

## Supplementary Data

**Table S1:** Usage statistics of BioMart central portal from January 2008 to March 2009.

\* represents *not viewed traffic* that includes traffic generated by robots, worms, or replies with special HTTP status codes.

Month	Unique visitors	Hits	Web service hits %	Web browser hits %
Jan-08	2909	428086 976145*	81	19
Feb-08	2888	734897 986085*	90	10
Mar-08	3081	729674 1423416*	89	11
Apr-08	3221	2107338 1111428*	95	5
May-08	3341	346761 1145260*	65	35
Jun-08	3283	462849 937198*	70	30
Jul-08	3263	537002 1717997*	73	27
Aug-08	3006	455483 1817226*	74	26
Sep-08	3426	331093 1265288*	60	40
Oct-08	3925	1507744 1893233*	90	10
Nov-08	4051	1147805 1548501*	86	14
Dec-08	3428	669248 1855186*	78	22
Jan-09	3792	706630 2037273*	82	18
Feb-09	3756	359248 1814978*	58	42
Mar-09	4447	568756 2690081*	59	41