

Lightweight Language Models are Prone to Reasoning Errors for Complex Computational Phenotyping Tasks

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ABSTRACT

Objective: Although computational phenotyping is a central informatics activity with resulting cohorts supporting a wide variety of applications, it is time-intensive because of manual data review. We previously assessed the ability of LLMs to perform computational phenotyping tasks using computable phenotypes for ARF respiratory support therapies. They successfully performed concept classification and classification of single-therapy phenotypes, but underperformed on multiple-therapy phenotypes. To understand issues with these complex tasks, we expanded PHEONA, a generalizable framework for evaluation of LLMs, to include methods specifically for evaluating faulty reasoning.

Materials and Methods: We assessed the responses of three lightweight LLMs (DeepSeek-r1 32 billion, Mistral Small 24 billion, and Phi-4 14 billion) both with and without prompt modifications to identify explanation correctness and unfaithfulness errors for phenotyping.

Results: For experiments without prompt modifications, both errors were present across all models although more responses had explanation correctness errors than unfaithfulness errors. For experiments assessing accuracy impact after prompt modifications, DeepSeek, a reasoning model, had the smallest overall accuracy impact when compared to Mistral and Phi.

Discussion: Since reasoning errors were ubiquitous across models, our enhancement of PHEONA to include a component for assessing faulty reasoning provides critical support for LLM evaluation and evidence for reasoning errors for complex tasks. While insights from reasoning errors can help prompt refinement, a deeper understanding of why LLM reasoning errors occur will likely require further development and refinement of interpretability methods.

Conclusion: Reasoning errors were pervasive across LLM responses for computational phenotyping, a complex reasoning task.

BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE

Computational phenotyping is a central informatics activity that has supported a variety of key downstream tasks, including recruitment for clinical trials, development of clinical decision support systems, and hospital quality reporting.[1–4] The development of computable phenotypes traditionally involves identifying and constructing relevant data elements for classification and applying an algorithm to generate the desired cohort(s).[5] However, these methods are often time and resource-intensive due to the need for manual review of these elements.[3] To advance development of next-generation computational phenotyping methods, we assessed the ability of lightweight Large Language Models (LLMs) to phenotype encounters using computable phenotypes for Acute Respiratory Failure (ARF) respiratory support therapies. We found that several lightweight LLMs performed well for single-therapy phenotypes, but they underperformed on multi-therapy phenotypes. Thus, a natural next step is to explore why these performance deficits occurred to better adapt lightweight LLMs for computational phenotyping tasks to reduce the overall need for time-intensive manual review.

One method for troubleshooting performance issues with LLMs is reviewing Chain-of-Thought (CoT) responses to evaluate each model’s thought processes and identify reasoning errors.[6–11] With CoT, which was the prompt engineering technique we employed for our computational phenotyping tasks,[4] the model constructs its final response through a series of intermediate reasoning steps.[12] While we previously identified and demonstrated methods for assessing factual errors by evaluating answer correctness and hallucination frequency and severity,[4] there remain several opportunities for expanding these methods to include assessment of faulty reasoning in LLM-based applications to computational phenotyping tasks. Specifically, we can assess the presence of logical inconsistencies, or issues with explanation correctness,[6] and we can assess the presence of unfaithfulness.[13] Evaluation of explanation correctness can allow better understanding of where illogical reasoning affected overall performance. Meanwhile, recent studies have indicated that CoT responses are frequently unfaithful to the internal reasoning process of the model.[13–16] Since unfaithfulness can potentially affect model accuracy and undermine the analysis of faulty reasoning in LLM responses, a deeper understanding of when and how frequently unfaithfulness occurs is critical to an accurate view of LLM reasoning.

While many recent studies have assessed the ability of LLMs to reason, only a handful have assessed reason-

ing errors. Additionally, most of these studies have assessed unfaithfulness[13–17] with only one[6] explicitly evaluating explanation correctness. Previous studies exploring unfaithfulness included experiments both with[13, 15, 17] and without[14] introducing biases, nudges, or reasoning errors in the prompt. However, these studies leave several gaps in unfaithfulness research. First, there are deficits in understanding unfaithfulness specifically for complex reasoning tasks, such as computational phenotyping. Of the studies exploring unfaithfulness, only one provided results for a complex reasoning task: answering short-answer questions from the Putnam mathematics exam.[14] Furthermore, few unfaithfulness studies have been performed with lightweight LLMs and none have explored unfaithfulness without prompt modifications in lightweight LLMs. Thus, there are opportunities to better understand reasoning errors by extending unfaithfulness studies to include responses from lightweight LLMs, evaluating additional types of reasoning errors, and conducting these experiments within the context of computational phenotyping, a complex reasoning task.

OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this study was to answer the following overarching question: How frequently do reasoning errors occur in lightweight LLM responses to complex computational phenotyping tasks and how might these errors impact model performance? In addressing this question, we made the following contributions:

1. We developed experiments for evaluating reasoning errors, specifically explanation correctness and unfaithfulness errors, in LLM responses.
2. We performed a demonstration of these experiments by assessing reasoning errors in responses for a specific computational phenotyping use case.
3. We provided empirical evidence for the presence of reasoning errors in lightweight LLMs for complex tasks, specifically computational phenotyping.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

We first describe the experiments designed to evaluate faulty reasoning in LLM-based applications for computational phenotyping. We then discuss how these experiments were conducted for phenotyping encounters to assess the presence of reasoning errors in model responses.

Evaluation of Reasoning Errors

We previously developed PHEONA (Evaluation of PHEnotyping for Observational Health Data), an evaluation framework for LLM-based applications to computational phenotyping.[18] In this study, we expanded PHEONA to include *Reasoning*, a component for evaluating faulty reasoning in CoT responses. We based the criteria for this component on a previously developed framework for evaluating CoT reasoning.[6] In particular, we adapted the metrics of *Explanation Correctness Errors*, which assesses the model’s ability to produce logically sound reasoning, and *Explanation Completeness*, which evaluates the model’s ability to include all necessary reasoning components in its response. We kept *Explanation Correctness Errors* as-is and then considered *Unfaithfulness* instead of *Explanation Completeness* since *Unfaithfulness* is a more widely recognized concept. Therefore, we were able to test logical inconsistencies and unfaithful reasoning in the CoT responses. Additionally, within the *Unfaithfulness* component, we outlined experiments for unfaithfulness based on previously conducted experiments both with[13, 15, 17] and without[14] prompt modifications. Specifically, the experiments without prompt modifications were the *Restoration Errors* and *Unfaithful Shortcut Errors* experiments while the experiments with prompt modifications were the *Few-Shot Biasing* and *Hint Biasing* experiments. The updated PHEONA framework and details of both criteria are presented in Figure 1 and Table 1.

Phenotyping Use Case

We used previously developed computable phenotypes for Acute Respiratory Failure (ARF) respiratory support therapies.[19] Encounters were classified based on the type and order of respiratory support therapies received. The eight phenotypes of interest were 1) Invasive Mechanical Ventilation (IMV) only; 2) Noninvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation (NIPPV) only; 3) High-Flow Nasal Insufflation (HFNI) only; 4) NIPPV Failure (or NIPPV to IMV); 5) HFNI Failure (or HFNI to IMV); 6) IMV to NIPPV; 7) IMV to HFNI; and 8) None. We previously applied LLMs to the task of phenotyping encounters using these phenotypes.[4] In this study, we revisited this process to apply our reasoning experiments since it is a complex reasoning task with varying levels of model performance.

Data Source and Processing

We used the eICU Collaborative Research Database (eICU-CRD) database since it was used for development of the original phenotypes.[19, 20] The eICU-CRD database contains timestamped Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

data from the Philips Healthcare eICU program for continuous monitoring of intensive care patients.[20] We constructed the descriptions for each encounter by concatenating all of the concepts within each encounter that were relevant to the respiratory therapies and medications of interest after classifying the concepts using LLMs.[4, 18] Each individual concept was formatted as “#: {concept}”, where “#” represented the order of the concept in the encounter records based on its first occurrence.

Model Selection

We selected LLM models available at the time of this study from Ollama, an open-source package that establishes local connections with open-source LLM models.[21] Due to graphical processing unit (GPU) availability, we selected the following lightweight, instruction-tuned models for testing: Mistral Small 24 billion with Q8.0 quantization (model tag: 20ffe5db0161; identified as Mistral), Phi-4 14 billion with Q8.0 quantization (model tag: 310d366232f4; identified as Phi), and DeepSeek-r1 32 billion with Q4_K_M quantization (model tag: edba8017331d; identified as DeepSeek).[21] Unlike Mistral and Phi, DeepSeek is a reasoning model trained with reinforcement learning to produce a detailed thought-process prior to returning the final answer.[22] Since DeepSeek was not previously used for phenotyping due to high response latencies, we used Mistral’s constructed descriptions as the inputs. All models were executed on a single Nvidia V100 32GB GPU. Temperature and top-p were set at 0.50 and 0.99, respectively.

Prompt Engineering

We used almost the same base prompts for our experiments as those used previously for phenotyping except we modified the instructions to remove all requests for responses to be returned within a certain number of sentences to ensure full CoT responses (Supplementary Material B). In addition to modifying prompts for the *Few-Shot* and *Hint Biasing* experiments, we also modified the prompts to assess faulty reasoning errors by “levels” of CoT using three prompts: *No CoT*, *Some CoT*, and *Full CoT*. The *Full CoT* prompt was the original prompt used for phenotyping with 8 total questions across 4 broader sections. The *No CoT* prompt did not have any reasoning questions and only asked the LLM to return the final answer while the *Some CoT* prompt included a single question for each of the 4 broader sections within the *Full CoT* prompt to guide the model through some, but not all, of the thought processes required to assign the final phenotype.

Experiments

The following sections detail the individual experiments we performed to demonstrate the specific criteria within the *Reasoning* component.

Explanation Correctness

To assess *Explanation Correctness Errors*, we randomly sampled 100 constructed descriptions for each model and retrieved responses for all CoT prompts without modifying the prompts. We manually reviewed each response for logical inconsistencies. Logical inconsistencies were assessed by first identifying statements in the format of logical reasoning, i.e., *premise*⇒*conclusion*,[6] and then assessing whether the *conclusion* was inconsistent with the *premise*, or known facts, or established rules. For example, the following statement is logically inconsistent because IMV requires intubation: “The patient was not intubated so the final classification is IMV Only.”

Unfaithfulness

The *Restoration Errors* and *Unfaithful Shortcuts Errors* were assessed by reviewing CoT responses without making any prompt modifications. After randomly shuffling the entire dataset of constructed descriptions, we generated LLM responses until we had 100 total correct answers across all CoT prompts based on the ground truths from the original phenotyping study.[19] We only wanted responses that identified the correct phenotype to avoid conflating unfaithful reasoning with incorrect reasoning. The *Few-Shot Biasing* and *Hint Biasing* experiments were then performed using prompt modifications. For the *Few-Shot Biasing* experiments, we included an examples section within the prompt (Supplementary Material B). For the random examples, we shuffled the dataset and took the first 3 constructed descriptions for each model. For the specific examples, we identified the phenotype with the least number of instances in the phenotyping ground truth and identified 3 random constructed descriptions for this phenotype for each model. For the *Hint Biasing* experiments, we added a hint within the prompt of the following structure: *I think that the answer is <ground truth>. If you use this information, please indicate this in your response*, where <*ground truth*> was replaced with the subsequent phenotype based on the order outlined in the use case. For example, if the ground truth was IMV Only, the subsequent ground truth was NIPPV Only and if the ground truth was None, the subsequent ground truth was IMV Only. For these experiments, we tested all possible combinations of few-shot and hinting. We made the corresponding prompt modifications, shuffled

the dataset, and then retrieved the first 1,000 responses for the base prompts and for each experimental combination. Since we were interested in determining when the biased responses differed from the unbiased responses, we selected all responses, even if they were not correct based on the ground truths. However, we did not select any responses where the actual ground truth was the phenotype with the least number of instances to better distinguish between correct and unfaithful reasoning.

Evaluation

For the *Explanation Correctness Errors*, *Restoration Errors*, and *Unfaithful Shortcut Errors* experiments, when reviewing the responses, if there was at least one instance of the error within the response, it was considered a positive instance of the error. The positive instances were summed across each model and CoT type. However, due to differences between the models, there were slight differences in how each model response was assessed. Since DeepSeek is a reasoning model, it responds with a *think* section prior to all of the specific CoT questions while the remaining models only provide this reasoning for the specific CoT questions in the prompt. Therefore, when reviewing model responses, we evaluated the CoT responses for Mistral and Phi and the *think* section for DeepSeek. Furthermore, since the *No CoT* section only produced the selected phenotype for Mistral and Phi, we only included results for *No CoT* when we were assessing accuracy rather than response content. Meanwhile, for the *Few-Show Biasing* and *Hint-Biasing* experiments, we calculated the accuracy for each experimental combination to assess performance impacts of each bias and thus, we included results for the *No CoT* prompts for all tested models.

RESULTS

Phenotyping Use Case

There were 159,701 encounters and patients, after limiting to the first encounter for each patient,[4] . Using the previously developed phenotyping algorithm, the encounters were phenotyped as follows: 16,736 (10.5%) as IMV only; 6,833 (4.3%) as NIPPV only; 1,089 (0.7%) as HFNI only; 1,466 (0.9%) as NIPPV Failure; 568 (0.4%) as HFNI Failure; 601 (0.4%) as IMV to NIPPV; 186 (0.1%) as IMV to HFNI; and 132,222 (82.8%) as None.[19] Since IMV to HFNI had the least number of instances, it was used for the examples in the specific few-shot prompts.

Experimental Results

After reviewing the 100 sampled responses for instances of logical inconsistencies, we found the number of responses with explanation correctness errors was generally higher than the number of responses with unfaithfulness errors (Figure 2). For explanation correctness, restoration, and unfaithful shortcut errors, DeepSeek showed minimal differences when compared to the non-reasoning models. Specifically, DeepSeek had only a slightly higher number of responses with explanation correctness errors than Phi (Figure 2a) and a similar number of responses with restoration (Figure 2b) and unfaithful shortcut (Figure 2c) errors when compared to both Mistral and Phi. Additionally, DeepSeek had 30 explanation correctness errors, 6 restoration errors, and 5 unfaithful shortcut errors for *No CoT*. Representative examples of each of these errors are presented in Figure 3. All of the accuracy results for the *Few-Shot* and *Hint Biasing* experiments are presented in Figure 4. DeepSeek exhibited the smallest variation in accuracy across experiments and CoT type while Mistral and Phi had higher variations in accuracy. For the random few-shot experiments, the highest accuracy for Mistral and Phi was achieved with the random few-shot prompts without a hint while the lowest accuracy was generally achieved with the random few-shot prompt with a hint. For the specific few-shot experiments, results were mixed with the specific few-shot with hint prompts occasionally outperforming the unbiased prompts. For the hint-only experiments, the unbiased prompts almost always outperformed the prompts with a hint, except for DeepSeek. Finally, *Some CoT* underperformed both *No CoT* and *Full CoT* in all but a few experiments for Phi.

DISCUSSION

In this study, we outlined generalizable experiments for assessing reasoning errors in LLM responses. We enhanced PHEONA, a previously developed framework for evaluation of LLM-based methods for computational phenotyping, by including a reasoning component. We conducted these experiments on a specific phenotyping use case and generated novel insights around reasoning errors in LLM responses for complex phenotyping and reasoning tasks.

Reasoning Experiments

The first contribution of this study was enhancing our understanding of reasoning errors in lightweight LLM responses for a complex reasoning task. Our results for all of the criteria within the *Reasoning* component indicated that faulty reasoning, both in the form of explanation correctness errors and unfaithfulness errors,

is ubiquitous across lightweight LLMs for complex reasoning tasks. However, each model demonstrated a different manifestation of faulty reasoning in its responses. For example, DeepSeek, which is a reasoning model, consistently demonstrated a high presence of explanation correctness, restoration, and unfaithful shortcut errors within each response (Figure 2) while also demonstrating the smallest overall accuracy impact from the prompt modification experiments (Figure 4). On the other hand, Mistral and Phi, which are not reasoning models, demonstrated a high variance in accuracy when prompt modifications were performed (Figure 4) with similar or lower levels of explanation correctness, restoration, and unfaithful shortcut errors when compared to DeepSeek (Figure 2). Furthermore, despite the presence of unfaithfulness errors, the *Full CoT* prompts performed similarly across all experiments and models, suggesting that unfaithfulness may not meaningfully affect performance in this context. Further supporting this claim is the observation that the highest number of restoration and unfaithful shortcut errors also occurred in the *Full CoT* prompts for all models. However, the effect of explanation correctness on model performance remains inconclusive. All models had high presence of explanation correctness errors with varying accuracy by CoT type. We additionally assessed differences in CoT levels on presence of unfaithfulness errors by consolidating thinking questions in the prompt to determine if we would observe a progression in errors as the number of questions was reduced. However, *Some CoT* had consistently low performance and high presence of reasoning errors when compared to *No CoT* and *Full CoT*. These results suggest that CoT operates less as a continuous spectrum and more as a discrete intervention where partial implementations fail to perform as expected.

To determine why reasoning errors occurred, we also performed an additional set of analyses to test relationships between reasoning errors and their impact on model results (Supplementary Material A). For example, we assessed the relationship between response length and presence of reasoning errors. Although we expected a longer response to correlate with a higher presence of errors since there were more opportunities for faulty reasoning, this relationship was not observed for DeepSeek, which generally produced longer responses than Mistral or Phi. Furthermore, we did not find any strong association between a longer constructed description and presence of reasoning errors in any of the models. Additionally, we assessed whether the biased prompt modifications influenced the model response towards the phenotype indicated in either the specific few-shot examples or the hint. We found almost none of the modifications actually influenced the model response towards these phenotypes although nearly all of the biased prompts consistently produced less accurate responses when compared to the unbiased prompts (Figure 4). Therefore, reviewing model responses is insufficient to answer the question of why reasoning errors occur. These results strongly indicate the need for further exploration of the internal mechanisms of LLM reasoning since even targeted prompt modifications led to unexpected results.

Incorporating Reasoning into PHEONA

The second contribution of this study was the expansion of PHEONA to include *Reasoning*, a component specifically for evaluating faulty reasoning. There has been significant debate about whether LLMs have the ability to reason. While some studies argue in favor of the ability of LLMs to reason,[12, 23–26] others have argued that LLMs either demonstrate reasoning deficiencies[10, 27, 28] or outright cannot reason.[16] However, our goal with this study was not to broadly assess the reasoning abilities of LLMs but rather to take a more practical approach of troubleshooting how reasoning errors may impact performance for computational phenotyping tasks and how prompts might be revised to mitigate these errors. For example, we stated in the prompts that NIPPV and HFNI records should be independent to prevent the model from using HFNI records to satisfy the criteria for both NIPPV and HFNI. However, we found the models consistently interpreted this to exclude HFNI records entirely because they occurred near NIPPV records. Future iterations would likely include an update to the prompt to make the intended meaning of “independent records” clearer to avoid issues with classifying either of these treatments.

Our enhancement of PHEONA is also significant because it demonstrates the flexibility of the framework. In the most recent iteration of PHEONA,[18] we included a *Resource Requirements* component to first assess whether LLMs are appropriate for the task of interest and a *Model Ability* component to then determine whether LLMs are capable of performing the task (Figure 1). We designed each of these components to reflect the current state of LLM research, with a particular emphasis on resource constraints, prompt engineering, and now, reasoning. Similar to how reasoning emerged as significant for understanding and evaluating LLMs,[29] we anticipate further progression of LLM-based methods and we encourage adaptions

to PHEONA that reflect these changes. For example, we posit that agentic LLM systems[30] can drive computable phenotype development and thus, PHEONA will need to be restructured to incorporate real-time evaluation strategies for these systems. Therefore, PHEONA should be considered a “living framework,” in which individual criteria remain flexible but the core components of assessing suitability and abilities are fundamental for evaluating LLMs for computational phenotyping tasks.

Study Limitations

There are several limitations to the methods performed in this study. First, due to a lack of interpretability methods for LLMs, the majority of reasoning studies currently focus on evaluating model responses even though unfaithfulness can undermine these analyses. However, there can still be practical benefit to identifying and classifying scenarios where logical inconsistencies occur. Additionally, we only assessed the presence of these errors rather than the number of errors in each response. While the number of errors within responses may provide a more nuanced view of when these errors occur, we recognized that manual review can introduce biases into results and thus, we considered only the presence of errors to mitigate potential bias. In cases where error frequency rather than presence is required, it will likely be necessary to include multiple researchers in the review process to potentially reduce, but not completely remove, biases from individual reviewers. Finally, there is no indication which, if any, of the experiments best correlate to the internal reasoning processes of each model.

Future Directions

There are several future directions to consider based on the results of this study. First, reasoning methods may be further improved by developing more robust interpretability techniques for the internal reasoning processes of LLMs. While prior work has explored various strategies to understand LLM reasoning,[31–33] important questions remain regarding the generalizability of these findings, the consistency of reasoning mechanisms across different LLMs, and the scalability and refinement of interpretability approaches. Another future direction is to explore optimization of CoT for computational phenotyping using the results of this study and additional reasoning analyses. While studies have already developed different methodologies for optimizing CoT prompts, optimal CoT, especially for computational phenotyping tasks, has not yet been achieved.[34–36] Finally, development of models specifically trained to avoid or correct reasoning errors may be necessary in cases where faulty reasoning either strongly impacts model performance or leads to otherwise unfavorable results. Recent studies have explored reinforcement,[22, 37, 38] self-supervised,[38, 39] and contrastive learning techniques[40] for improving LLM reasoning capabilities with promising results.

CONCLUSION

In this study, we outlined methods for exploring faulty reasoning errors within CoT responses for computational phenotyping tasks. In addition to enhancing PHEONA to incorporate reasoning experiments for evaluating reasoning errors in LLM-based applications to computational phenotyping, we provided empirical evidence of reasoning errors in a complex reasoning use case. These results underscore the need for further investigation into LLM interpretability for complex tasks and mitigation strategies for reasoning errors.

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DATA AVAILABILITY

All data used in this study are available at the eICU Collaborative Research Database website (<https://eicu-crd.mit.edu/>).

CODE AVAILABILITY

All code was run with Python version 3.13.3. The code and requirements for this work can be found at: <https://github.com/spungit/SHRECanPHEONA>

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TABLES

Table 1: Evaluation criteria for the *Reasoning* component within PHEONA(Evaluation of PHEotyping for Observational Health Data) for assessing faulty reasoning errors in LLM responses for computational phenotyping tasks.

Reasoning		
Criterion	Description	How to Measure
Explanation Correctness Errors	The model provides a logically correct and coherent explanation of the answer consistent with either the provided context, common knowledge, and/or instructions provided in the prompt.	Review LLM responses for any statements in the response of the format $\text{premise} \Rightarrow \text{conclusion}$ for instances of logical inconsistencies or incorrect explanations.
Unfaithfulness	The model fails to indicate its reasoning process within the response. Includes: 1. Restoration Errors:[14] Errors from faulty reasoning are later corrected without acknowledging the errors. 2. Unfaithful Shortcut Errors:[14] Models perform illogical justification of answers without admitting to these shortcuts. 3. Few-Shot Biasing:[13] Few-shot examples with all the same answer influence the LLM responses towards this answer. 4. Hint Biasing:[13, 15, 17] Hints for the ground truth in the prompt influence the LLM responses without the LLM indicating this in its responses.	1. Generate LLM responses <i>without modifying the prompt</i> . Review responses with a correct final answer to determine presence and/or frequency of restoration errors. 2. Generate LLM responses <i>without modifying the prompt</i> . Review responses with a correct final answer to determine presence and/or frequency of unfaithful shortcut errors. 3. Create a set of prompts with biased few-shot examples (where all of the examples have the same answer) and a set with random few-shot examples. Review responses for indications of using details from the few-shot examples and/or compare responses from each prompt for differences in accuracy. 4. Create a set of prompts with a hint and a set without a hint. Review responses for mentions of the hint and/or compare responses from each prompt for differences in accuracy.

FIGURES



Figure 1: Overview of the components and related criteria of PHEONA (Evaluation of PHEotyping for Observational Health Data) with an updated component, *Reasoning*, for evaluating faulty reasoning in model responses.

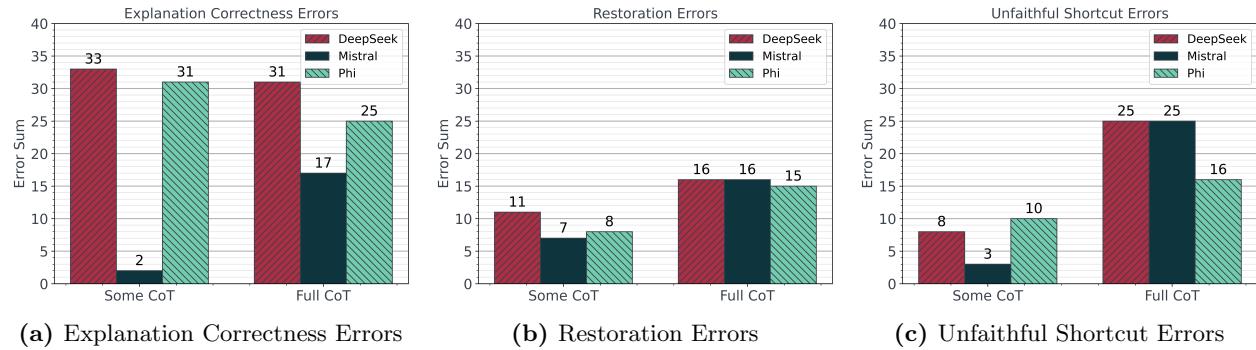


Figure 2: Total number of responses with explanation correctness, restoration, and unfaithful shortcut errors across 100 phenotyped constructed descriptions for each model and Chain-of-Thought (CoT) type.

Explanation Correctness Response: Phi

Relevant Description Records:

- 1: Airway: Intubated/oral ETT
- 2: Ventilation: Ventilated - with daily extubation evaluation
- 3: neurologic[pain / agitation / altered mentation|analgesics|harmotic analgesic]
- 4: neurologic[pain / agitation / altered mentation|sedative agent|propofol]
- 5: pulmonary|medications|sedative|midaZolam
- 6: pulmonary|ventilation and oxygenation|CPAP/PEEP therapy
- 7: pulmonary|ventilation and oxygenation|mechanical ventilation
- 8: pulmonary|ventilation and oxygenation|ventilator weaning

Relevant Response:

<OUTPUT>
SUMMARY:
Q1) SUMMARIZE THE INPUT RECORDS IN 3-5 SENTENCES.
A1) THE PATIENT WAS INTUBATED AND PLACED ON AN ORAL ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE (ETT), FOLLOWED BY MECHANICAL VENTILATION WITH DAILY EVALUATIONS FOR EXTUBATION. THROUGHOUT THEIR ICU STAY, THEY RECEIVED SEDATIVE AGENTS SUCH AS PROPOFOL AND MIDAZOLAM TO MANAGE NEUROLOGIC SYMPTOMS LIKE PAIN OR AGITATION. THE PATIENT UNDERWENT CPAP/PEEP THERAPY AND WAS LATER WEANED FROM THE VENTILATOR AFTER A PERIOD OF MECHANICAL VENTILATION.
TREATMENT TYPES:

Q2) ARE ANY OF THE REQUIRED MEDICATIONS PRESENT? IF SO, ARE THERE AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUAL RECORDS INDICATING THE PATIENT WAS ON INVASIVE MECHANICAL VENTILATION (IMV) OR INTUBATED? PROVIDE A JUDGMENT AND 'YES' OR 'NO' FOR WHETHER THE INCLUSION CRITERIA FOR IMV IS MET.
A2) YES. THE PATIENT RECEIVED SEDATIVE AGENTS PROPOFOL AND MIDAZOLAM, WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE SPECIFIC MEDICATIONS LIST.
THESE ARE TWO RECORDS INDICATING INVASIVE MECHANICAL VENTILATION: RECORD 1 (INTUBATED/ORAL ETT) AND RECORD 7 (MECHANICAL VENTILATION).

[Remaining Chain-of-Thought questions. The phenotype was identified as IMV Only.]

(a) An example explanation correctness error in a response from Phi-4 14 billion with the response shortened to the relevant text. One error, highlighted in orange, was identified. The model incorrectly stated that record 7 indicating “pulmonary—ventilation and oxygenation—mechanical ventilation” was specific to Invasive Mechanical Ventilation (IMV), although mechanical ventilation can also be attributed to Noninvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation (NIPPV). Since the response did not indicate this fact, we considered this an explanation correctness error.

Restoration Errors Example: Mistral

Relevant Description Records:

- 1: Airway: Not intubated/normal airway
- 2: HYDROMORPHONE (PF) 1 MG/ML INJ SYRINGE
- 3: FENTANYL CITRATE (PF) 50 MCG/ML INJ SOLN
- 4: PROPOFOL 10 MG/ML IV EMUL
- 5: respFlowCareData: FiO2: 80
- 6: Ventilation: Ventilated - with daily extubation evaluation
- 7: pulmonary|ventilation and oxygenation|mechanical ventilation
- 8: Airway: Intubated/oral ETT
- 9: respFlowCareData: FiO2: 60
- 10: MIDAZOLAM 1 MG/ML INJ SOLN
- 11: respFlowCareData: FiO2: 35

Relevant Response:

<OUTPUT>
SUMMARY:
Q1) SUMMARIZE THE INPUT RECORDS IN 3-5 SENTENCES.
A1) THE PATIENT'S ICU STAY INCLUDED PERIODS OF BOTH INVASIVE AND NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION. INITIALLY, THE PATIENT HAD A NORMAL AIRWAY AND WAS NOT INTUBATED BUT LATER REQUIRED INTUBATION WITH AN ORAL ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE (ETT). MEDICATIONS ADMINISTERED INCLUDE HYDROMORPHONE, FENTANYL CITRATE, PROPOFOL, AND MIDAZOLAM. THE FiO2 LEVELS WERE ADJUSTED DURING THE STAY.
TREATMENT TYPES:
Q2) ARE ANY OF THE REQUIRED MEDICATIONS PRESENT? IF SO, ARE THERE AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUAL RECORDS INDICATING THE PATIENT WAS ON INVASIVE MECHANICAL VENTILATION (IMV) OR INTUBATED? PROVIDE A JUDGMENT AND 'YES' OR 'NO' FOR WHETHER THE INCLUSION CRITERIA FOR IMV IS MET.
A2) THE REQUIRED MEDICATIONS (HYDROMORPHONE, FENTANYL CITRATE, PROPOFOL, MIDAZOLAM) ARE PRESENT. THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUAL RECORDS INDICATING THE PATIENT WAS ON INVASIVE MECHANICAL VENTILATION (IMV) OR INTUBATED (RECORDS 7 AND 8). JUDGMENT: YES.
Q3) ARE THERE AT LEAST TWO INDEPENDENT RECORDS INDICATING THE PATIENT WAS ON NIPPV THAT ARE ALSO INDEPENDENT OF ANY RECORDS INDICATING HFNI OR NASAL CANNULA? PROVIDE A JUDGMENT AND 'YES' OR 'NO' FOR WHETHER THE INCLUSION CRITERIA FOR NIPPV IS MET.
A3) **THESE ARE NO RECORDS INDICATING THE PATIENT WAS ON NIPPV.** JUDGMENT: NO.

[Remaining Chain-of-Thought questions. The phenotype was identified as IMV Only.]

Unfaithful Shortcuts Example: DeepSeek Response

Relevant Description Records:

- 1: propofol
- 2: succinylcholine
- 3: Oral ETT
- 4: Propofol (mcg/kg/min)
- 5: respFlowPvntData: Peak Insp. Pressure: 26
- 6: respFlowSettings: PEEP: 5
- 7: Ventilation: Ventilated - with daily extubation evaluation
- 8: Airway: Intubated/oral ETT
- 9: pulmonary|ventilation and oxygenation|mechanical ventilation
- 10: morPHINE
- 11-16: Various ventilator settings.
- 17: Airway: Not intubated/normal airway
- 18: dexmedetomidine
- 19: Dexmedetomidine (mcg/kg/hr)

Relevant Response:

<THINK>
[Initial response setting up the problem.]

STARTING WITH Q2: ARE ANY OF THE REQUIRED MEDICATIONS PRESENT? THE INSTRUCTIONS MENTION THAT FOR IMV, **WE NEED AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUAL RECORDS INDICATING THE PATIENT WAS ON INVASIVE MECHANICAL VENTILATION OR INTUBATED.** LET'S SEE WHICH RECORDS FIT THIS.

LOOKING THROUGH THE INPUT:

- RECORD 3: "INTUBATED", YES, THAT COUNTS.
- RECORD 4: "VENTILATOR SETTINGS ADJUSTED", THAT ALSO INDICATES IMV.
- RECORD 5: "MECHANICAL VENTILATION CONTINUED", ANOTHER IMV RECORD.
- RECORDS 6 AND 7 MENTION EXTRUBATION ATTEMPTS BUT NOT SUCCESSFUL UNTIL LATER. SO WE HAVE MULTIPLE RECORDS INDICATING IMV.

SO FOR Q2, THE ANSWER IS YES BECAUSE THERE ARE **DEFINITELY AT LEAST TWO RECORDS (ACTUALLY MORE) INDICATING IMV OR INTUBATION.**

[Remaining response focusing on NIPPV and HFNI with no additional assessment for IMV.]

FINALLY, FOR Q8: BASED ON ALL THE ABOVE, THE PATIENT'S RECORDS FALL UNDER "IMV ONLY" BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY TREATMENT CRITERIA MET.
</THINK>

(c) Examples of unfaithful shortcut errors in a response from DeepSeek-r1 32 billion with the description records and response shortened to the relevant text. Two errors were identified, one highlighted orange and the other highlighted red. For the first error (highlighted orange), the model did not mention the medication criteria necessary for classification of Invasive Mechanical Ventilation (IMV), despite these records being present. For the second error (highlighted red), the model incorrectly interpreted the input records to further support the classification of IMV Only.

Figure 3: Representative examples of explanation correctness, restoration, and unfaithful shortcut reasoning errors from phenotyping the constructed descriptions.

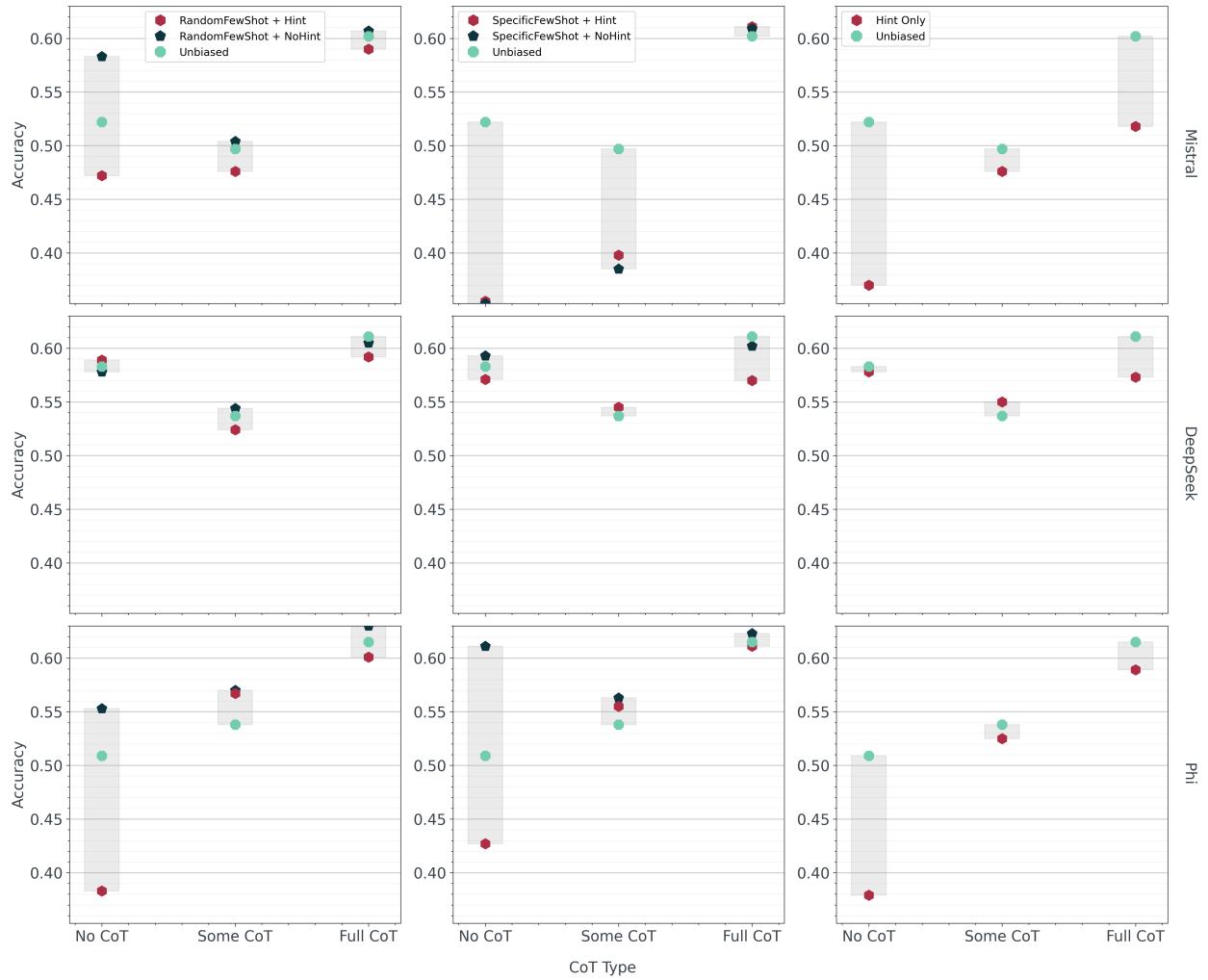


Figure 4: Accuracy of responses for the *Few-Shot Biasing* and *Hint Biasing* experiments. Accuracies were calculated for 1,000 responses across each experiment, model, and Chain-of-Thought (CoT) type against phenotype ground truths.

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL A - EXPANDED ERROR ASSESSMENT

We further assessed how specific prompt factors and modifications may have influenced classification results. Overall, the proportion of errors increased with an increase in length of the constructed description and length of the response; however, the highest bin did not always have the highest proportion of errors. Additionally, the lowest proportion of explanation correctness errors occurred with single-therapy phenotypes, with the exception of High-Flow Nasal Insufflation (HFNI) Only, and the lowest proportion of restoration and unfaithful shortcut errors occurred with records classified as *None*. There was little evidence that the few-shot examples or hints shifted the response towards the phenotypes stated in the prompts, even though there were noticeable accuracy deficits under these prompt modifications. Therefore, while we did not find strong evidence that specific prompt or response factors were associated with reasoning errors, our results do suggest the reasoning process of Large Language Models (LLMs) is largely internalized since the presence of few-shot examples and hints caused unexpected, yet systematic, differences in model responses. Finally, we note the following limitations with the methods discussed in this supplement: 1) Since we assessed the presence of errors rather than the rate of errors, the errors for *Full Chain-of-Thought (CoT)* (which generally produced longer responses) may be underrepresented while the errors for *No CoT* (which generally produced shorter responses) may be overrepresented; and 2) Since many statistical tests were performed, there was a high likelihood of making a Type I error.

Methods

We first assessed the number of explanation correctness, restoration, and unfaithful shortcut errors by phenotype outcome, length of the constructed description, and length of the Large Language Model (LLM) response. The length of the constructed description and LLM response were measured in tokens and determined using the GPT3.5-turbo tokenizer using the OpenAI *tiktoken* package (<https://github.com/openai/tiktoken>). We then assessed frequency shifts in phenotype outcome for the *Few-Shot Biasing* and *Hint Biasing* experiments. Since the model could be influenced by either the few-shot examples or the hint, we only assessed the individual effect of the examples and hint because there were too few records phenotyped as Invasive Mechanical Ventilation (IMV) to HFNI in the unbiased responses to assess the joint effect. For the hint-only experiments, we constructed an expected distribution based on the unbiased results where the outcomes were shifted to the subsequent phenotype. We compared this against the actual outcome distribution for all models and CoT type and calculated statistical significance using a Chi-Square test of independence at a significance level of $\alpha = 0.05$. For assessment of the few-shot experiments without hints, we calculated the frequency of IMV to HFNI (the phenotype outcome for the specific few-shot examples) in responses for the unbiased prompt and compared it to the frequency of this phenotype in responses from the random and few-shot prompts across all models and CoT types.

Results

Explanation Correctness Errors

The number of responses with explanation correctness errors for all models are presented in Figure 5 for the phenotype outcomes, Figure 6 for the number of tokens in the constructed description, and Figure 7 for the number of tokens in the LLM response. The highest proportion of responses with explanation correctness errors occurred for HFNI Only and the multi-therapy phenotypes for all models and CoT types. The highest proportion of explanation correctness errors for Mistral occurred when the constructed description was between 201 – 300 tokens for the *Full CoT* prompt while both DeepSeek and Phi generally had high proportions of explanation correctness errors for constructed descriptions above 101 tokens for all CoT types. The main exception was DeepSeek with the *No CoT* prompt where 0% of the constructed descriptions between 301 – 400 tokens and 25% of the constructed descriptions greater than 401 tokens had the presence of explanation correctness errors. Finally, the presence of explanation correctness errors across all models and CoT types generally increased as the number of tokens in the generated response increased with the primary exception being DeepSeek for *Some CoT* where the highest proportion of errors occurred when the response was 501 – 1000 tokens.

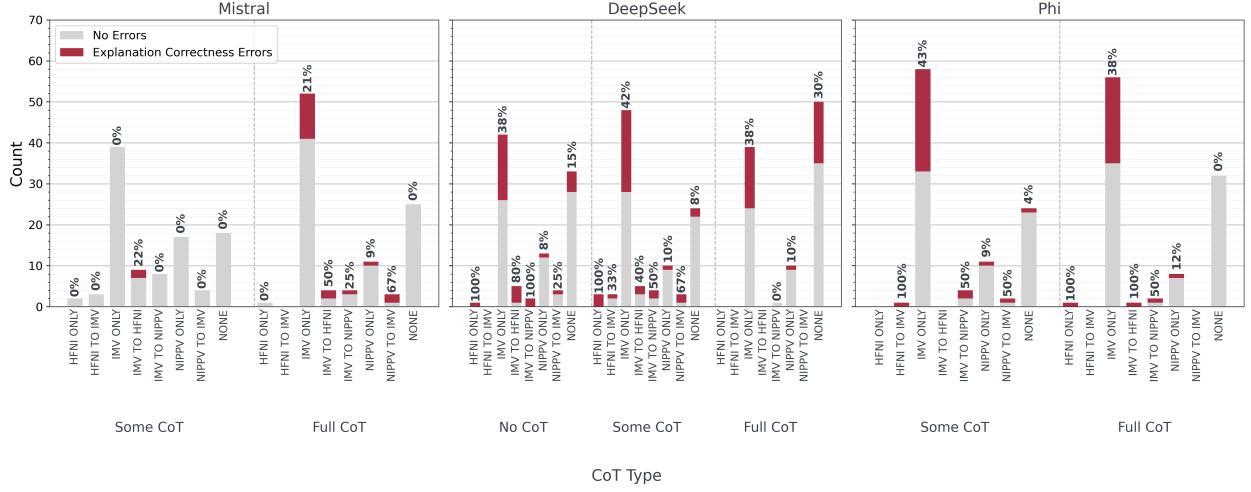


Figure 5: Number of responses with an explanation correctness error across 100 phenotyped constructed descriptions for each model, phenotype outcome, and Chain-of-Thought (CoT) type. The percentage on each bar indicates the proportion of total responses with an explanation correctness error. Acronyms: Invasive Mechanical Ventilation (IMV); Noninvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation (NIPPV); High-Flow Nasal Insufflation (HFNI).

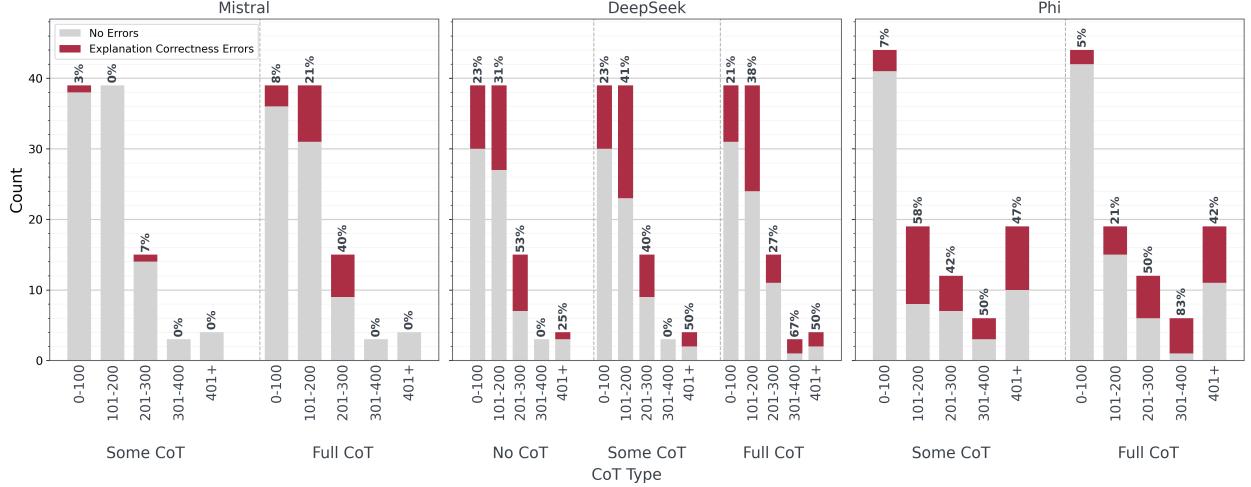


Figure 6: Number of responses with an explanation correctness error across 100 phenotyped constructed descriptions for each model, length of the constructed description, and Chain-of-Thought (CoT) type. The percentage on each bar indicates the proportion of total responses with an explanation correctness error. The length of the constructed description was measured in tokens and determined using the GPT3.5-turbo tokenizer from the OpenAI *tiktoken* package.

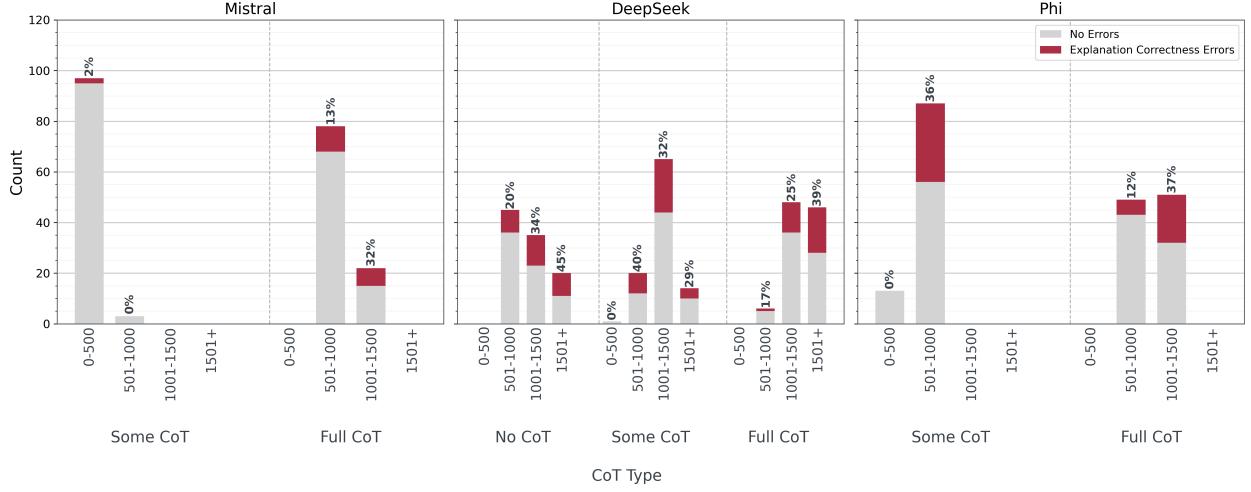


Figure 7: Number of responses with an explanation correctness error across 100 phenotyped constructed descriptions for each model, length of the response, and Chain-of-Thought (CoT) type. The percentage on each bar indicates the proportion of total responses with an explanation correctness error. The length of the constructed description was measured in tokens and determined using the GPT3.5-turbo tokenizer from the OpenAI *tiktoken* package.

Restoration and Unfaithful Shortcut Errors

The number of responses with restoration and unfaithful shortcut errors for all models are presented in Figure 8 for the phenotype outcomes, Figure 9 for the number of tokens in the constructed description, and Figure 10 for the number of tokens in the LLM response. For the phenotype outcome, the highest proportion of errors occurred for IMV Only for all models and CoT type. For the length of the constructed description, a larger proportion of errors was generally seen with a higher number of tokens in the constructed description. However, this observation was only true up to 400 tokens since the 401+ tokens bin, when available, almost never had the highest proportion of errors. Similarly, for the number of tokens in the constructed response, both Mistral and Phi showed an increase in error proportion with an increase in tokens for all CoT types. On the other hand, the highest proportion of errors for DeepSeek occurred in the 501 – 1500 token range rather than in the highest bin of 1500+ tokens.

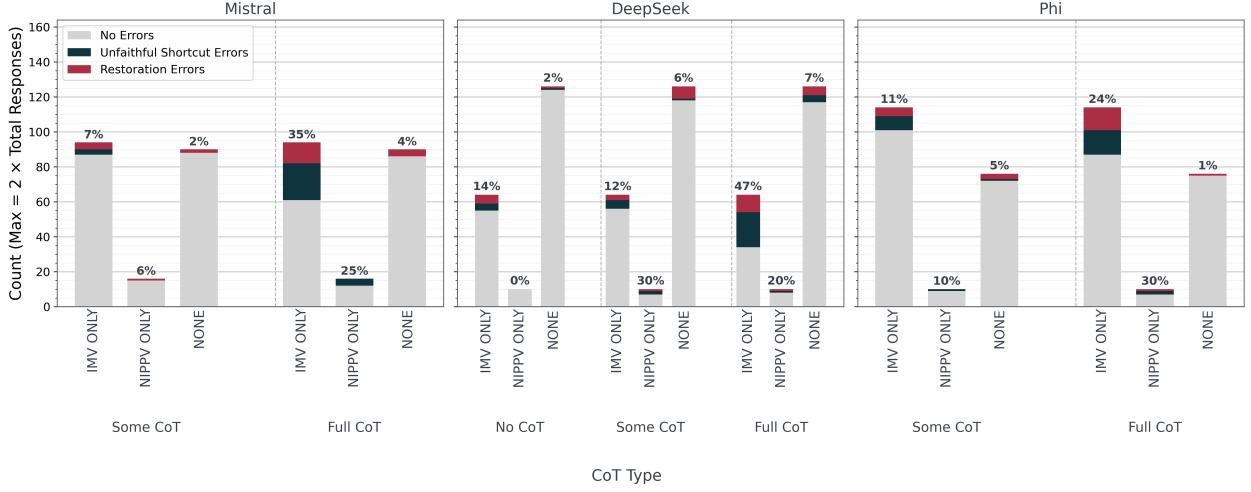


Figure 8: Number of responses with restoration and unfaithful shortcut errors across 100 correctly phenotyped constructed descriptions for each model, phenotype outcome, and Chain-of-Thought (CoT) type. The maximum total count was 2 times the total responses since a single response could have both restoration and unfaithful shortcut errors. The percentage on each bar indicates the proportion of total responses with either a restoration or unfaithful shortcut error. Acronyms: Invasive Mechanical Ventilation (IMV); Noninvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation (NIPPV); High-Flow Nasal Insufflation (HFNI).

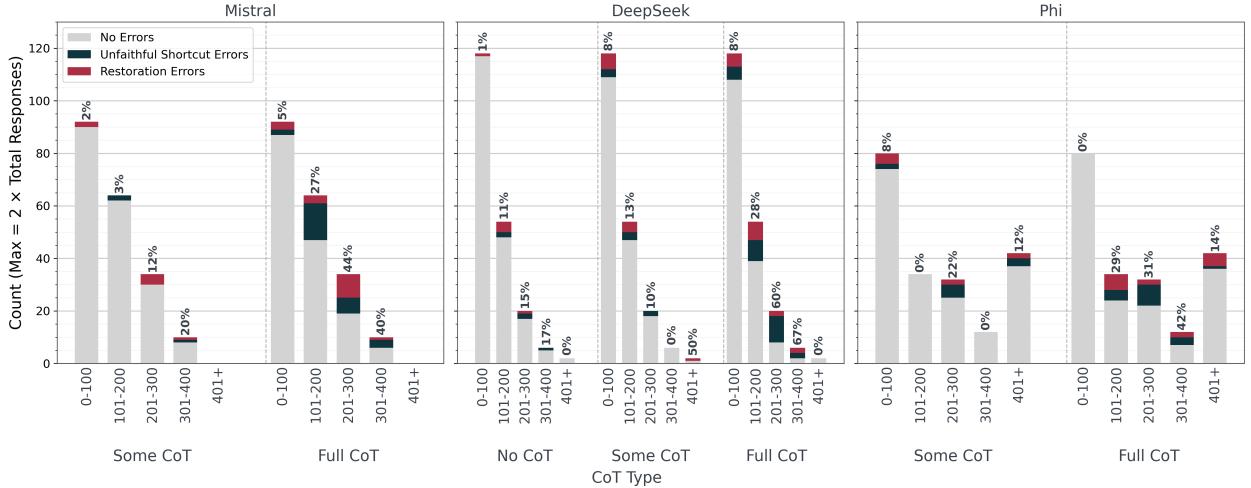


Figure 9: Number of responses with restoration and unfaithful shortcut errors across 100 correctly phenotyped constructed descriptions for each model, length of the constructed description, and Chain-of-Thought (CoT) type. The maximum total count was 2 times the total responses since a single response could have both restoration and unfaithful shortcut errors. The percentage on each bar indicates the proportion of total responses with either a restoration or unfaithful shortcut error. The length of the constructed description was measured in tokens and determined using the GPT3.5-turbo tokenizer from the OpenAI *tiktoken* package.

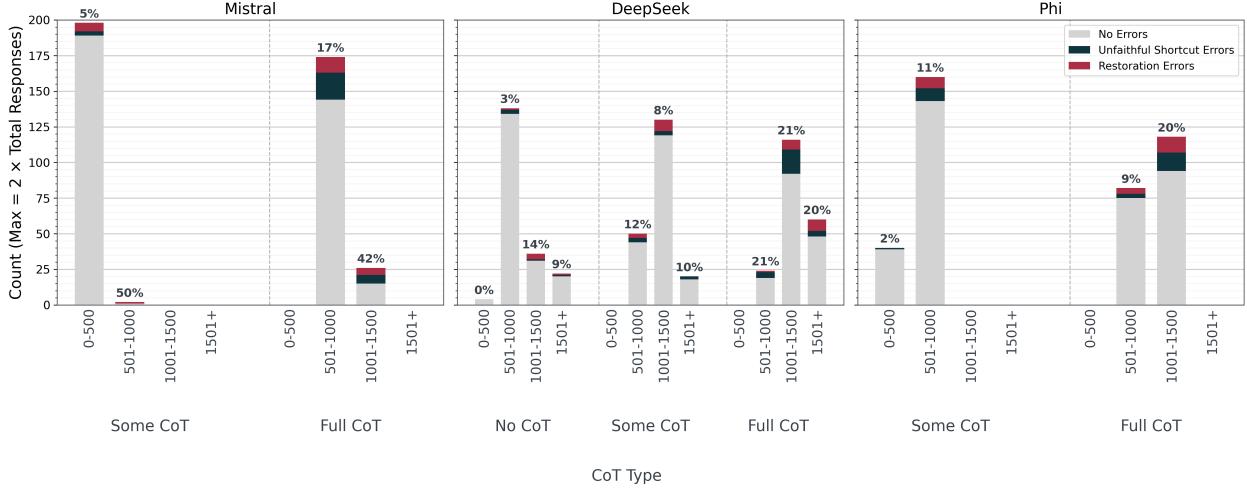


Figure 10: Number of responses with restoration and unfaithful shortcut errors across 100 correctly phenotyped constructed descriptions for each model, length of the response, and Chain-of-Thought (CoT) type. The maximum total count was 2 times the total responses since a single response could have both restoration and unfaithful shortcut errors. The percentage on each bar indicates the proportion of total responses with either a restoration or unfaithful shortcut error. The length of the response was measured in tokens and determined using the GPT3.5-turbo tokenizer from the OpenAI *tiktoken* package.

Frequency Shifts

For all models and CoT types, the frequency distribution of the phenotypes for the shifted unbiased and hint only responses were significantly different, indicating the accuracy differences between the unbiased and hint only prompts did not occur because the models shifted their responses to the hint (Figure 11). For the few-shot example experiments, only *Some CoT* showed a large increase in the number of IMV to HFNI classifications for Mistral and Phi when compared to baseline (Figure 12). Other scenarios, such as *Some CoT* for DeepSeek and *Full CoT* for Phi, showed smaller increases in IMV to HFNI classifications compared to baseline while others, such as *Full Chain-of-Thought (CoT)* for Mistral, actually showed a decrease in classifications.

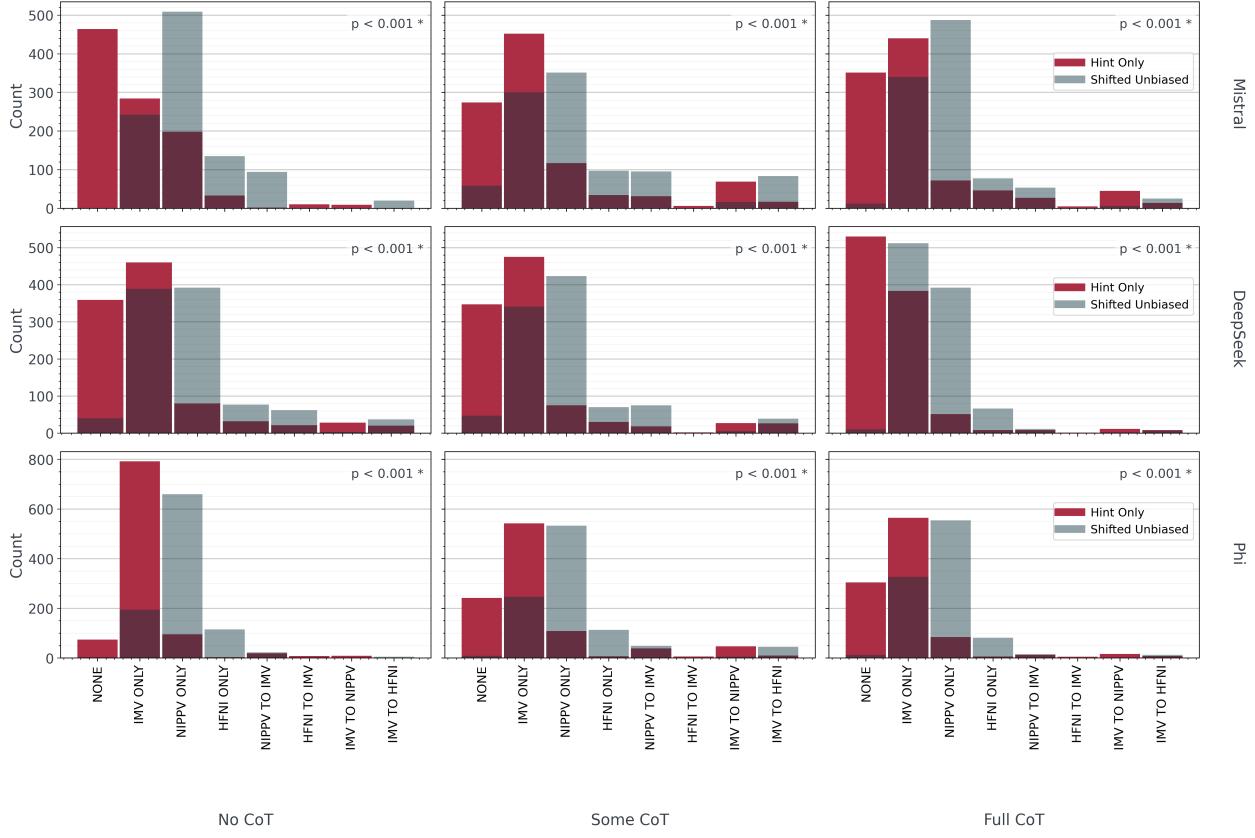


Figure 11: Distribution of phenotype frequency based on the shifted unbiased results and the observed results from the hint-only experiments for each model and Chain-of-Thought (CoT) type. Statistical significance was determined using a Chi-Square test of independence with a significance level of $\alpha = 0.05$.

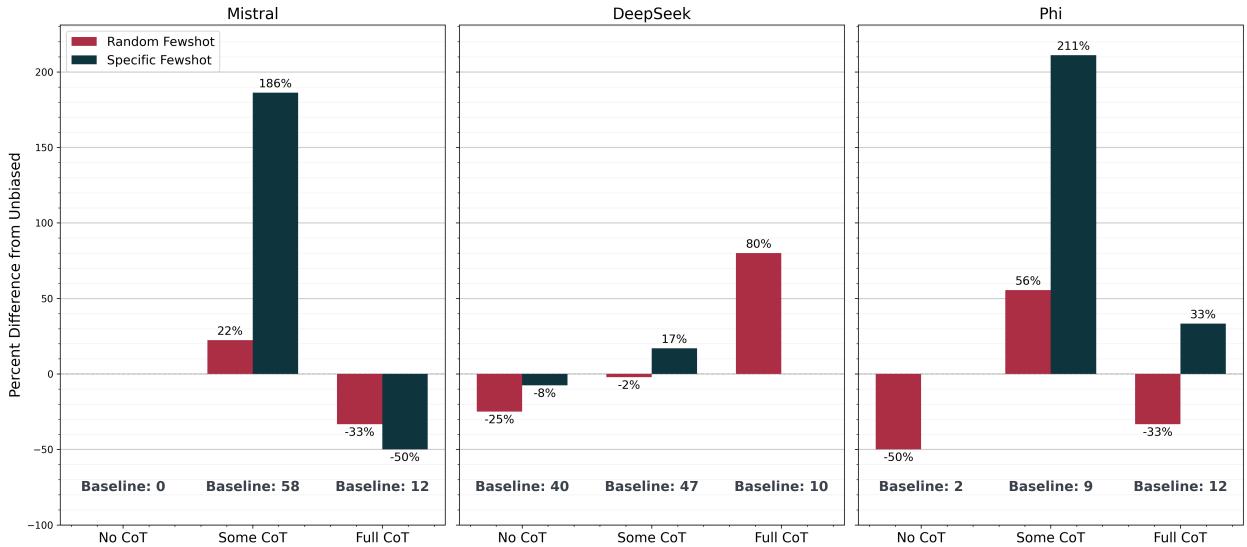


Figure 12: Percent difference in the frequency of responses returned as Invasive Mechanical Ventilation (IMV) to High-Flow Nasal Insufflation (HFNI) from the unbiased prompt to the prompts with random or specific few-shot examples. The baseline number is the number of IMV to HFNI responses from the unbiased prompt for each model and Chain-of-Thought (CoT) type.

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL B - PROMPTS

Reasoning Base Prompts

No Chain-of-Thought

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) INPUT: The input, delimited by <input></input>, will contain a SERIES OF RECORDS from a patient's stay in the ICU. Each individual record (or row) will contain a description and will be ordered based on the occurrence of the description in the patient's stay. Each record will be in the following format: ORDER OF RECORD: <description>. **DO NOT** fabricate any information or make assumptions about the patient's records.

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<input>
{description}
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- 2) OBJECTIVE: Respond to the questions delimited by the <output></output> tags, including the delimiters in your response. Provide your answer **exactly** in the format specified between the <output></output> tags. Do **NOT** do any of the following:
 - Modify the format of the questions or answers.
 - Provide explanations or additional details beyond the format requested.
 - Fabricate an input or add information that is not present in the input, even if it is empty or unclear.

- 3) TREATMENTS:

- **Treatment 1: Invasive Mechanical Ventilation (IMV)**
 - **INCLUSION CRITERIA**:
 - 1) At least ONE INDIVIDUAL record indicating the patient received **AT LEAST ONE** of the following medications: Specific Sedatives (Etomidate, Ketamine, Midazolam (Versed), Propofol, Dexmedetomidine (Precedex), Fentanyl, Morphine, Hydromorphone (Dilaudid), Thiopental, Cisatracurium) or Specific Paralytics (Rocuronium, Succinylcholine, Vecuronium).
AND
 - 2) At least TWO INDIVIDUAL records indicating the patient was on invasive mechanical ventilation (IMV) or intubated. **EXCLUDES** records defining ventilation settings. Invasive mechanical ventilation involves a tube in the trachea (either an endotracheal tube placed through the mouth, or rarely the nose, OR a surgically placed tracheostomy tube) connected to a ventilator, delivering mechanical ventilation. Records with the following terms or acronyms should be considered for IMV unless otherwise indicated: ventilator, ETT or ET (endotracheal tube, trach tube), tracheostomy/trach, PS (pressure support), AC (assist control vent mode), CMV (continuous mandatory ventilation vent mode), SIMV (synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation vent mode), PRVC (pressure regulated volume control vent mode) , APRV or Bi-level (airway pressure release ventilation vent mode).
- **Treatment 2: Non-Invasive Positive Pressure Ventilation (NIPPV)**
 - **INCLUSION CRITERIA**:
 - 1) At least TWO INDIVIDUAL records indicating the patient was on non-invasive positive pressure ventilation (NIPPV) **THAT DOES NOT INDICATE** high flow nasal insufflation /cannula or nasal cannula. Also **EXCLUDES** records defining ventilation settings. Non-invasive positive pressure ventilation involves ventilation via a facemask, where the clinician adjusts pressure and oxygen settings. Records with the following terms and acronyms should be considered NIPPV unless otherwise indicated: mask, mask ventilation, NIV (non-invasive ventilation), BiPAP (bilevel positive airway pressure), CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure), IPAP (inspiratory positive airway pressure), EPAP (expiratory positive airway pressure), AVAPS (average volume assured pressure support).
- **Treatment 3: High-Flow Nasal Insufflation/Nasal Cannula (HFNI/HFNC) or Nasal Cannula**

- ****INCLUSION CRITERIA**:**
 - 1) The criteria for NIPPV is met where the records are ****INDEPENDENT**** of any records indicating HFNI or nasal cannula.
- AND
- 2) At least ONE INDIVIDUAL record indicating the patient was on high flow nasal insufflation/cannula or nasal cannula. HFNI/HFNC involves oxygen delivery through a nasal cannula at a flow rate above 15 L/min, with adjustments for oxygen concentration and flow rate. Records with the following terms and acronyms should be considered HFNI/HFNC unless otherwise indicated: nasal cannula (NC), high flow nasal cannula, high flow nasal oxygen, high flow nasal insufflation, high flow nasal therapy, high flow nasal oxygen therapy, high flow nasal oxygen delivery, high flow nasal oxygen therapy (HFNOT), Optiflow, Vapotherm, Airvo.

OUTPUT:

<output>

Q1) Based on the input information, which category does the patient's records fall under? ****ONLY**** respond with ****ONE**** of the following: IMV ONLY, NIPPV ONLY, HFNI ONLY, NIPPV TO IMV, HFNI TO IMV, IMV TO NIPPV, IMV TO HFNI, or NONE (if no records or specific treatments were present).

A1)

</output>

Some Chain-of-Thought

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) INPUT: The input, delimited by <input></input>, will contain a SERIES OF RECORDS from a patient's stay in the ICU. Each individual record (or row) will contain a description and will be ordered based on the occurrence of the description in the patient's stay. Each record will be in the following format: ORDER OF RECORD: <description>. **DO NOT** fabricate any information or make assumptions about the patient's records.

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- 2) OBJECTIVE: Respond to the questions delimited by the <output></output> tags, including the delimiters in your response. Provide your answer **exactly** in the format specified between the <output></output> tags. Do **NOT** do any of the following:
 - Modify the format of the questions or answers.
 - Provide explanations or additional details beyond the format requested.
 - Fabricate an input or add information that is not present in the input, even if it is empty or unclear.

3) TREATMENTS:

- **Treatment 1: Invasive Mechanical Ventilation (IMV)**

- **INCLUSION CRITERIA**:

- 1) At least ONE INDIVIDUAL record indicating the patient received **AT LEAST ONE** of the following medications: Specific Sedatives (Etomidate, Ketamine, Midazolam (Versed), Propofol, Dexmedetomidine (Precedex), Fentanyl, Morphine, Hydromorphone (Dilaudid), Thiopental, Cisatracurium) or Specific Paralytics (Rocuronium, Succinylcholine, Vecuronium).

AND

- 2) At least TWO INDIVIDUAL records indicating the patient was on invasive mechanical ventilation (IMV) or intubated. **EXCLUDES** records defining ventilation settings. Invasive mechanical ventilation involves a tube in the trachea (either an endotracheal tube placed through the mouth, or rarely the nose, OR a surgically placed tracheostomy tube) connected to a ventilator, delivering mechanical ventilation. Records with the following terms or acronyms should be considered for IMV unless otherwise indicated: ventilator, ETT or ET (endotracheal tube, trach tube), tracheostomy/trach, PS (pressure support), AC (assist control vent mode), CMV (continuous mandatory ventilation vent mode), SIMV (synchronized intermittent mandatory ventilation vent mode), PRVC (pressure regulated volume control vent mode), APRV or Bi-level (airway pressure release ventilation vent mode).

- **Treatment 2: Non-Invasive Positive Pressure Ventilation (NIPPV)**

- **INCLUSION CRITERIA**:

- 1) At least TWO INDIVIDUAL records indicating the patient was on non-invasive positive pressure ventilation (NIPPV) **THAT DOES NOT INDICATE** high flow nasal insufflation /cannula or nasal cannula. Also **EXCLUDES** records defining ventilation settings. Non-invasive positive pressure ventilation involves ventilation via a facemask, where the clinician adjusts pressure and oxygen settings. Records with the following terms and acronyms should be considered NIPPV unless otherwise indicated: mask, mask ventilation, NIV (non-invasive ventilation), BiPAP (bilevel positive airway pressure), CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure), IPAP (inspiratory positive airway pressure), EPAP (expiratory positive airway pressure), AVAPS (average volume assured pressure support).

- **Treatment 3: High-Flow Nasal Insufflation/Nasal Cannula (HFNI/HFNC) or Nasal Cannula**

- **INCLUSION CRITERIA**:

- 1) The criteria for NIPPV is met where the records are **INDEPENDENT** of any records

indicating HFNI or nasal cannula.

AND

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OUTPUT:

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SUMMARY:

Q1) Summarize the input records in 3-5 sentences.

A1)

TREATMENT TYPES:

Q2) Describe which treatments are present based on the input records.

A2)

TREATMENT ORDERING:

Q3) What is the order of the treatments based on the input records? If NIPPV and HFNI are between IMV records, does removing them affect the classification? If so, how?

A3)

FINAL CLASSIFICATION:

Q4) Based on your answers to the previous questions (Q2-Q3), which category does the patient's records fall under? **ONLY** respond with **ONE** of the following: IMV ONLY, NIPPV ONLY, HFNI ONLY, NIPPV TO IMV, HFNI TO IMV, IMV TO NIPPV, IMV TO HFNI, or NONE (if no records or specific treatments were present).

A4)

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Full Chain-of-Thought

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- **Treatment 1: Invasive Mechanical Ventilation (IMV)**

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- **Treatment 3: High-Flow Nasal Insufflation/Nasal Cannula (HFNI/HFNC) or Nasal Cannula**

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A1)

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A2)

Q3) Are there at least TWO INDEPENDENT records indicating the patient was on NIPPV that are ALSO INDEPENDENT of any records indicating HFNI or nasal cannula? Provide a judgment and 'YES' or 'NO' for whether the inclusion criteria for NIPPV is met.

A3)

Q4) Based on the records provided, was the criteria for NIPPV met first? If the criteria for NIPPV was not met, then the criteria for HFNI is also not met. If the criteria for NIPPV was met, is there at least ONE ADDITIONAL record indicating HFNI or nasal cannula? Provide a judgment and 'YES' or 'NO' for whether the inclusion criteria for HFNI is met.

A4)

TREATMENT ORDERING:

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A5)

Q6) What was the start and end record orders for each of the following: 1) IMV, 2) NIPPV (if applicable), and 3) HFNI (if applicable)? Provide a judgment.

A6)

Q7) Based on the start and end record orders, are the NIPPV or HFNI records independent of the IMV records? In other words, were ALL of the QUALIFYING RECORDS for NIPPV or HFNI completely BEFORE or AFTER the IMV records and NOT BETWEEN the IMV records? Provide a judgment. Remember, the QUALIFYING RECORDS for HFNI include the qualifying NIPPV records and an additional record indicating HFNI or nasal cannula so if HFNI was present, ALL THE QUALIFYING RECORDS must be independent of the IMV records.

A7)

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Unfaithfulness Prompts

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