major changes and updates to NCBI resources and tools please see the subscribe page.]

From October 13 to October 23, NCBI will present the first iteration of NCBI NOW, a free online experience aimed at those new to next generation sequencing (NGS) analysis. Enrollment in this course is limited to the first 1,000 participants who sign up through the ORAU Portal. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please only sign up for this educational opportunity if you will be able to participate fully.

Learners will watch 6-7 videos (average video duration: 45-60 minutes) online during the first 7 days of the course. These videos will cover the basics of NGS data, preprocessing, quality control and alignment strategies for both DNA-Seq and RNA-Seq, as well as a brief discussion of downstream analysis. Additionally, we will demonstrate how to leverage BLAST tools for NGS analysis.

Next, participants will apply a selection of RNA-Seq alignment algorithms over three days (1-2 hours per day), mapping RNA-Seq data to GRCh38 chromosome 20. Finally, participants will compare the results of these mappers for specific genes.

Throughout the course, participants will be able to post questions at Biostars; experts from NCBI and elsewhere will be available online to answer questions. Learners will emerge from the course equipped to map their own RNA-Seq or DNA-Seq data to the human genome, understand the options for downstream analysis, and use their understanding of the basic steps of data processing to interact more effectively with bioinformatician collaborators.

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Name Change for Europe PMC Funding Agency Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research

Name Change for Europe PMC Funding Agency Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):b4.

2015 October 01 [posted]

The Europe PMC agency, Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, changed its name to Bloodwise. On or about October 1, 2015, existing MEDLINE/PubMed citations that carry Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research funding designations were revised to reflect the new name. All new grant funding data for this agency will carry the new name.

Bloodwise can be searched in MEDLINE/PubMed as:

bloodwise [gr]

The Grant Number Information Found in the GR Field in MEDLINE/PubMed Web page was updated to reflect this name change. Explanations of grant number two-letter codes and agency acronyms can also be found on this page.

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Two SNOMED CT Subsets Released

Two SNOMED CT Subsets Released. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):b3.

2015 September 23 [posted]

NLM is pleased to announce the availability of two SNOMED CT subsets:

1. A new Convergent Medical Terminology (CMT) subset called Radiology 1 Procedure Subset is now available for download. This file contains 408 concepts which Kaiser Permanente uses to place Radiology orders. The release also includes mappings to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and is based on the January 2014 International Release of SNOMED CT.
2. The SNOMED CT Route of Administration (ROA) subset is a listing of the current set of terms related to the location of administration for clinical therapies. The purpose of the ROA release file is to define a SNOMED CT subset which can be used in the Drug Listings section of the Structured Product Labeling (SPL), or for documentation and encoding of clinical information regarding substance administration. This updated subset is derived from the September 2015 US Edition of SNOMED CT and includes three new concepts.

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NCBI Webinar: "LinkOut: Linking to Datasets, Databases and More"

NCBI Webinar: "LinkOut: Linking to Datasets, Databases and More." NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):b2.

2015 September 18 [posted]

[Editor's Note: This is a reprint of an announcement from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). To automatically receive the latest news and announcements regarding major changes and updates to NCBI resources and tools please see the subscribe page.]

On October 2, 2015, NCBI staff will present a Webinar on LinkOut, an NCBI service that allows you to link directly from NCBI databases to a wide range of relevant information beyond the NCBI systems. This Webinar will provide an overview of the service and highlight resources that participate in LinkOut, with a special emphasis on resources beyond full text articles, including databases, datasets and research tools.

If you use NCBI databases, produce databases, datasets or resources, or are a librarian supporting research and data science, this Webinar is for you.

Date and time: Friday, October 2, 2015, 12:00 pm EDT

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5533821500870613249>

After the live presentation, the Webinar will be uploaded to the NCBI YouTube channel. The Webinar and any materials will also be archived on the Webinars and Courses page, where you can also find information about future Webinars.

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September 2015 US Edition of SNOMED CT Release Available

September 2015 US Edition of SNOMED CT Release Available. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):b1.

2015 September 04 [posted]

The September 2015 US Edition of SNOMED CT release is now available for download.

The September 2015 release includes 991 new concepts specific to the US, as well as all of the content from the July 2015 International Release of SNOMED CT. The US Edition of SNOMED CT is the official source of SNOMED CT for use in US healthcare systems.

Please Note:

- The US Edition Release Format 1 (RF1) and Release Format 2 (RF2) files are available as two separate downloads. This is similar to the International Release of SNOMED CT.
- The International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation (IHTSDO), the owner of SNOMED CT, has announced the deprecation and withdrawal of support for RF1 format. The plan and timeline for support withdrawal can be reviewed on the IHTSDO News page.
- NLM will align with the deprecation timeline for the US Edition RF1 release. IHTSDO and NLM strongly encourage users to use RF2 as the recommended format for SNOMED CT data.

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2016 MeSH Headings Available in the MeSH Browser

2016 MeSH Headings Available in the MeSH Browser. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):e7.

2015 October 28 [posted]

2015 November 10 [Editor's note added]

[Editor's Note: The Introduction to MeSH and download information are now available. See 2016 Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) Available for Download for details.]

The default year in the MeSH Browser remains 2015 MeSH for now and the alternate link provides access to 2016 MeSH. Access to two years of MeSH vocabulary is always available in the MeSH Browser, the current year and an alternate year. Sometime in November or December, the default year will change to 2016 MeSH and the alternate link to the 2015 MeSH.

Details on updates and download information for 2016 MeSH are forthcoming.

Other pertinent articles:

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Grant Funding Organizations Added to PubMed: ASPR, NASA, NIST

Tybaert S. Grant Funding Organizations Added to PubMed: ASPR, NASA, NIST. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):e6.

2015 October 19 [posted]

This fall the National Library of Medicine (NLM) is adding more US Government agencies that will be participating in the NIH Manuscript Submission System (NIHMS) to meet their Public Access requirement. Both extramural and intramural authors from these agencies will be depositing manuscripts into PMC; the article's funding indication will appear in PubMed citations in the Grant Number [gr] field.

The new agencies are:

Institute Acronym	Full Institute/Organization Name	To Search PubMed
ASPR	Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response	aspr [gr]
Intramural ASPR	Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response	intramural aspr [gr]
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	nasa [gr]
Intramural NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	intramural nasa [gr]
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	nist [gr]
Intramural NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	intramural nist [gr]

NOTE: ASPR is part of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services. NIST is part of the Department of Commerce.

Please refer to the NLM Web resource page, Grant Number Information Found in the GR Field in MEDLINE/PubMed, for explanations for grant number and agency acronyms.

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"Write to the PubMed Help Desk" Customer Service Form Enhanced

"Write to the PubMed Help Desk" Form Enhanced. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):e5.

2015 October 09 [posted]
2016 March 24 [Editor's note added]

[Editor's note: The NLM customer service form was updated in Spring 2016. See *NLM Customer Service Forms Streamlined* for additional information.]

On October 7, 2015, the "Write to the PubMed Help Desk" customer service form was revised (see *NLM Customer Service Forms Streamlined*).

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Write to the PubMed Help Desk

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What are you writing about?

- select -
- Misspelling or error in PubMed
- Question about MeSH subject indexing
- I want to get a full article
- Forgot MyNCBI password
- Other

Figure 1: "Write to the PubMed Help Desk" customer service form.

The new form includes prompts to provide necessary request information. This information will enable NLM to address customer needs more efficiently. For example, the "What are you writing about?" line has a drop down list of options for a user to select. One choice is "Misspelling or error in PubMed." If this option is selected, the form prompts the user for the PMID of the citation (see Figure 2). The form will display citation information for the user to confirm, and then require the "Current text in PubMed" and the "Correct text."

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What are you writing about?
 Misspelling or error in PubMed

i [Please see the policy on typographical errors](#)

Enter PMID of the citation

Submit Clear

Figure 2: Prompt to enter the PMID of the citation that has a misspelling or error.

The selected topic, along with the PMID information when provided, automates the routing of the question for appropriate review and action at NLM. There are also information buttons that link to explanations of related NLM policies.

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NLM LocatorPlus Bibliographic Data Addition/Modification Form: Use New Online Version for DOCLINE Reporting

Boehr D. NLM LocatorPlus Bibliographic Data Addition/Modification Form: Use New Online Version for DOCLINE Reporting. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):e4.

2015 September 16 [posted]

On October 1, 2015, NLM will implement a new method for requesting changes or additions to bibliographic data in LocatorPlus for DOCLINE reporting.

The paper-based request form, NLM LocatorPlus Bibliographic Data Addition/Modification Form, will be replaced by a new online request form, DOCLINE Journals Data Addition/Modification Form.

There will be a permanent redirect to the new form.

Requesters should fill out the form with the required and other relevant information. Supporting documentation may be attached. When the form is complete, click the "Send Message" button to submit the request. Requesters will receive an automated receipt confirmation via email. Another email will be sent when the request has been processed and completed by NLM.

DOCLINE users should begin using the online request form on October 1, 2015. New requests for bibliographic changes and additions must be submitted online. Requests using the paper form, sent by mail or fax, or requests sent to NLM customer service, will not be accepted after October 15, 2015, and will be returned to the sender. NLM anticipates that this change will allow for speedier processing of requests and more accurate data in LocatorPlus and the NLM Catalog.

Please note that the policy for addition of journal titles to LocatorPlus has not changed. For further details, see the NLM Policy Statement on the Addition of Non-NLM Titles to the NLM LocatorPlus Database for DOCLINE Reporting.

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Change to Subject Headings in Distributed NLM CATLINE and SERLINE Products

Boehr D. Change to Subject Headings in Distributed NLM CATLINE and SERLINE Products. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):e3.

2015 September 10 [posted]

In June 2015, NLM proposed discontinuing distribution of its bibliographic records with artificially reconstructed subject strings in CATLINE and SERLINE products. For additional information see, *Discontinuing Distribution of Cataloging Bibliographic Records with Artificially Reconstructed Subject Strings—Comment by August 31, 2015*.

This proposal was sent to the Regional Medical Libraries, MEDLIB, and MEDCAT discussion lists, as well as to subscribers of the NLM MARC21 files. Responses to the proposal were unanimously in favor of discontinuing the distribution of subject strings and having the records in the distributed files match the records as they appear in LocatorPlus and the NLM Catalog.

Therefore, NLM is pleased to announce that beginning with the December 2015 distribution of new records in CATFILE and SERFILE, NLM subject terms will be distributed with topical subjects recorded in 650 \$a or 650 \$a \$x; geographic subjects recorded in 651 \$a or 651 \$a \$x; and publication type/genre terms record in 655 \$a.

In January 2016, the entire CATFILE and SERFILE databases will be released with these updates made to all the records. Libraries that want their data to be consistent with the NLM files are encouraged to download the full update.

NLM wishes to thank all of those who commented on the proposal. Your input was very helpful in confirming the direction the community is moving towards in subject analysis.

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MEDLINE/PubMed Year-End Processing Activities for 2016

Tybaert S. MEDLINE/PubMed Year-End Processing Activities for 2016. NLM Tech Bull. 2015 Sep-Oct;(406):e2.

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The National Library of Medicine (NLM) is currently involved in MEDLINE year-end processing (YEP) activities. These include changing the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) main headings and subheadings as well as Supplementary Concept Records that standardize names and associated numbers for chemicals, protocols, and diseases that are not main headings. The MeSH edits include maintaining existing MEDLINE citations to conform with the 2016 version of MeSH, and other global changes.

Important Dates

- November 18, 2015: NLM expects to temporarily suspend the addition of fully-indexed MEDLINE citations to PubMed. NLM will continue to add Publisher-supplied and in process citations.
- Mid-December 2015: PubMed MEDLINE citations, translation tables, and the MeSH database will have been updated to reflect 2016 MeSH.

For details about the impact on searching from November 19 to mid-December, see: Annual MEDLINE/PubMed Year-End Processing (YEP): Impact on Searching During Fall 2015.

For background information on the general kinds of changes made annually, see: Annual MEDLINE/PubMed Year-End Processing (YEP): Background Information.

Other pertinent articles:

MEDLINE/PubMed Year-End Processing Activities

2016 MeSH Headings Available in the MeSH Browser

2016 MeSH Available for Download

Cataloging News — 2016

MEDLINE Data Changes — 2016

What's New for 2016 MeSH

Newly Maintained MEDLINE for 2016 MeSH Now Available in PubMed

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Non-English Language Article Titles Now Display in PubMed When an English Translation is Not Available

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English translations of article titles in other languages display in PubMed whenever they are available. In the past, when a translation was not available, the title display in PubMed would read "Not available" or similar wording (see Figure 1).

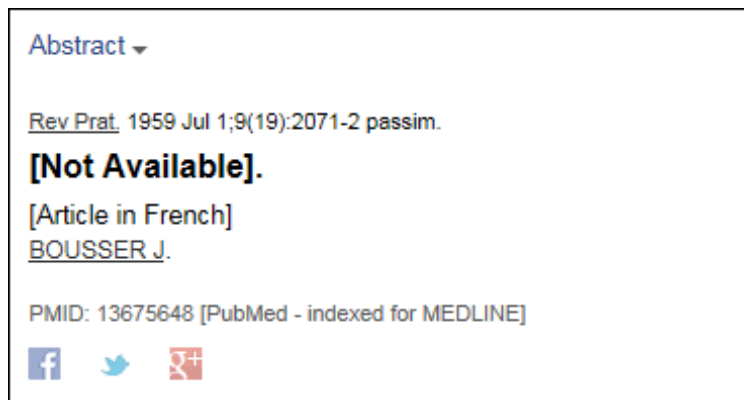


Figure 1: Previous citation display for a non-English full text article for which an English translation for the article title is not available.

PubMed has been updated to display the title in the original language when a translation is not available (see Figure 2).



Figure 2: New citation display for a non-English full text article for which an English translation for the article title is not available.

Note that this change does not affect PubMed searching. The default title search includes only English titles and title

translations. To search titles in the original language, select the "Transliterated Title" field that includes both transliterated and vernacular titles from the Advanced Search page or use the field tag [tt] (see Figure 3).



The image shows a search interface for PubMed. On the left, there is a dropdown menu with 'PubMed' selected. To its right is a search input field containing the text 'thrombocytoses [tt]'. Further right is a blue 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are three links: 'Create RSS', 'Create alert', and 'Advanced'.

Figure 3: Transliterated/Vernacular Title field tag [tt].

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