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# Substructure-based Neural Machine Translation for Retrosynthetic Prediction

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## Abstract

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**Title of data :** Hyperparameter settings

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**Description of data :** Hyperparameter settings for the best model.

Table S1: Hyper-parameter space and hyper-parameters for the best model.

| Parameter         | Possible Values | Best Model Parameters              |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| RNN Cell Type     | LSTM or Bi-LSTM | Bi-LSTM (Encoder & Decoder)        |
| Number of Layers  | 2, 4, or 6      | 2                                  |
| Number of units   | 500,1000, 2000  | 2000                               |
| Learning Rate     | 0.1 - 8         | 4                                  |
| Decay factor      | 0.50 - 0.90     | 0.85                               |
| Dropout           | 0.1 - 0.5       | 0.1                                |
| Type of Attention |                 | Luong's global attention mechanism |

**Additional File 8 : Table S2**

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**Title of data :** Scoring of bioactively similar reactions

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**Description of data :** Assessment of candidate reactants lie in bioactively similar region

Table S2: The quantitative summary of the assessment of the specific set containing ten reactions where the candidate reactants lie in the bioactively similar region.

| Reaction Number | FGI or Bond Disconnection <sup>1</sup> | Core Structure <sup>2</sup>   | Reactive Functional Group | Avg. <sup>3</sup> | T <sub>c</sub> <sup>4</sup> |
|-----------------|--|---|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1               | 1.00                                   | 0.98 (C1=1.00; C2=0.95, 6/5 #C in Alkyl)                                  | 1.00                      | 0.99              | 0.87                        |
| 2               | 1.00                                   | 0.83 (C1=1.00; C2=0.67, 1/3 fragments)                                    | 1.00                      | 0.94              | 0.81                        |
| 3               | 1.00                                   | 1.00  | 1.00                      | 1.00              | 0.84                        |
| 4               | 1.00                                   | 0.75 (C1=1.00; C2=0.50, 1/2 fragments)                                    | 1.00                      | 0.92              | 0.87                        |
| 5               | 1.00                                   | 0.79 (C1=0.75, 1/2 fragment's position; C2=0.83, 1/3 fragment's position) | 1.00                      | 0.93              | 0.86                        |
| 6               | 1.00                                   | 0.88 (C1=0.75, 1/2 fragment's position; C2=1.00)                          | 1.00                      | 0.96              | 0.94                        |
| 7               | 1.00                                   | 0.96 (C1=0.97, 5/6 #C in ring ; C2=0.94, 5/4 #C in Alkyl)                 | 1.00                      | 0.99              | 0.91                        |
| 8               | 1.00                                   | 1.00  | 1.00                      | 1.00              | 0.87                        |
| 9               | 1.00                                   | 1.00  | 1.00                      | 1.00              | 0.83                        |
| 10              | 1.00                                   | 0.97 (C1=1.00; C2=0.94, position of side subst.)                          | 1.00                      | 0.99              | 0.85                        |

<sup>1</sup> The functional group interconversion (FGI) or bond disconnection and reactive functional group columns represent the correctness in a True(1)/False(0) fashion.

<sup>2</sup> The core structure column presents the averaged accuracy of the core structures of candidate molecules by capturing the correctness of core structures themselves as well as the type and positions of side-substituents. The source of errors are given inside the parenthesis e.g., "C2=0.33, 2/3 fragments" implies that the accuracy of candidate reactant 2 is 0.33 because 2 out of 3 fragments are wrongly predicted. C1: Candidate 1, C2 : Candidate 2.

<sup>3</sup> The average of the three criteria.

<sup>4</sup> The averaged T<sub>c</sub> values of candidate reactants.