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A Fully Shareable, Multiply-Alienated German Clinical Text Corpus

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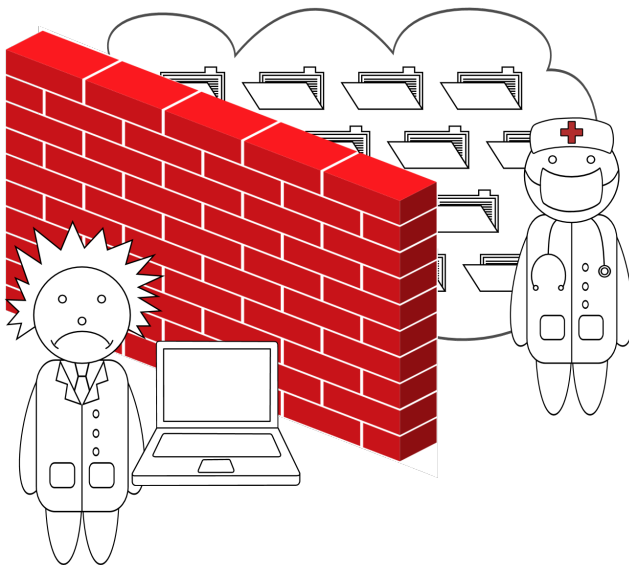
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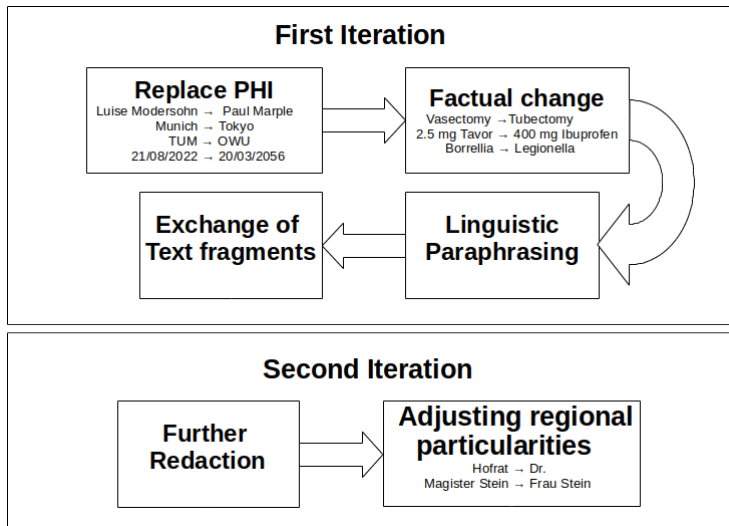
Barriers for Clinical Natural Language Processing (cNLP)



German Clinical and Medical Text Corpora

Corpus	Text genre	Original	# Docs	Shareability
3000PA _J [4]	Discharge summaries	True	1,100	Non-Shareable
BRONCO150 [5]	Discharge summaries	Shuffled sentences	150	DUA
JSYNCC [6]	Medical Textbooks	True	399	Code for re-creation
GGPONC 1.0 [3]	Clinical practice guidelines	True	8,420	DUA
GGPONC 2.0 [2]	Clinical practice guidelines	True	10,190	DUA
This work	Case reports	Redacted	63	Fully Shareable

Corpus construction



Experimental Setup

Datasets

Clinical 3000PA_J [4], BRONCO150 [5]

Medical JSYNCC [6], GGPOnc [3], PUBMED

General KRAUTS [10], WIKIWARS_DE [9]

Features

- Linguistic Features (Word count, Sentences, Stop words)
- Occurrences of UMLS [1] terms (Anatomy, Disorders, Living Being)
- Medications from *Rote Liste*

Clustering

- Max. 1000 documents per dataset
- Normalization (per document word count) and scaling
- K-means [8] and t-SNE [7]

Corpus description

Key Data

Documents 63

Sentences 5,430

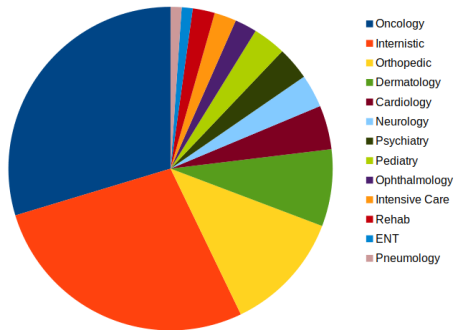
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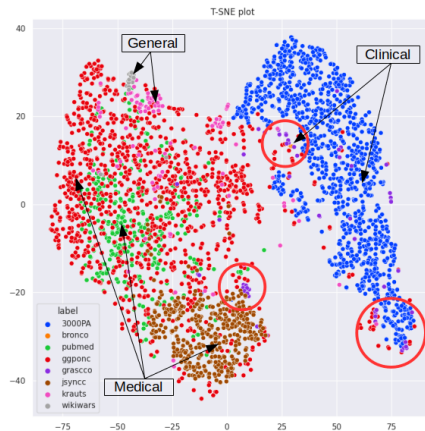
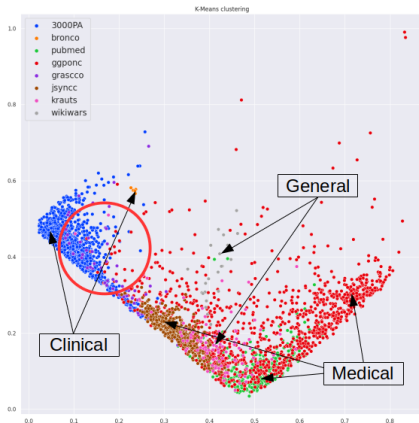
Sex distr. 1:1

In-patient 60 %

Distribution of covered Topics



Visualization



Conclusion

- First freely shareable German clinical corpus (Creative Commons licence)
- Preliminary evidence for closeness to clinical documents
- 63 documents, ca. 5k sentences, ca. 43k token
- Small in size → addressed in future releases
- Documents may be medically implausible

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