

# Breast Cancer Classification Study

DIN Sokheng, RA Veasna

2025-11-10

```
library(ggplot2)
library(dplyr)
library(tidyverse)
library(corrplot)
library(ggcorrplot)
library(naniar)
library(visdat)
library(rstatix)
library(DescTools)
library(car)
library(limma)
library(survival)
library(pheatmap)
library(diptest)
library(forcats)
library(glmnet)
library(caTools)
library(pROC)
library(gridExtra)
library(smotefamily)
library(reshape2)

source("function_model_fit.R", local = knitr::knit_global())

cat("Functions loaded successfully: fit_all_models, plot_model_comparison, apply_smote, etc.")

## Functions loaded successfully: fit_all_models, plot_model_comparison, apply_smote, etc.
```

## Classification of Cancer outcome using Genetic and Clinical data

### Introduction

Breast cancer outcome prediction relies on both **clinical variables** (patient, tumor, treatment information) and **genomic features** (mRNA expression). This project analyzes a dataset of 1231 patients with 24 clinical variables and 5000 high-variance genes, aiming to:

- Understand clinical variables associated with survival
- Explore gene expression characteristics

- Identify differentially expressed genes
- Detect subgroups of patients (clustering, PCA)
- Evaluate associations between clinical and genomic factors
- Perform survival analysis (Kaplan–Meier)
- Analyse multicollinearity and variable relevance
- Provide a unified understanding of prognostic factors

The main outcome is vital\_status: “Alive” vs “Dead”.

## Load data

```
load("mrr_bio.Rdata")

# Load dataset
load("mrr_bio.Rdata")

# Clinical data
clinical_df <- as.data.frame(clinical_data)
genex_df    <- as.data.frame(GeneX)

cat("Clinical samples:", nrow(clinical_df), "\n")

## Clinical samples: 1231

cat("Clinical variables:", ncol(clinical_df), "\n")

## Clinical variables: 24

cat("Gene samples:", nrow(genex_df), "\n")

## Gene samples: 1231

cat("Genes:", ncol(genex_df), "\n")

## Genes: 5000

# Outcome variable
table(clinical_df$vital_status)

##
## Alive  Dead
## 1029   201
```

```
# Clinical variables: gender
unique(clinical_data$gender) # unique values
```

```
## [1] "female" "male"    NA
```

```
table(clinical_data$gender) # frequency
```

```
##
## female    male
##    1217     13
```

## Clinical data studies

### Dataset Structure & Variable Types

```
numeric_vars      <- names(clinical_df)[sapply(clinical_df, is.numeric)]
categorical_vars   <- names(clinical_df)[sapply(clinical_df, is.character)]

cat("Numeric variables (", length(numeric_vars), "):\n", paste(numeric_vars, collapse=", "), "\n\n")
```

```
## Numeric variables ( 5 ):
##  initial_weight, age_at_diagnosis, days_to_last_follow_up, age_at_index, days_to_birth
```

```
cat("Categorical variables (", length(categorical_vars), "):\n", paste(categorical_vars, collapse=", "), "\n\n")
```

```
## Categorical variables ( 14 ):
##  tissue_type, laterality, tissue_or_organ_of_origin, primary_diagnosis, prior_treatment, ajcc_pathol
```

### Missing Data Analysis

```
# Calculate missing statistics
total_missing <- sum(is.na(clinical_df))
total_cells   <- prod(dim(clinical_df))
missing_ratio <- total_missing / total_cells
missing_count <- colSums(is.na(clinical_df))
missing_pct   <- round(missing_count / nrow(clinical_df) * 100, 2)

missing_table <- data.frame(
  Column      = names(clinical_df)
  , Missing_Count = missing_count
  , Missing_Pct   = missing_pct
)

# Filter columns with missing values
missing_table_filtered <- missing_table[missing_table$Missing_Count > 0, ]

cat("Variables with missing data:\n")
```

```
## Variables with missing data:
```

```
print(missing_table_filtered[order(-missing_table_filtered$Missing_Count), ])
```

```
##                               Column Missing_Count
## ajcc_pathologic_t            ajcc_pathologic_t      100
## laterality                   laterality             94
## follow_ups_disease_response  follow_ups_disease_response 77
## age_at_diagnosis            age_at_diagnosis         55
## prior_treatment             prior_treatment          45
## days_to_birth               days_to_birth            17
## initial_weight              initial_weight           15
## diagnosis_is_primary_disease diagnosis_is_primary_disease  4
## days_to_last_follow_up      days_to_last_follow_up     4
## age_is_obfuscated           age_is_obfuscated          4
## tissue_or_organ_of_origin   tissue_or_organ_of_origin  1
## primary_diagnosis           primary_diagnosis          1
## morphology                  morphology               1
## classification_of_tumor     classification_of_tumor    1
## race                        race                     1
## gender                      gender                   1
## ethnicity                   ethnicity                 1
## vital_status                vital_status              1
## age_at_index                age_at_index              1
##                               Missing_Pct
## ajcc_pathologic_t            8.12
## laterality                   7.64
## follow_ups_disease_response  6.26
## age_at_diagnosis            4.47
## prior_treatment             3.66
## days_to_birth               1.38
## initial_weight              1.22
## diagnosis_is_primary_disease 0.32
## days_to_last_follow_up      0.32
## age_is_obfuscated           0.32
## tissue_or_organ_of_origin   0.08
## primary_diagnosis           0.08
## morphology                  0.08
## classification_of_tumor     0.08
## race                        0.08
## gender                      0.08
## ethnicity                   0.08
## vital_status                0.08
## age_at_index                0.08
```

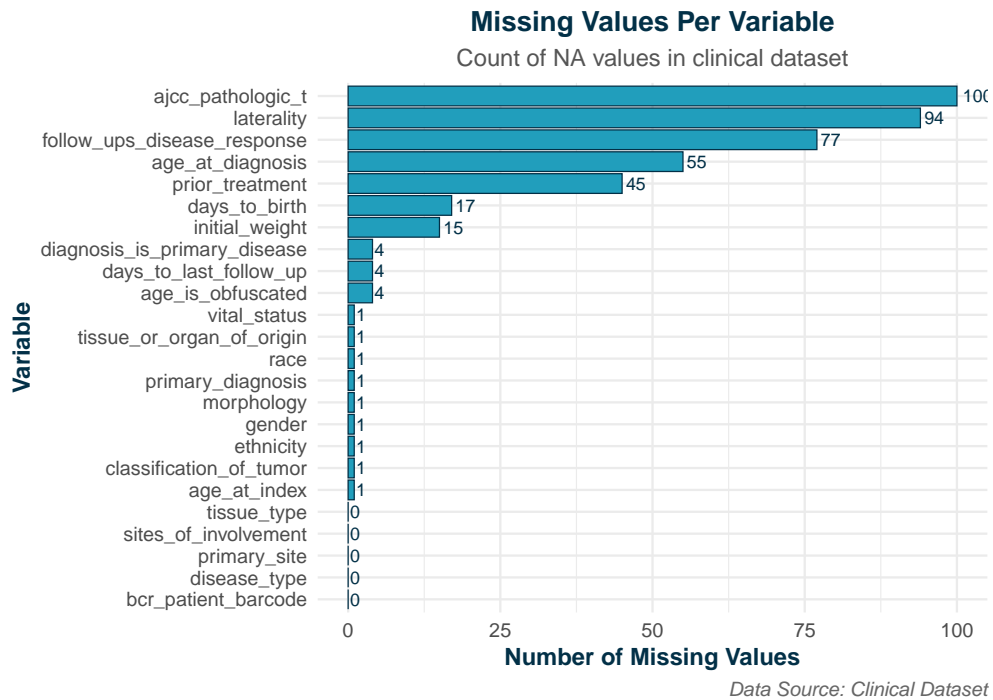
```
# Visualize missing data
```

```
ggplot(missing_table
  , aes(x = reorder(Column, Missing_Count), y = Missing_Count)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "#219ebc", color = "#023047", linewidth = 0.3) +
  geom_text(aes(label = Missing_Count), hjust = -0.2, size = 3, color = "#023047") +
  coord_flip() +
  labs(title = "Missing Values Per Variable"
  , subtitle = "Count of NA values in clinical dataset")
```

```

, x = "Variable"
, y = "Number of Missing Values"
, caption = "Data Source: Clinical Dataset") +
theme_minimal(base_size = 12) +
theme(plot.title = element_text(face = "bold", hjust = 0.5, color = "#023047")
, plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5, color = "#555555")
, plot.caption = element_text(face = "italic", color = "#666666")
, axis.title = element_text(face = "bold", color = "#023047"))

```



## Data Cleaning

```

# Remove samples with missing vital status
cat("Before cleaning:", nrow(clinical_data), "samples\n")

```

## Before cleaning: 1231 samples

```

valid_idx <- !is.na(clinical_data$vital_status)
clinical_df <- clinical_data[valid_idx, ]
GeneX_df <- GeneX[valid_idx, ]

cat("After removing:", nrow(clinical_df), "samples\n")

```

## After removing: 1230 samples

```

cat("Removed:", sum(!valid_idx), "sample(s)\n\n")

```

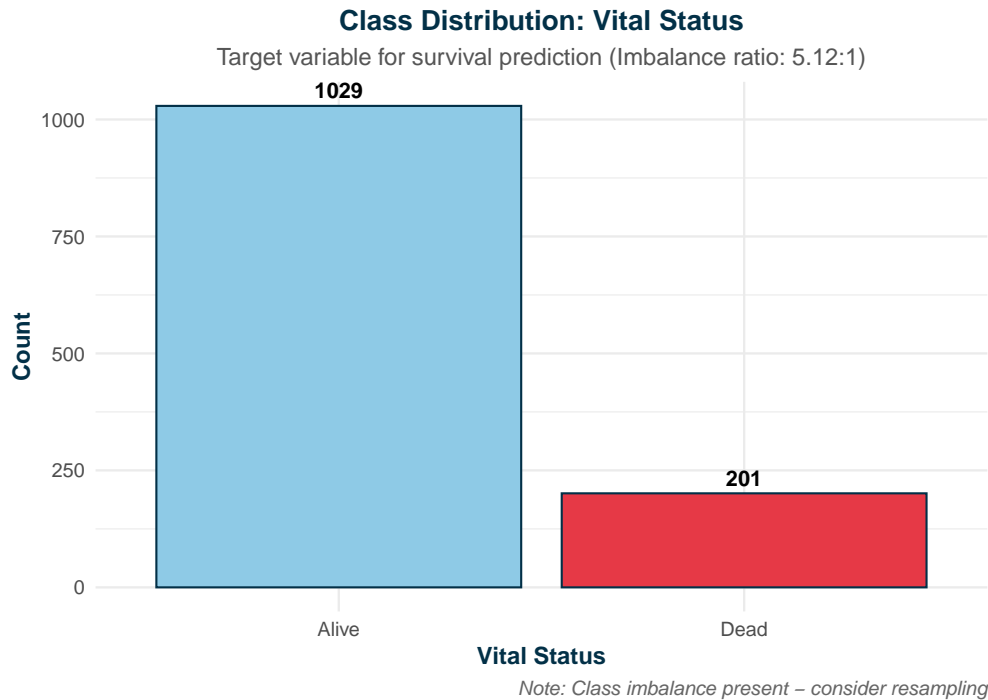
```
## Removed: 1 sample(s)
```

Key clinical predictors:

- age\_at\_index (continuous)
- initial\_weight (continuous)
- ajcc\_pathologic\_t (tumor stage)
- prior\_treatment (yes/no)
- primary\_diagnosis (tumor subtype)
- race, gender (demographics)

## Class Balance Check

```
# Visualize class distribution
ggplot(clinical_df, aes(x = vital_status, fill = vital_status)) +
  geom_bar(color = "#023047", linewidth = 0.5) +
  geom_text(stat = "count"
            , aes(label = after_stat(count))
            , vjust = -0.5
            , fontface = "bold"
            , size = 4) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("Alive" = "#8ecae6", "Dead" = "#e63946")) +
  labs(title = "Class Distribution: Vital Status"
       , subtitle = "Target variable for survival prediction (Imbalance ratio: 5.12:1)"
       , x = "Vital Status"
       , y = "Count"
       , caption = "Note: Class imbalance present - consider resampling") +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 12) +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(face = "bold", hjust = 0.5, color = "#023047")
        , plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5, color = "#555555")
        , plot.caption = element_text(face = "italic", color = "#666666")
        , axis.title = element_text(face = "bold", color = "#023047")
        , legend.position = "none")
```



```
cat("Imbalance: 5.12:1 (Alive:Dead)\n")
```

```
## Imbalance: 5.12:1 (Alive:Dead)
```

The outcome variable shows a marked imbalance of 5.12:1 (Alive : Dead), which is expected in clinical studies with right-censoring. This imbalance has no negative impact on exploratory data analysis, but it will require careful handling in later predictive modeling

## Numerical Data Visualizations

```
numeric_vars <- c("age_at_index"
  , "age_at_diagnosis"
  , "initial_weight"
  , "days_to_last_follow_up"
  , "days_to_birth")

par(mfrow = c(5, 4), bg = "white", mar = c(4, 4, 3, 1))

# Store statistics values
summary_stats <- data.frame(
  Variable      = character()
  , Mean        = numeric()
  , Median      = numeric()
  , SD          = numeric()
  , Skewness    = numeric()
  , Outliers    = numeric()
  , Normality_p = numeric()
  , Group_Diff_p = numeric())
```

```

, Transform_Needed = character()
, stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)

# Loop over each variables
for(var in numeric_vars) {
  cat(sprintf("\n===== %s =====\n", toupper(var)))

  # Extract data
  var_data <- clinical_df[[var]]
  var_alive <- var_data[clinical_df$vital_status == "Alive"]
  var_dead <- var_data[clinical_df$vital_status == "Dead"]

  # Remove NA
  var_data <- var_data[!is.na(var_data)]
  var_alive <- var_alive[!is.na(var_alive)]
  var_dead <- var_dead[!is.na(var_dead)]

  # Statistics
  var_mean <- mean(var_data)
  var_median <- median(var_data)
  var_sd <- sd(var_data)
  var_min <- min(var_data)
  var_max <- max(var_data)

  # Skewness
  var_skew <- mean(((var_data - var_mean) / var_sd)^3)

  # Outliers (IQR method)
  Q1 <- quantile(var_data, 0.25, na.rm = TRUE)
  Q3 <- quantile(var_data, 0.75, na.rm = TRUE)
  IQR_val <- Q3 - Q1
  lower_bound <- Q1 - 1.5 * IQR_val
  upper_bound <- Q3 + 1.5 * IQR_val

  n_outliers <- sum(var_data < lower_bound | var_data > upper_bound)
  outlier_pct <- round(n_outliers / length(var_data) * 100, 1)

  # Normality test (Shapiro-Wilk)
  if(length(var_data) <= 5000) {
    shapiro_test <- shapiro.test(var_data)
    shapiro_p <- shapiro_test$p.value
  } else {
    shapiro_test <- shapiro.test(sample(var_data, 5000))
    shapiro_p <- shapiro_test$p.value
  }

  # Group difference test (t-test)
  if(length(var_alive) > 0 & length(var_dead) > 0) {
    ttest <- t.test(var_alive, var_dead)
    ttest_p <- ttest$p.value
  } else {
    ttest_p <- NA
  }
}

```



```

}

# Print Statistics
cat(sprintf("Descriptive Statistics:\n"))
cat(sprintf("  Mean:      %.2f\n", var_mean))
cat(sprintf("  Median:    %.2f\n", var_median))
cat(sprintf("  SD:        %.2f\n", var_sd))
cat(sprintf("  Range:     [%.2f, %.2f]\n", var_min, var_max))
cat(sprintf("  Skewness:  %.3f %s\n",
            var_skew,
            ifelse(abs(var_skew) < 0.5, "(Symmetric)"
                  , ifelse(var_skew > 0, "(Right-skewed)", "(Left-skewed)"))))

cat(sprintf("  Outliers:  %d (%.1f%%)\n", n_outliers, outlier_pct))
cat(sprintf("\n"))

cat(sprintf("Statistical Tests:\n"))
cat(sprintf("  Shapiro-Wilk p-value: %.4e %s\n",
            shapiro_p,
            ifelse(shapiro_p < 0.05, "(NOT normal)", "(Normal)")))

if(!is.na(ttest_p)) {
  cat(sprintf("    T-test (Alive vs Dead): p=%.4e %s\n",
            ttest_p,
            ifelse(ttest_p < 0.05, "*** GROUPS DIFFER", "(No difference)")))
  cat(sprintf("      Alive: mean=%.2f, sd=%.2f\n",
            mean(var_alive), sd(var_alive)))
  cat(sprintf("      Dead: mean=%.2f, sd=%.2f\n",
            mean(var_dead), sd(var_dead)))
}
cat(sprintf("\n"))

# Transformation
transform_needed <- "None"
if(abs(var_skew) > 1.0) {
  transform_needed <- "Log or sqrt (high skewness)"
} else if(outlier_pct > 5) {
  transform_needed <- "Robust scaling (many outliers)"
} else if(shapiro_p < 0.05 & abs(var_skew) > 0.5) {
  transform_needed <- "Consider log (non-normal + skewed)"
}

# Store summary
summary_stats <- rbind(summary_stats
                        , data.frame(
                          Variable      = var
                        , Mean            = var_mean
                        , Median          = var_median
                        , SD              = var_sd
                        , Skewness        = var_skew
                        , Outliers        = outlier_pct
                        , Normality_p     = shapiro_p
                        , Group_Diff_p    = ifelse(is.na(ttest_p), 1, ttest_p)

```

```

        , Transform_Needed = transform_needed
    ))

# Histogram
hist(var_data
     , breaks = 40
     , col = "#8ecae6"
     , border = "white"
     , main = paste(var, "- Histogram")
     , sub = "Distribution with mean (red) and median (orange) lines"
     , xlab = var
     , ylab = "Frequency"
     , col.main = "#023047"
     , col.lab = "#023047"
     , col.sub = "#666666"
     , cex.main = 1.0
     , cex.sub = 0.7
     , font.sub = 3)

# Mean/Median lines
abline(v = var_mean
      , col = "#e63946"
      , lwd = 3
      , lty = 1)

abline(v = var_median
      , col = "#fb8500"
      , lwd = 3
      , lty = 2)

# Skewness text
text(x = var_mean
     , y = par("usr")[4] * 0.9
     , labels = sprintf("Skew=%.2f", var_skew)
     , pos = 4
     , col = "#023047"
     , cex = 0.8)

legend("topright"
     , legend = c("Mean", "Median")
     , col = c("#e63946", "#fb8500")
     , lwd = 3
     , lty = c(1, 2)
     , bty = "n"
     , cex = 0.7)

# Density
plot(density(var_alive)
     , col = "#219ebc"
     , lwd = 3
     , main = paste(var, "- Density by Status")
     , sub = "Comparison of Alive vs Dead patient distributions"
     , xlab = var
     , ylab = "Density")

```

```

, col.main = "#023047"
, col.lab = "#023047"
, col.sub = "#666666"
, cex.main = 1.0
, cex.sub = 0.7
, font.sub = 3)

lines(density(var_dead)
, col = "#e63946"
, lwd = 3)

# add group means
abline(v = mean(var_alive)
, col = "#219ebc"
, lty = 2
, lwd = 2)

abline(v = mean(var_dead)
, col = "#e63946"
, lty = 2
, lwd = 2)

legend("topright"
, legend = c("Alive", "Dead")
, col = c("#219ebc", "#e63946")
, lwd = 3
, bty = "n"
, cex = 0.7)

# QQ-Plot
qqnorm(var_data
, main = paste(var, "- Q-Q Plot")
, sub = "Normality assessment: points on line = normal distribution"
, pch = 19
, cex = 0.5
, col = "#8ecae6"
, col.main = "#023047"
, col.lab = "#023047"
, col.sub = "#666666"
, cex.main = 1.0
, cex.sub = 0.7
, font.sub = 3)

qqline(var_data
, col = "#e63946"
, lwd = 3)

# Normality
text(x = par("usr")[1]
, y = par("usr")[4]
, labels = sprintf("Shapiro p=%.2e\n%s"
, shapiro_p
, ifelse(shapiro_p < 0.05, "NON-normal", "Normal")))

```

```

, pos = 4
, col = ifelse(shapiro_p < 0.05, "#e63946", "#219e9c")
, cex = 0.8
, font = 2)

# Outliers
boxplot(var_data ~ clinical_df$vital_status[!is.na(clinical_df[[var]])]
, col = c("#8ecae6", "#ffb703")
, names = c("Alive", "Dead")
, main = paste(var, "- Boxplot by Vital Status")
, sub = "Group comparison with outliers shown"
, xlab = "Vital Status"
, ylab = var
, border = c("#219e9c", "#fb8500")
, col.main = "#023047"
, col.lab = "#023047"
, col.sub = "#666666"
, lwd = 1.5
, cex.main = 1.0
, cex.sub = 0.7
, font.sub = 3
, outline = TRUE) # Show outliers

text(x = 1
, y = par("usr")[3]
, labels = sprintf("n=%d", length(var_alive))
, pos = 3
, cex = 0.7)

text(x = 2
, y = par("usr")[3]
, labels = sprintf("n=%d", length(var_dead))
, pos = 3
, cex = 0.7)

# Add p-value labels
if(!is.na(ttest_p)) {
  text(x = 1.5
, y = par("usr")[4]
, labels = sprintf("p=%.3f %s"
, ttest_p
, ifelse(ttest_p < 0.05, "****", ""))
, pos = 1
, col = ifelse(ttest_p < 0.05, "#e63946", "#023047")
, cex = 0.8
, font = 2)
}
}

```

```

##
## ===== AGE_AT_INDEX =====
## Descriptive Statistics:
##   Mean:      58.28

```

```

## Median:      58.00
## SD:          13.28
## Range:       [26.00, 89.00]
## Skewness:    0.146 (Symmetric)
## Outliers:    0 (0.0%)
##
## Statistical Tests:
## Shapiro-Wilk p-value: 4.8837e-07 (NOT normal)
## T-test (Alive vs Dead): p=6.8789e-03 *** GROUPS DIFFER
##   Alive: mean=57.77, sd=12.77
##   Dead:  mean=60.92, sd=15.39

##
## ===== AGE_AT_DIAGNOSIS =====
## Descriptive Statistics:
## Mean:        21530.01
## Median:       21472.00
## SD:           4815.42
## Range:        [9840.00, 32872.00]
## Skewness:     0.147 (Symmetric)
## Outliers:     0 (0.0%)
##
## Statistical Tests:
## Shapiro-Wilk p-value: 4.6456e-06 (NOT normal)
## T-test (Alive vs Dead): p=6.3766e-03 *** GROUPS DIFFER
##   Alive: mean=21337.60, sd=4639.52
##   Dead:  mean=22503.97, sd=5533.57

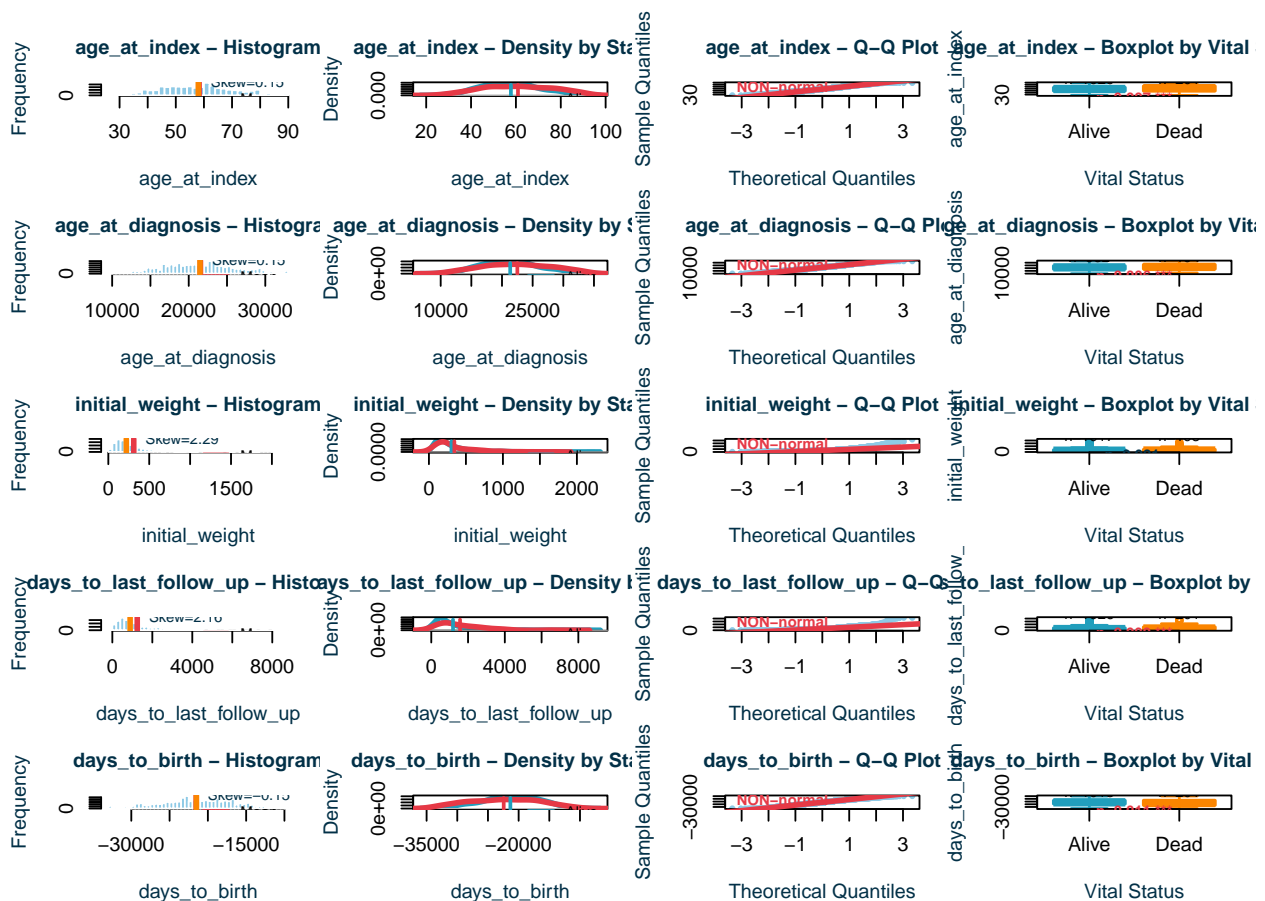
##
## ===== INITIAL_WEIGHT =====
## Descriptive Statistics:
## Mean:         310.98
## Median:        220.00
## SD:            272.07
## Range:         [5.00, 2190.00]
## Skewness:      2.293 (Right-skewed)
## Outliers:      72 (5.9%)
##
## Statistical Tests:
## Shapiro-Wilk p-value: 1.4492e-37 (NOT normal)
## T-test (Alive vs Dead): p=8.1424e-02 (No difference)
##   Alive: mean=304.63, sd=268.04
##   Dead:  mean=343.61, sd=290.44

##
## ===== DAYS_TO_LAST_FOLLOW_UP =====
## Descriptive Statistics:
## Mean:         1245.98
## Median:        890.00
## SD:            1159.43
## Range:         [-7.00, 8605.00]
## Skewness:      2.159 (Right-skewed)
## Outliers:      44 (3.6%)

```

```
##
## Statistical Tests:
## Shapiro-Wilk p-value: 1.6811e-35 (NOT normal)
## T-test (Alive vs Dead): p=6.6407e-05 *** GROUPS DIFFER
## Alive: mean=1183.43, sd=1133.53
## Dead: mean=1565.26, sd=1238.10

##
## ===== DAYS_TO_BIRTH =====
## Descriptive Statistics:
## Mean: -21524.60
## Median: -21494.50
## SD: 4842.02
## Range: [-32872.00, -9706.00]
## Skewness: -0.146 (Symmetric)
## Outliers: 0 (0.0%)
##
## Statistical Tests:
## Shapiro-Wilk p-value: 1.9938e-06 (NOT normal)
## T-test (Alive vs Dead): p=1.0727e-02 *** GROUPS DIFFER
## Alive: mean=-21344.56, sd=4652.38
## Dead: mean=-22431.95, sd=5628.62
```



```
par(mfrow = c(1, 1))
```

## Conclusion of Numerical Variable Analysis

- **AGE\_\_AT\_\_INDEX**

- Symmetric distribution, no outliers.
- Not normally distributed (Shapiro  $p < 1e-6$ ).
- Significant group difference ( $p = 0.0069$ ).
- *Dead patients are older (60.9 vs 57.8).*

- **AGE\_\_AT\_\_DIAGNOSIS**

- Symmetric, no outliers.
- Not normal.
- Significant difference ( $p = 0.0064$ ).
- *Dead patients were diagnosed at an older age.*

- **INITIAL\_\_WEIGHT**

- Strong right skew; many outliers (~6%).
- Not normal.
- No significant difference ( $p = 0.081$ ).
- *Weight does not differ between Alive/Dead groups.*

- **DAYS\_\_TO\_\_LAST\_\_FOLLOW\_\_UP**

- Strong right-skewed distribution with outliers.
- Not normal.
- Significant difference ( $p = 6.6e-05$ ).
- *Dead patients show longer follow-up times (expected due to event vs censoring).*

- **DAYS\_\_TO\_\_BIRTH**

- Symmetric distribution, no outliers.
- Not normal.
- Significant difference ( $p = 0.0107$ ).
- *Reflects age differences – Dead patients are older.*

## Numerical Variables - Group Comparison Tests

```
clinical_df <- as.data.frame(clinical_df)

# Convert target
clinical_df$Y <- factor(clinical_df$vital_status, levels = c("Alive", "Dead"))

num_vars <- c("age_at_index"
              , "age_at_diagnosis"
              , "initial_weight"
              , "days_to_last_follow_up"
              , "days_to_birth")

# Storage for results
test_results <- data.frame(
  Variable      = character()
```

```

, Test      = character()
, Statistic = numeric()
, P_value   = numeric()
, Effect_Size = numeric()
, Correlation = numeric()
, stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)

# Test each variable
for(var in num_vars) {

  valid_idx <- !is.na(clinical_df[[var]]) & !is.na(clinical_df$Y)
  df_test   <- clinical_df[valid_idx, c("Y", var)]

  # Skip if insufficient data
  if(nrow(df_test) < 10 || length(unique(df_test$Y)) < 2) next

  # --- Check skewness ---
  alive_vals <- df_test[df_test$Y == "Alive", var]
  dead_vals  <- df_test[df_test$Y == "Dead", var]

  skew_alive <- abs(mean(alive_vals) - median(alive_vals)) / IQR(alive_vals)
  skew_dead  <- abs(mean(dead_vals) - median(dead_vals)) / IQR(dead_vals)

  is_normal <- (skew_alive < 0.2 & skew_dead < 0.2)

  # --- Choose test ---
  if(is_normal) {
    # T-test
    test_res <- t.test(df_test[[var]] ~ df_test$Y, var.equal = TRUE)

    test_name <- "t-test"
    stat_val  <- test_res$statistic
    p_val     <- test_res$p.value

    # Cohen's d
    effect <- cohens_d(df_test, as.formula(paste(var, "~ Y")))$effsize
  } else {
    # Wilcoxon test
    test_res <- wilcox.test(df_test[[var]] ~ df_test$Y)

    test_name <- "Wilcoxon"
    stat_val  <- test_res$statistic
    p_val     <- test_res$p.value

    # Rank-biserial
    effect <- wilcox_effsize(df_test, as.formula(paste(var, "~ Y")))$effsize
  }

  # Point-biserial correlation
  cor_val <- cor(df_test[[var]], as.numeric(df_test$Y) - 1)

```



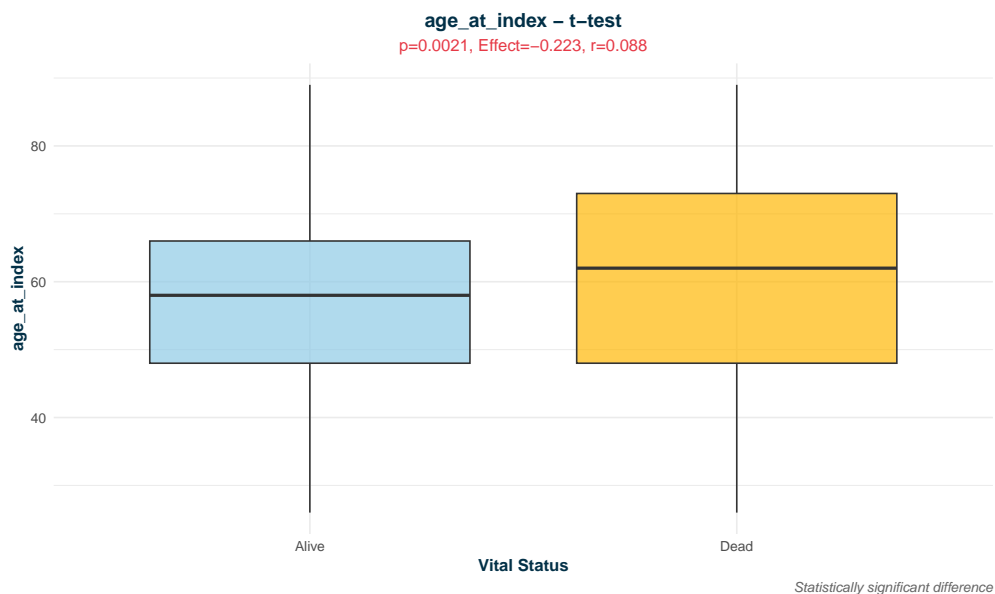
```

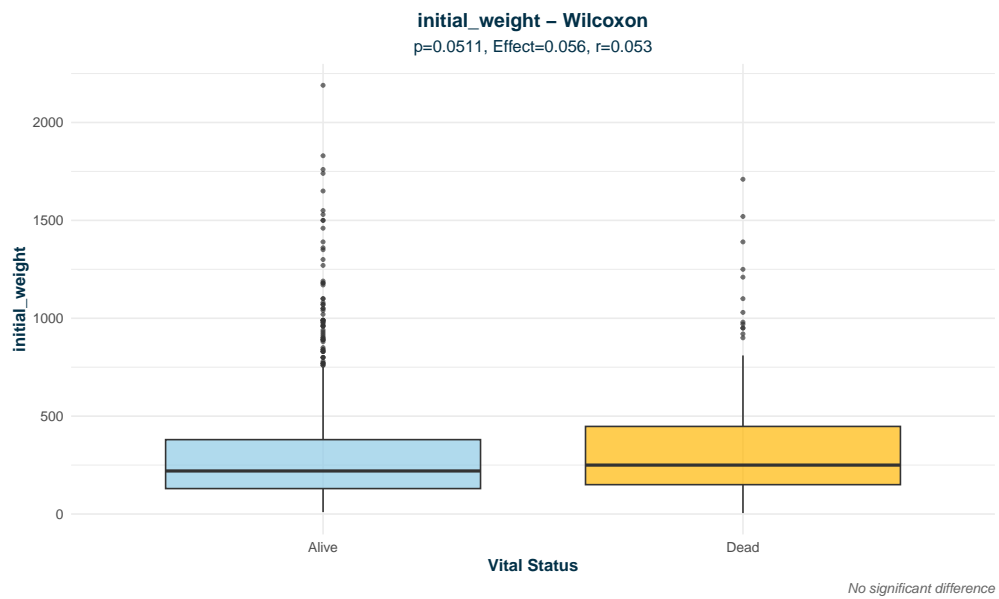
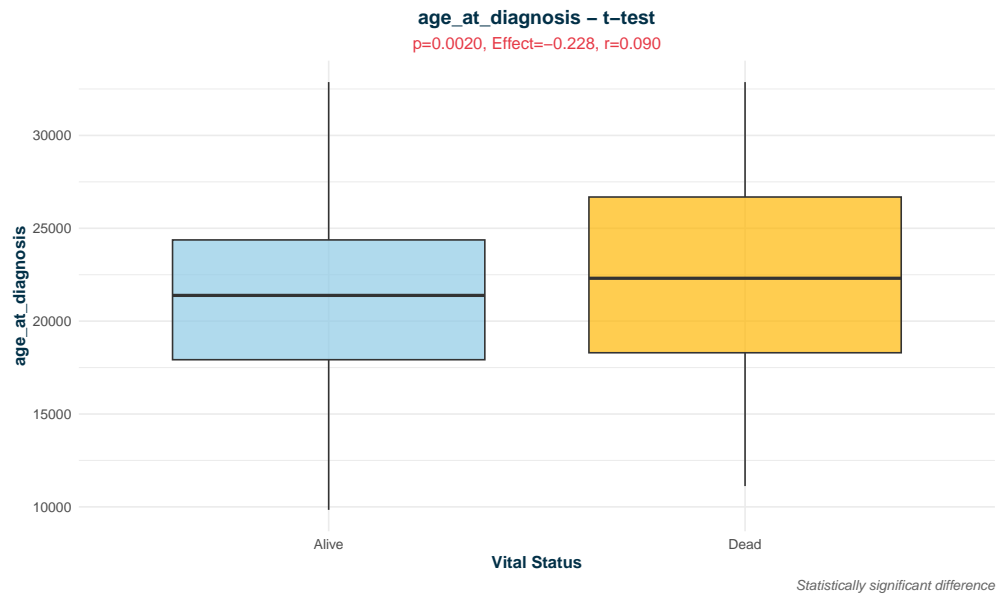
# Store results
test_results <- rbind(test_results
                      , data.frame(Variable = var
                                   , Test = test_name
                                   , Statistic = round(stat_val, 2)
                                   , P_value = p_val
                                   , Effect_Size = round(effect, 3)
                                   , Correlation = round(cor_val, 3)))

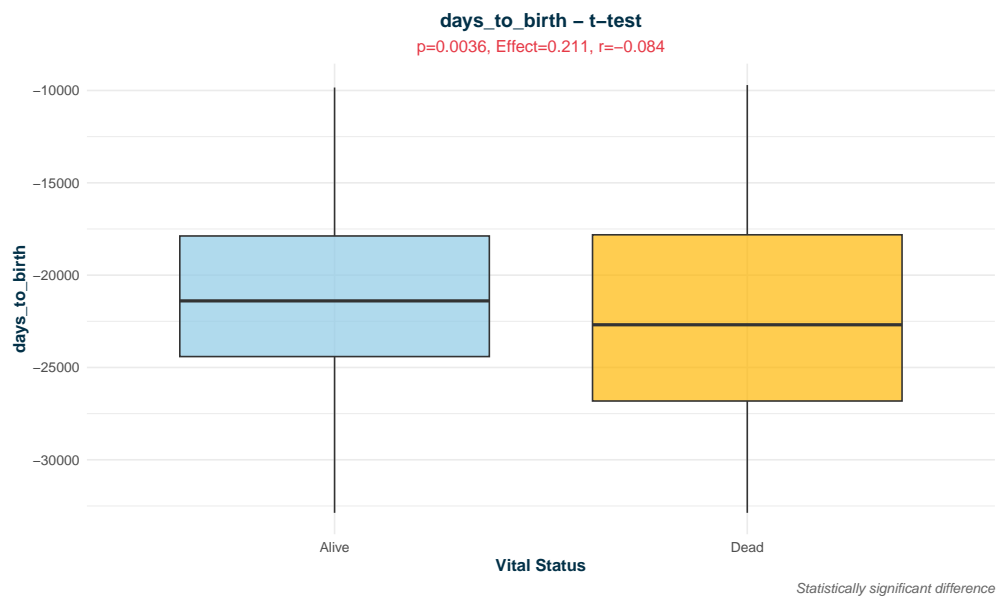
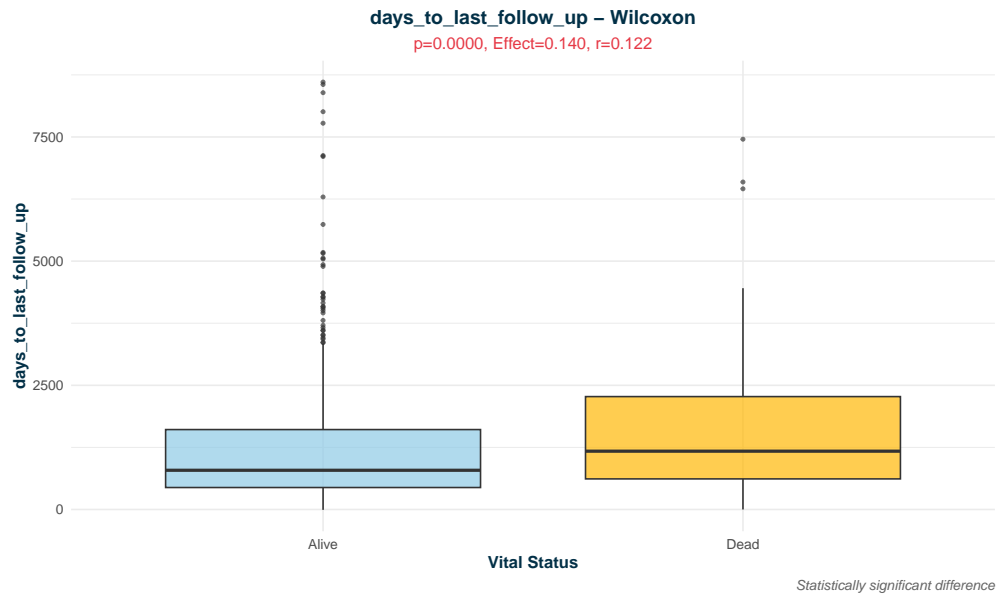
# --- Visualization ---
p <- ggplot(df_test, aes(x = Y, y = .data[[var]], fill = Y)) +
  geom_boxplot(alpha = 0.7, outlier.shape = 19, outlier.size = 1) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("Alive" = "#8ecae6", "Dead" = "#ffb703")) +
  labs(title = paste(var, "-", test_name)
       , subtitle = sprintf("p=%.4f, Effect=%.3f, r=%.3f", p_val, effect, cor_val)
       , x = "Vital Status"
       , y = var
       , caption = ifelse(p_val < 0.05, "Statistically significant difference", "No significant difference"))
theme_minimal(base_size = 12) +
theme(legend.position = "none"
      , plot.title = element_text(face = "bold", hjust = 0.5, color = "#023047")
      , plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5, color = ifelse(p_val < 0.05, "#e63946", "#023047"))
      , plot.caption = element_text(face = "italic", color = "#666666")
      , axis.title = element_text(face = "bold", color = "#023047"))

print(p)
}

```







```
# --- FDR correction ---
test_results$P_adj <- p.adjust(test_results$P_value, method = "fdr")

for(i in 1:nrow(test_results)) {
  row <- test_results[i, ]

  sig <- ifelse(row$P_adj < 0.001, "***"
    , ifelse(row$P_adj < 0.01, "**"
    , ifelse(row$P_adj < 0.05, "*", "")))

  cat(sprintf("%-25s %-10s %10.2f %10.4f %10.4f %10.3f %10.3f %s\n"
    , row$Variable
    , row$Test
    , row$Statistic
```

```

    , row$P_value
    , row$P_adj
    , row$Effect_Size
    , row$Correlation
    , sig))
}

```

```

## age_at_index          t-test          -3.09      0.0021      0.0034      -0.223      0.088 **
## age_at_diagnosis      t-test          -3.09      0.0020      0.0034      -0.228      0.090 **
## initial_weight        Wilcoxon      91871.50     0.0511      0.0511      0.056       0.053
## days_to_last_follow_up Wilcoxon      80651.50     0.0000      0.0000      0.140       0.122 ***
## days_to_birth         t-test          2.92       0.0036      0.0045      0.211      -0.084 **

```

According to the data analysis and the implementation of statistical tests on the clinical dataset. We can observe that columns such as **age at diagnosis**, **age at index**, and **day to birth** are the same information, which we can drop or exclude for variable selection by keeping only age at index. In addition, **initial weight** columns are also not significant for vital status target.

## Clinical Correlation Matrix

```

# Convert target to numeric
clinical_base <- as.data.frame(clinical_df)
clinical_base$vital_status_bin <- ifelse(clinical_base$vital_status == "Dead", 1, 0)

# Get numeric variables
clinic_num_cols <- names(clinical_base)[sapply(clinical_base, is.numeric)]
numeric_df <- clinical_base[, clinic_num_cols]

# Compute correlation
corr_matrix <- cor(numeric_df, use = "complete.obs")

# Plot
ggcorrplot(corr_matrix
  , hc.order = TRUE
  , lab = TRUE
  , lab_size = 2.5
  , method = "circle"
  , type = "lower"
  , colors = c("#4361ee", "#f8f9fa", "#e63946")
  , title = "Correlation Matrix - Clinical Numeric Variables"
  , ggtheme = theme_minimal() +
    theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, size = 14, face = "bold", color = "#023047"),
          plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5, color = "#555555"),
          plot.caption = element_text(face = "italic", color = "#666666"),
          axis.text = element_text(color = "#023047"))) +
  labs(subtitle = "Pearson correlation coefficients"
    , caption = "Method: Complete observations with hierarchical clustering")

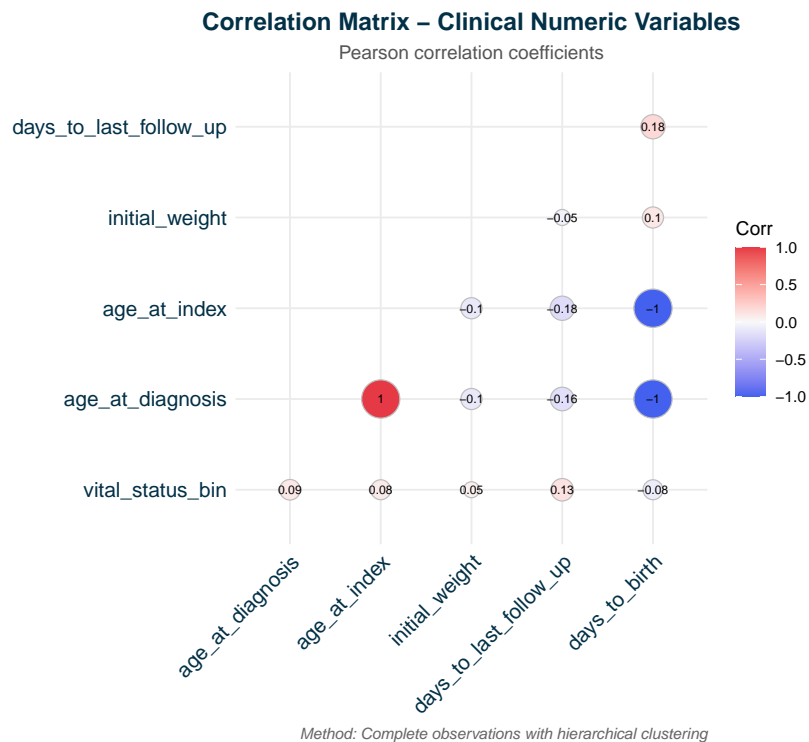
```

```

## Warning: 'aes_string()' was deprecated in ggplot2 3.0.0.
## i Please use tidy evaluation idioms with 'aes()'.
## i See also 'vignette("ggplot2-in-packages")' for more information.

```

```
## i The deprecated feature was likely used in the ggcorrplot package.
## Please report the issue at <https://github.com/kassambara/ggcorrplot/issues>.
## This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.
## Call 'lifecycle::last_lifecycle_warnings()' to see where this warning was
## generated.
```



From above correlation matrix, we can interpret that

- **age\_at\_index, age\_at\_diagnosis, and days\_to\_birth**
  - Extremely high correlations ( $|r| \approx 0.99$ ).
  - These three variables encode the **same underlying information (patient age)**.
  - Keep only one (**age\_at\_index**) for modeling to avoid multicollinearity.
- **days\_to\_last\_follow\_up**
  - Weak correlations with all other variables ( $|r| < 0.20$ ).
  - Slight positive correlation with vital\_status\_bin ( $r \approx 0.13$ ), expected because **Dead patients have actual event times**, while Alive patients are censored earlier.
- **initial\_weight**
  - Very weak correlations with every clinical variable and with survival ( $|r| < 0.10$ ).
  - Not a predictive feature.
- **vital\_status\_bin**
  - Correlates weakly with every numeric variable ( $|r| < 0.13$ ).

- No strong linear relationship; survival differences detected by group tests are **small effect sizes**, not strong correlations.

The numerical variables reveal one clear multicollinearity block: *age\_at\_index*, *age\_at\_diagnosis*, and *days\_to\_birth* all measure the same underlying factor (patient age) and only one should be kept. Other variables show only weak correlations with survival. *Days\_to\_last\_follow\_up* has a small association due to censoring differences, while *initial\_weight* shows negligible relevance and can be excluded.

## VIF Analysis for Clinical Variables

```
# Prepare clinical data
clinical_vif <- data.frame(
  age_at_index      = clinical_df$age_at_index
, age_at_diagnosis  = clinical_df$age_at_diagnosis
, initial_weight    = clinical_df$initial_weight
, days_to_last_follow_up = clinical_df$days_to_last_follow_up
, days_to_birth     = clinical_df$days_to_birth
, vital_status_bin  = ifelse(clinical_df$vital_status == "Dead", 1, 0)
)

# Remove NA
clinical_vif <- na.omit(clinical_vif)

cat("After removing NA:", nrow(clinical_vif), "\n\n")
```

```
## After removing NA: 1161
```

```
# Fit model
full_model <- glm(vital_status_bin ~ age_at_index + age_at_diagnosis +
  initial_weight + days_to_last_follow_up + days_to_birth
, data = clinical_vif
, family = binomial)

# Calculate VIF
vif_values <- vif(full_model)

cat("VIF Results:\n")
```

```
## VIF Results:
```

```
print(vif_values)
```

```
##          age_at_index      age_at_diagnosis      initial_weight
##          2100.239872          149.749877          1.029426
## days_to_last_follow_up      days_to_birth
##          1.122283          2204.019112
```

```
cat("\n=== INTERPRETATION ===\n")
```

```

##
## === INTERPRETATION ===

cat("VIF < 5: No multicollinearity\n")

## VIF < 5: No multicollinearity

cat("VIF 5-10: Moderate multicollinearity (monitor)\n")

## VIF 5-10: Moderate multicollinearity (monitor)

cat("VIF > 10: High multicollinearity (REMOVE variable)\n\n")

## VIF > 10: High multicollinearity (REMOVE variable)

# Flag problematic variables
high_vif <- names(vif_values)[vif_values > 10]
mod_vif <- names(vif_values)[vif_values >= 5 & vif_values <= 10]

if(length(high_vif) > 0) {
  cat("HIGH VIF (>10) - REMOVE:\n")
  for(var in high_vif) {
    cat(sprintf(" %s: VIF = %.2f\n", var, vif_values[var]))
  }
  cat("\n")
}

## HIGH VIF (>10) - REMOVE:
## age_at_index: VIF = 2100.24
## age_at_diagnosis: VIF = 149.75
## days_to_birth: VIF = 2204.02

if(length(mod_vif) > 0) {
  cat("MODERATE VIF (5-10) - MONITOR:\n")
  for(var in mod_vif) {
    cat(sprintf(" %s: VIF = %.2f\n", var, vif_values[var]))
  }
  cat("\n")
}

# Convert into data frame
vif_df <- data.frame(
  Variable = names(vif_values),
  VIF = as.numeric(vif_values)
)

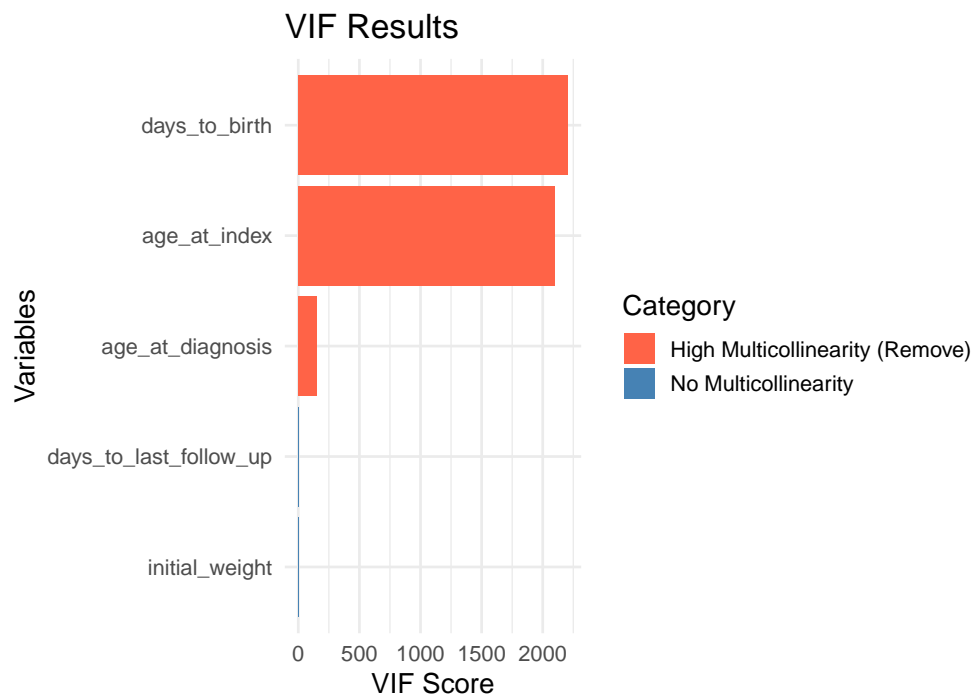
# Threshold for high multicollinearity (commonly VIF > 5 or > 10)
threshold <- 5

# Classify variables

```

```
vif_df$Group <- ifelse(vif_df$VIF > threshold,
                      "High Multicollinearity (Remove)",
                      "No Multicollinearity")

# Plot bar graph
ggplot(vif_df, aes(x = reorder(Variable, VIF), y = VIF, fill = Group)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
  coord_flip() +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c(
    "No Multicollinearity" = "steelblue",
    "High Multicollinearity (Remove)" = "tomato"
  )) +
  labs(title = "VIF Results",
       x = "Variables",
       y = "VIF Score",
       fill = "Category") +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 14)
```



From VIF, it shows extreme multicollinearity among the age variables (**age\_at\_index**, **age\_at\_diagnosis**, **days\_to\_birth**), meaning they all represent the same information and only should be kept. The over variable (**initial\_weight**, **days\_to\_last\_follow\_up**) have  $VIF \approx 1$  and pose no multicollinearity issue.

## PCA Analysis on Clinical Variables

```
clinical_pca <- data.frame(
  age_at_index      = clinical_df$age_at_index
, age_at_diagnosis  = clinical_df$age_at_diagnosis
```



```

, initial_weight      = clinical_df$initial_weight
, days_to_last_follow_up = clinical_df$days_to_last_follow_up
, days_to_birth        = clinical_df$days_to_birth
)

clinical_pca$vital_status <- clinical_df$vital_status

# Remove NA
clinical_pca <- na.omit(clinical_pca)
predictors <- clinical_pca[, 1:5]

# Run PCA (scaled)
pca_result <- prcomp(predictors, scale. = TRUE, center = TRUE)

# Variance explained
var_exp      <- summary(pca_result)$importance[2, ]
var_cum      <- summary(pca_result)$importance[3, ]

cat("Variance Explained:\n")

```

## Variance Explained:

```

for(i in 1:5) {
  cat(sprintf(" PC%d: %.1f%% (Cumulative: %.1f%%)\n"
    , i
    , var_exp[i] * 100
    , var_cum[i] * 100))
}

```

```

## PC1: 61.1% (Cumulative: 61.1%)
## PC2: 20.9% (Cumulative: 82.0%)
## PC3: 17.9% (Cumulative: 99.9%)
## PC4: 0.1% (Cumulative: 100.0%)
## PC5: 0.0% (Cumulative: 100.0%)

```

```
cat("\n")
```

```
cat("Variable Loadings on PC1 and PC2:\n")
```

## Variable Loadings on PC1 and PC2:

```

loadings <- pca_result$rotation[, 1:2]
print(round(loadings, 3))

```

```

##              PC1    PC2
## age_at_index    0.570  0.014
## age_at_diagnosis 0.569  0.027
## initial_weight  -0.076 -0.780
## days_to_last_follow_up -0.145  0.625
## days_to_birth   -0.570 -0.014

```

```

cat("\n")

# Interpretation
cat("=== INTERPRETATION ===\n")

## === INTERPRETATION ===

cat("PC1 captures", round(var_exp[1] * 100, 1), "% variance\n")

## PC1 captures 61.1 % variance

cat(" - High loadings:", names(sort(abs(loadings[, 1]), decreasing = TRUE)[1:2]), "\n")

## - High loadings: days_to_birth age_at_index

cat("PC2 captures", round(var_exp[2] * 100, 1), "% variance\n")

## PC2 captures 20.9 % variance

cat(" - High loadings:", names(sort(abs(loadings[, 2]), decreasing = TRUE)[1:2]), "\n\n")

## - High loadings: initial_weight days_to_last_follow_up

par(mfrow = c(2, 2), bg = "white", mar = c(4, 4, 3, 2))

# 1. Scree Plot
barplot(var_exp * 100
        , names.arg = paste0("PC", 1:5)
        , col = "#8ecae6"
        , border = "white"
        , xlab = "Principal Component"
        , ylab = "Variance Explained (%)"
        , main = "Scree Plot - Clinical Variables"
        , sub = "Eigenvalue decomposition showing variance per PC"
        , col.main = "#023047"
        , col.lab = "#023047"
        , col.sub = "#666666"
        , cex.sub = 0.7
        , font.sub = 3
        , las = 1)

abline(h = 20
        , col = "#e63946"
        , lty = 2
        , lwd = 2)

# 2. Cumulative Variance
plot(1:5
     , var_cum * 100

```

```

, type      = "b"
, pch       = 19
, col       = "#219ebc"
, lwd       = 3
, xlab      = "Principal Component"
, ylab      = "Cumulative Variance (%)"
, main      = "Cumulative Variance Explained"
, sub       = "Total variance captured by first n components"
, col.main  = "#023047"
, col.lab   = "#023047"
, col.sub   = "#666666"
, cex.sub   = 0.7
, font.sub  = 3
, las       = 1)

abline(h     = 80
, col = "#fb8500"
, lty = 2
, lwd = 2)

text(x = 3, y = 85, labels = "80% threshold", col = "#fb8500", cex = 0.8)

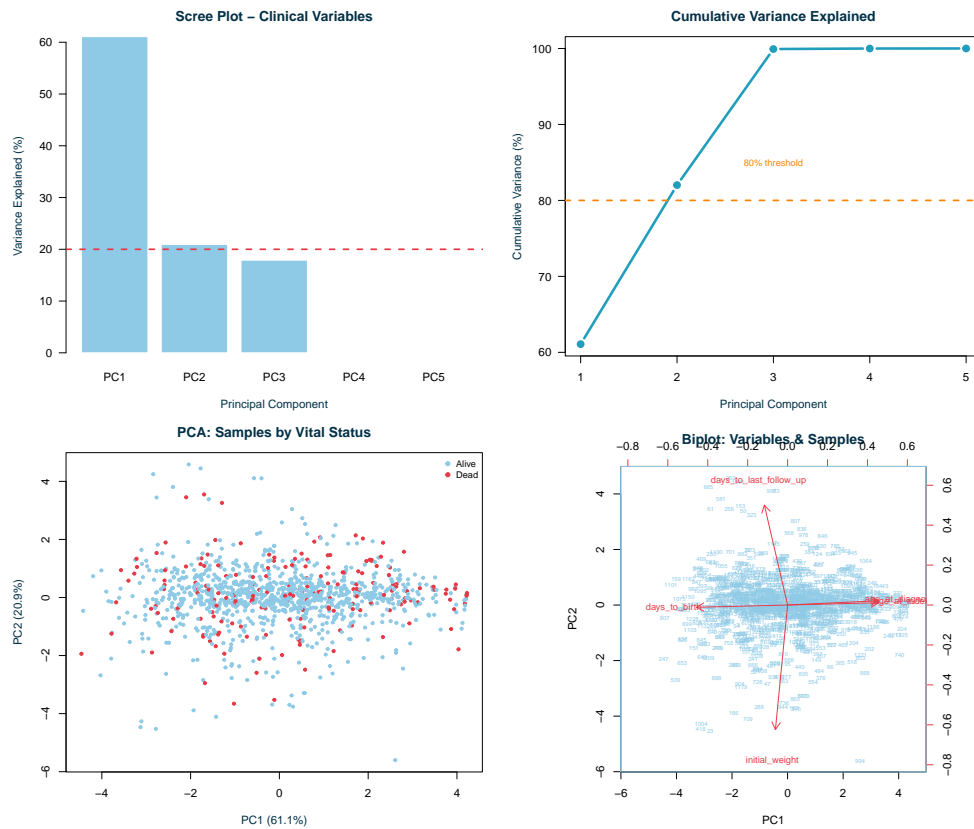
# 3. PC1 vs PC2 (colored by vital status)
plot(pca_result$x[, 1]
, pca_result$x[, 2]
, pch      = 19
, cex      = 0.6
, col      = ifelse(clinical_pca$vital_status == "Dead"
, "#e63946", "#8ecae6")
, xlab     = paste0("PC1 (", round(var_exp[1] * 100, 1), "%)")
, ylab     = paste0("PC2 (", round(var_exp[2] * 100, 1), "%)")
, main     = "PCA: Samples by Vital Status"
, sub      = "Patient projection onto first two principal components"
, col.main = "#023047"
, col.lab  = "#023047"
, col.sub  = "#666666"
, cex.sub  = 0.7
, font.sub = 3)

legend("topright"
, legend = c("Alive", "Dead")
, col    = c("#8ecae6", "#e63946")
, pch    = 19
, bty    = "n"
, cex    = 0.8)

# 4. Biplot (variables + samples)
biplot(pca_result
, choices = 1:2
, scale   = 0
, col     = c("#8ecae6", "#e63946")
, cex     = c(0.5, 0.8)
, main    = "Biplot: Variables & Samples")

```

```
, col.main = "#023047"
, arrow.len = 0.1)
```



```
par(mfrow = c(1, 1))
```

## Drop Redundant Variables Based on VIF + PCA

```
drop_vars <- c("age_at_diagnosis", "days_to_birth")

# KEEP
keep_vars <- c("age_at_index"
, "initial_weight"
, "days_to_last_follow_up")

# Create reduced set
clinical_reduced <- data.frame(
  age_at_index = clinical_df$age_at_index
, initial_weight = clinical_df$initial_weight
, days_to_last_follow_up = clinical_df$days_to_last_follow_up
, vital_status_bin = ifelse(clinical_df$vital_status == "Dead", 1, 0)
)
```

```
clinical_reduced <- na.omit(clinical_reduced)

# Fit model
reduced_model <- glm(vital_status_bin ~ age_at_index + initial_weight +
                     days_to_last_follow_up
                     , data = clinical_reduced
                     , family = binomial)

# Calculate VIF
vif_reduced <- car::vif(reduced_model)

cat("VIF Results (Reduced Model):\n")
```

```
## VIF Results (Reduced Model):
```

```
print(vif_reduced)
```

```
##           age_at_index           initial_weight days_to_last_follow_up
##           1.077847             1.033913             1.074717
```

After reducing some redundant variables, we can see that the VIF is now better no more multicollinearity.

## Categorical Variables Analysis

```
clinical_df <- as.data.frame(clinical_df)

exclude_cols <- c("bcr_patient_barcode"
                  , "primary_site"
                  , "days_to_birth"
                  , "age_at_diagnosis"
                  , "sites_of_involvement"
                  , "disease_type"
                  , "vital_status"
                  , "Y")

# Select cols
cat_cols <- names(clinical_df)[sapply(clinical_df, function(x)
  is.character(x) | is.factor(x))]

cat_cols <- setdiff(cat_cols, exclude_cols)

cat("Categorical variables:", length(cat_cols), "\n")
```

```
## Categorical variables: 12
```

```
cat(paste(cat_cols, collapse = ", "), "\n\n")
```

```
## tissue_type, laterality, tissue_or_organ_of_origin, primary_diagnosis, prior_treatment, ajcc_pathology
```

```

# Clean and prepare
categorical_df <- clinical_df[, cat_cols, drop = FALSE]

# Convert to character
categorical_df <- data.frame(lapply(categorical_df, as.character)
                             , stringsAsFactors = FALSE)

# Mark missing values
missing_markers <- c("not reported", "not applicable", "unknown", "NA", "")

for(var in names(categorical_df)) {
  categorical_df[[var]][categorical_df[[var]] %in% missing_markers] <- NA
}

# Group categories with < 10 samples
for(var in names(categorical_df)) {

  categorical_df[[var]] <- as.factor(categorical_df[[var]])
  categorical_df[[var]] <- fct_lump_min(categorical_df[[var]]
                                       , min = 10
                                       , other_level = "Other")
  categorical_df[[var]] <- droplevels(categorical_df[[var]])

  cat(sprintf("%s: %d levels after grouping\n"
              , var
              , nlevels(categorical_df[[var]])))
}

```

```

## tissue_type: 2 levels after grouping
## laterality: 2 levels after grouping
## tissue_or_organ_of_origin: 5 levels after grouping
## primary_diagnosis: 8 levels after grouping
## prior_treatment: 3 levels after grouping
## ajcc_pathologic_t: 7 levels after grouping
## morphology: 8 levels after grouping
## classification_of_tumor: 6 levels after grouping
## follow_ups_disease_response: 3 levels after grouping
## race: 4 levels after grouping
## gender: 2 levels after grouping
## ethnicity: 3 levels after grouping

```

## Statistical Tests and Visualization

```

# Add outcome variable to categorical_df
categorical_df$Y <- factor(clinical_df$vital_status)

results <- list()

for (var in setdiff(names(categorical_df), "Y")) {

  x <- categorical_df[[var]]

```

```

y <- categorical_df$Y
# Skip constants
if (n_distinct(x) <= 1) {
  results[[var]] <- data.frame(
    Test="Constant variable", P_value=NA, Statistic=NA, Cramers_V=NA,
    Note="Skipped (constant)", stringsAsFactors=FALSE
  )
  next
}

# Build table
tbl <- table(x, y)

if (nrow(tbl) < 2 || ncol(tbl) < 2) {
  results[[var]] <- data.frame(
    Test="Too few levels", P_value=NA, Statistic=NA, Cramers_V=NA,
    Note="Not enough levels", stringsAsFactors=FALSE
  )
  next
}

# Expected counts
expected <- outer(rowSums(tbl), colSums(tbl)) / sum(tbl)

# Choose appropriate test
if (nrow(tbl) == 2 && ncol(tbl) == 2) {

  # Fisher for 2x2
  test <- fisher.test(tbl)
  test_name <- "Fisher Exact (2x2)"
  stat_val <- NA

} else if (all(expected >= 5)) {

  # Standard Chi-square
  test <- chisq.test(tbl, correct = FALSE)
  test_name <- "Chi-square"
  stat_val <- test$statistic

} else {

  # Monte Carlo Chi-square for sparse large contingency tables
  test <- chisq.test(tbl, simulate.p.value = TRUE, B = 10000)
  test_name <- "Chi-square (MC simulation)"
  stat_val <- test$statistic
}

pval <- test$p.value

# Cramér's V
chi2 <- sum((tbl - expected)^2 / expected)
k <- min(nrow(tbl), ncol(tbl))
cramers_v <- sqrt(chi2 / (sum(tbl) * (k - 1)))

```

```

results[[var]] <- data.frame(
  Test=test_name,
  Statistic=stat_val,
  P_value=pval,
  Cramers_V=round(cramers_v, 4),
  Note=ifelse(pval < 0.05, "Significant", "Not significant"),
  stringsAsFactors=FALSE
)
}

results_df <- do.call(rbind, results)
results_df$Variable <- rownames(results_df)
results_df <- results_df[, c("Variable", "Test", "Statistic", "P_value", "Cramers_V", "Note")]
print(results_df)

```

```

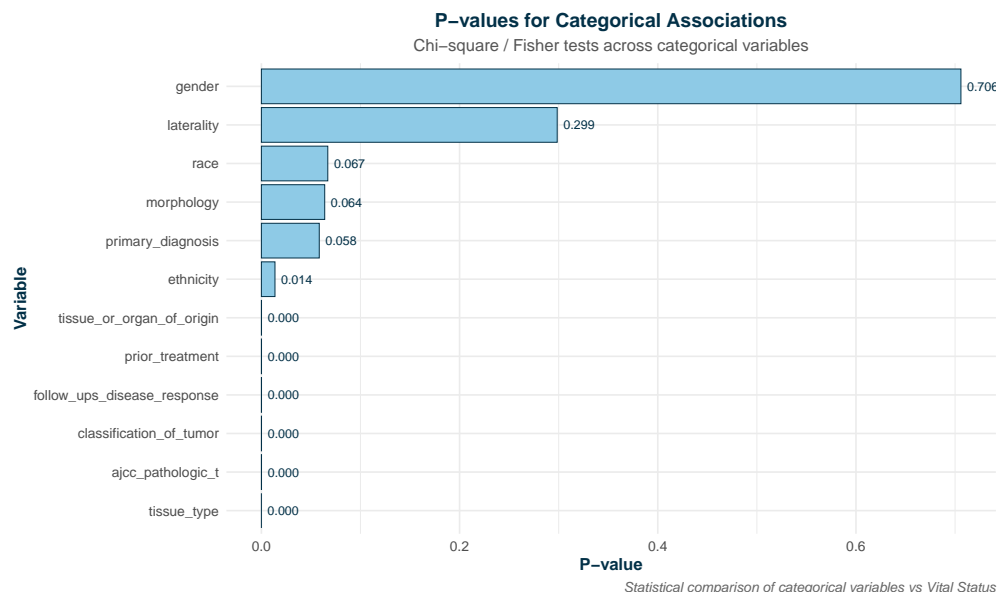
##                               Variable
## tissue_type                  tissue_type
## laterality                   laterality
## tissue_or_organ_of_origin    tissue_or_organ_of_origin
## primary_diagnosis            primary_diagnosis
## prior_treatment              prior_treatment
## ajcc_pathologic_t            ajcc_pathologic_t
## morphology                   morphology
## classification_of_tumor       classification_of_tumor
## follow_ups_disease_response   follow_ups_disease_response
## race                         race
## gender                       gender
## ethnicity                     ethnicity
##                               Test Statistic      P_value
## tissue_type                  Fisher Exact (2x2)      NA 1.457349e-09
## laterality                   Fisher Exact (2x2)      NA 2.985037e-01
## tissue_or_organ_of_origin    Chi-square (MC simulation) 161.948801 9.999000e-05
## primary_diagnosis            Chi-square (MC simulation) 13.447819 5.839416e-02
## prior_treatment              Chi-square (MC simulation) 99.889277 9.999000e-05
## ajcc_pathologic_t            Chi-square (MC simulation) 40.951881 9.999000e-05
## morphology                   Chi-square (MC simulation) 13.447819 6.389361e-02
## classification_of_tumor       Chi-square (MC simulation) 130.571256 9.999000e-05
## follow_ups_disease_response   Chi-square (MC simulation) 426.860132 9.999000e-05
## race                         Chi-square (MC simulation) 7.376931 6.699330e-02
## gender                       Fisher Exact (2x2)      NA 7.059201e-01
## ethnicity                     Chi-square (MC simulation) 8.644092 1.369863e-02
##                               Cramers_V      Note
## tissue_type                  0.1944      Significant
## laterality                   0.0324      Not significant
## tissue_or_organ_of_origin    0.3629      Significant
## primary_diagnosis            0.1046      Not significant
## prior_treatment              0.2902      Significant
## ajcc_pathologic_t            0.1903      Significant
## morphology                   0.1046      Not significant
## classification_of_tumor       0.3276      Significant
## follow_ups_disease_response   0.6082      Significant
## race                         0.0807      Not significant
## gender                       0.0242      Not significant

```

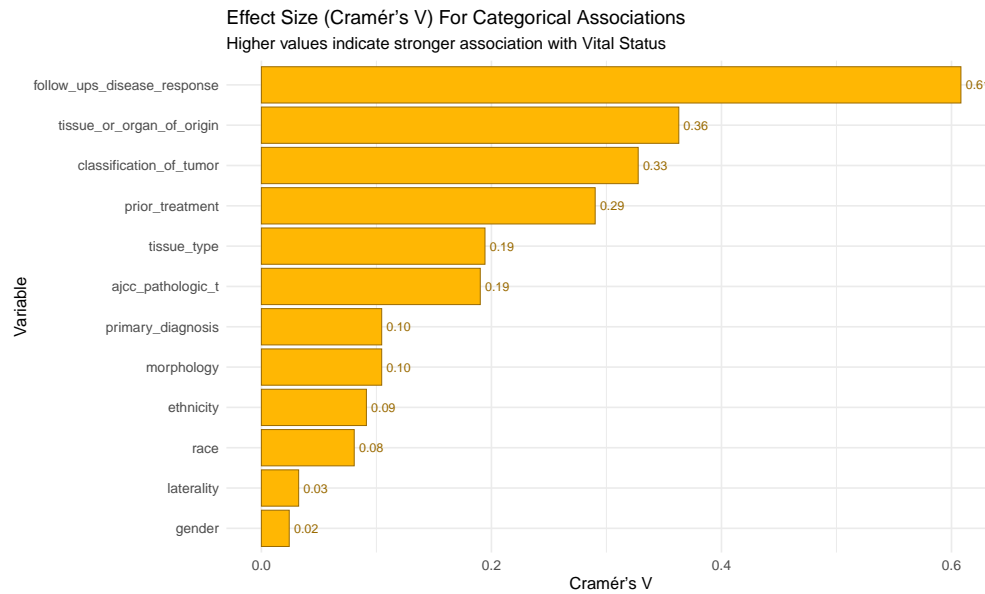


## ethnicity 0.0913 Significant

```
# Plot 1: Bar plot with P-value
ggplot(results_df, aes(x = reorder(Variable, P_value), y = P_value)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "#8ecae6", color = "#023047", linewidth = 0.3) +
  geom_text(aes(label = sprintf("%.3f", P_value)),
    hjust = -0.2, size = 3, color = "#023047") +
  coord_flip() +
  labs(title = "P-values for Categorical Associations",
    subtitle = "Chi-square / Fisher tests across categorical variables",
    x = "Variable",
    y = "P-value",
    caption = "Statistical comparison of categorical variables vs Vital Status") +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 12) +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(face = "bold", hjust = 0.5, color = "#023047"),
    plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5, color = "#555555"),
    plot.caption = element_text(face = "italic", color = "#666666"),
    axis.title = element_text(face = "bold", color = "#023047"))
```

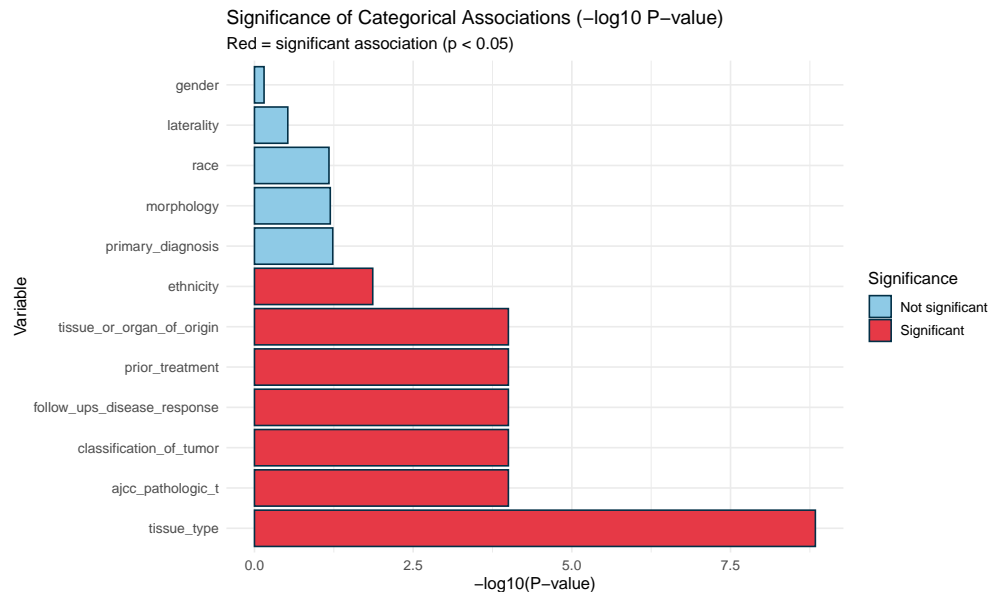


```
# Plot 1: Cramér's V Strength Plot
ggplot(results_df, aes(x = reorder(Variable, Cramers_V), y = Cramers_V)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "#ffb703", color = "#9a6a00", linewidth = 0.3) +
  geom_text(aes(label = sprintf("%.2f", Cramers_V)),
    hjust = -0.2, size = 3, color = "#9a6a00") +
  coord_flip() +
  labs(title = "Effect Size (Cramér's V) For Categorical Associations",
    subtitle = "Higher values indicate stronger association with Vital Status",
    x = "Variable",
    y = "Cramér's V") +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 12)
```



*# Plot 3: Significance Highlight Plot*

```
ggplot(results_df, aes(x = reorder(Variable, P_value),
  y = -log10(P_value),
  fill = Note)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", color = "#023047") +
  coord_flip() +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("Significant" = "#e63946",
    "Not significant" = "#8ecae6")) +
  labs(title = "Significance of Categorical Associations (-log10 P-value)",
    subtitle = "Red = significant association (p < 0.05)",
    x = "Variable",
    y = "-log10(P-value)",
    fill = "Significance") +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 12)
```



From this result, most of categorical variables show no meaningful link to survival. Gender has no effect, ethnicity is statistically significant but with very weak effect ( $V \approx 0.09$ ), and tumor subtype shows only a borderline trend. Overall, categorical predictors contribute little to explaining survival differences.

## Genex data studies

### Differential Expression Analysis

```
# Matrix vital status
design <- model.matrix(~vital_status, data = clinical_df)

# Fit linear model using limma (empirical Bayes)
fit <- lmFit(t(GeneX_df), design)
fit <- eBayes(fit)

# Extract top differentially expressed genes
top_genes <- topTable(fit
  , coef          = 2
  , number        = 5000
  , adjust.method = "BH")

cat("Top 20 Differentially Expressed Genes (Dead vs Alive):\n")
```

```
## Top 20 Differentially Expressed Genes (Dead vs Alive):
```

```
print(top_genes[1:20, c("logFC", "AveExpr", "P.Value", "adj.P.Val")])
```

##	logFC	AveExpr	P.Value	adj.P.Val
## LINC01235	0.9515500	7.047438	2.078880e-11	1.039440e-07
## APOB	1.2822838	3.413208	1.035776e-10	2.589440e-07
## LYVE1	1.0214367	7.224554	2.346103e-10	3.910171e-07
## LINC01497	0.7523277	1.156414	3.437925e-09	4.297407e-06
## AC104211.1	0.7273947	3.366769	1.643701e-08	1.535403e-05
## KLB	0.8499149	6.395080	2.069437e-08	1.535403e-05
## PSD2	0.7153297	4.402892	2.149564e-08	1.535403e-05
## LINC02511	0.8574617	2.253701	5.811988e-08	3.280902e-05
## SNORD104	-0.6927049	4.644127	5.905623e-08	3.280902e-05
## CST1	-1.4893705	6.693858	8.124615e-08	3.452865e-05
## AC007423.1	0.7409439	1.210320	8.195581e-08	3.452865e-05
## GPX3	0.7475773	11.556001	8.286876e-08	3.452865e-05
## LVRN	0.8868127	4.691047	1.429004e-07	4.769855e-05
## PROKR1	0.8122548	2.187548	1.442226e-07	4.769855e-05
## RHBDL1	-0.6842668	7.068012	1.518817e-07	4.769855e-05
## ADH4	0.8146112	2.169812	1.619101e-07	4.769855e-05
## ATF3	0.6698043	10.693098	1.621751e-07	4.769855e-05
## SLC2A4	0.7785291	6.008617	2.085221e-07	5.723414e-05
## FHL1	0.7816811	10.841301	2.174897e-07	5.723414e-05
## VEGFD	1.0116073	5.215086	2.874839e-07	6.940534e-05

```

cat("\n=== DE SUMMARY ===\n")

##
## === DE SUMMARY ===

cat("Significant genes (FDR < 0.05):", sum(top_genes$adj.P.Val < 0.05), "\n")

## Significant genes (FDR < 0.05): 1159

cat("Genes |logFC| > 1:", sum(abs(top_genes$logFC) > 1), "\n")

## Genes |logFC| > 1: 13

cat("Both significant AND |logFC| > 1:"
    , sum(top_genes$adj.P.Val < 0.05 & abs(top_genes$logFC) > 1), "\n\n")

## Both significant AND |logFC| > 1: 13

cat("Expression direction:\n")

## Expression direction:

cat("  Upregulated in Dead:", sum(top_genes$logFC > 0), "\n")

##  Upregulated in Dead: 2692

cat("  Downregulated in Dead:", sum(top_genes$logFC < 0), "\n")

##  Downregulated in Dead: 2308

```

## Volcano Plot

```

plot(top_genes$logFC
     , -log10(top_genes$P.Value)
     , pch      = 19
     , cex      = 0.6
     , col      = ifelse(top_genes$adj.P.Val < 0.05
                         , ifelse(abs(top_genes$logFC) > 1, "#d62828", "#e63946")
                         , "#8ecae6")
     , xlab     = "Log2 Fold Change (Dead vs Alive)"
     , ylab     = "-log10(P-value)"
     , main     = "Volcano Plot: Differentially Expressed Genes"
     , sub      = "Significance threshold: FDR < 0.05, |logFC| > 1"
     , col.main = "#023047"
     , col.lab  = "#023047"
     , col.sub  = "#666666"
)

```

```

, cex.sub = 0.8
, font.sub = 3)

# Significance thresholds 0,05
abline(h = -log10(0.05)
, col = "#fb8500"
, lty = 2
, lwd = 2)

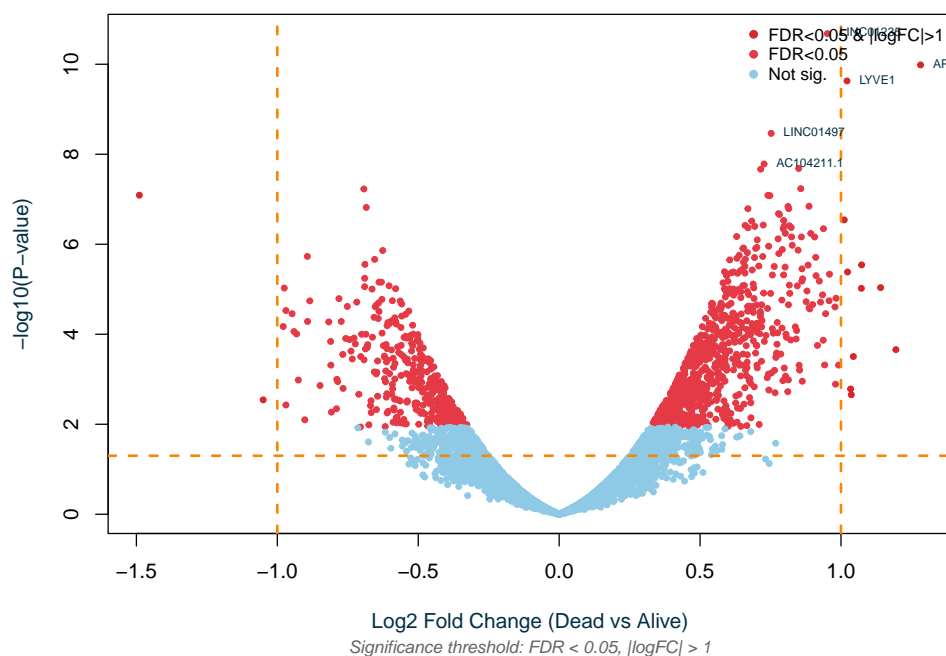
abline(v = c(-1, 1)
, col = "#fb8500"
, lty = 2
, lwd = 2)

# Gene labels
top_hits <- rownames(top_genes)[1:5]
for(gene in top_hits) {
  text(top_genes[gene, "logFC"]
, -log10(top_genes[gene, "P.Value"])
, labels = gene
, pos = 4
, cex = 0.6
, col = "#023047")
}

legend("topright"
, legend = c("FDR<0.05 & |logFC|>1", "FDR<0.05", "Not sig.")
, col = c("#d62828", "#e63946", "#8ecae6")
, pch = 19
, bty = "n"
, cex = 0.8)

```

### Volcano Plot: Differentially Expressed Genes



From the result `top_gene`, most significant genes show **positive logFC**, meaning they are **up-regulated** in patients who died, while like few **CST1**, **MMP11**, **SNORD104** are down-regulated. Several genes display both large effect sizes ( $|\log FC| > 1$ ) and very strong statistical significance (**FDR  $\ll$  0.05**)—notably **APOB**, **LYVE1**, **LINC01497**, **AC104211.1** making them the clearest potential biomarkers.

The Volcano plot confirms a pronounced asymmetry, with a dense cluster of up-regulated genes in the Dead group, indicating the activated transcriptional programs link to poor diagnosis, where down-regulated genes are fewer and more dispersed.

Overall, the results point to a robust molecular signature differentiating Alive vs Dead patients, with a handful of genes emerging as particularly strong candidates for biological interpretation and predictive modeling.

### Gene Expression Characteristics

```
top50_genes <- top_genes[1:50, ]

cat("=== TOP 50 GENE CHARACTERISTICS ===\n\n")

## === TOP 50 GENE CHARACTERISTICS ===

# Expression levels
cat("Average Expression Levels:\n")

## Average Expression Levels:
```

```
cat("  Min:", round(min(top50_genes$AveExpr), 2), "\n")
```

```
##  Min: 1.16
```

```
cat("  Median:", round(median(top50_genes$AveExpr), 2), "\n")
```

```
##  Median: 4.49
```

```
cat("  Max:", round(max(top50_genes$AveExpr), 2), "\n\n")
```

```
##  Max: 11.56
```

```
# Fold changes
```

```
cat("Fold Change Distribution:\n")
```

```
## Fold Change Distribution:
```

```
cat("  Upregulated in Dead (logFC > 0):", sum(top50_genes$logFC > 0), "\n")
```

```
##  Upregulated in Dead (logFC > 0): 46
```

```
cat("  Downregulated in Dead (logFC < 0):", sum(top50_genes$logFC < 0), "\n\n")
```

```
##  Downregulated in Dead (logFC < 0): 4
```

```
# Statistical significance
```

```
cat("P-value ranges:\n")
```

```
## P-value ranges:
```

```
cat("  Min P-value:", format(min(top50_genes$P.Value), scientific = TRUE), "\n")
```

```
##  Min P-value: 2.07888e-11
```

```
cat("  Max P-value:", format(max(top50_genes$P.Value), scientific = TRUE), "\n")
```

```
##  Max P-value: 1.605859e-06
```

```
cat("  Max FDR:", format(max(top50_genes$adj.P.Val), scientific = TRUE), "\n")
```

```
##  Max FDR: 1.605859e-04
```

## Gene Expression Distributions

```

# Create gene subset for top 20 genes
top20_genes <- rownames(top_genes)[1:20]
gene_subset <- as.data.frame(GeneX_df[, top20_genes])
colnames(gene_subset) <- top20_genes

par(mfrow = c(3, 3), bg = "white")

for(i in 1:9) {
  gene      <- top20_genes[i]
  gene_expr <- gene_subset[, i]

  # Histogram with separate colors by vital status
  hist(gene_expr[clinical_df$vital_status == "Alive"]
    , breaks = 30
    , col = rgb(0.2, 0.6, 0.8, 0.5)
    , main = paste(gene, "- Expression Distribution")
    , sub = "Alive (blue) vs Dead (red) patients"
    , xlab = "Expression Level"
    , ylab = "Frequency"
    , border = "white"
    , col.main = "#023047"
    , col.lab = "#023047"
    , col.sub = "#666666"
    , cex.sub = 0.7
    , font.sub = 3)

  hist(gene_expr[clinical_df$vital_status == "Dead"]
    , breaks = 30
    , col = rgb(0.9, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5)
    , add = TRUE
    , border = "white")

  legend("topright"
    , legend = c("Alive", "Dead")
    , fill = c(rgb(0.2, 0.6, 0.8, 0.5), rgb(0.9, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5))
    , bty = "n")

  # Test for bimodality (Hartigan's dip test)
  dip_result <- dip.test(gene_expr)

  if(dip_result$p.value < 0.05) {
    cat(sprintf("%s: BIMODAL (p=%.4f) need subgroups!\n"
      , gene
      , dip_result$p.value))
  }
}

```

```
## APOB: BIMODAL (p=0.0000) need subgroups!
```

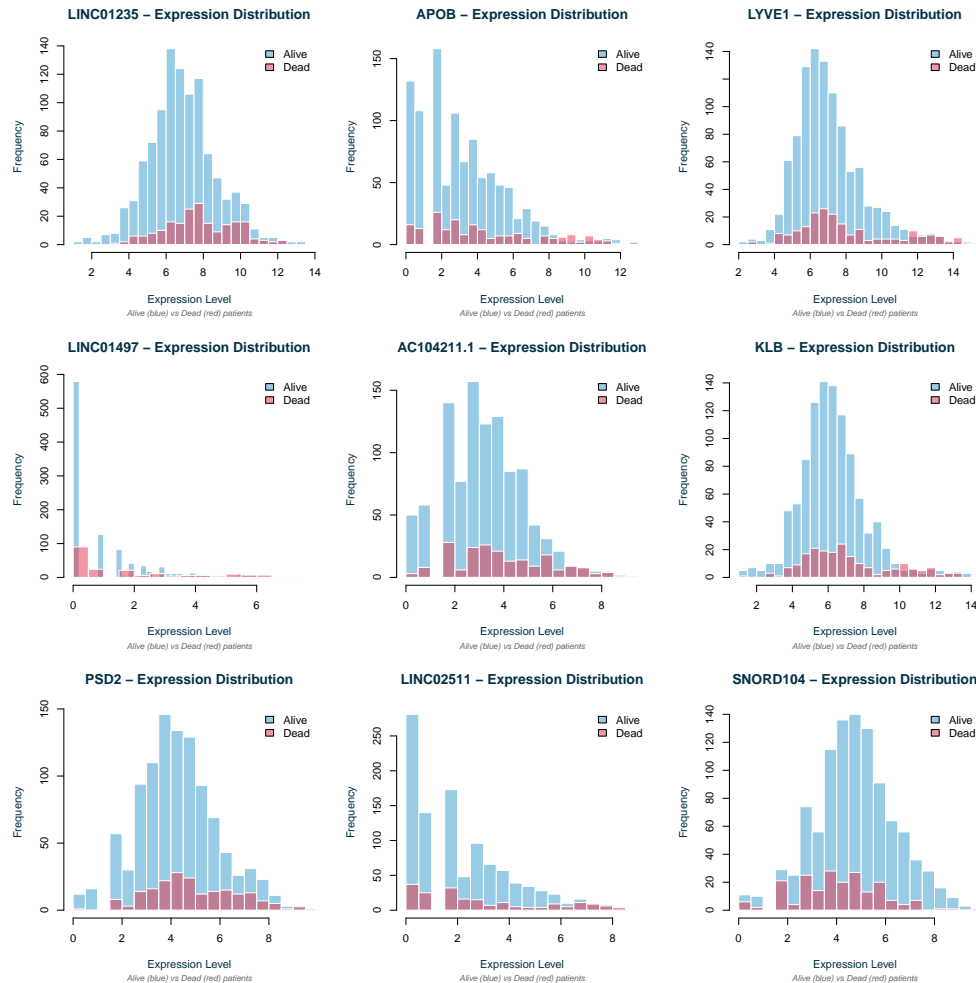
```
## LINC01497: BIMODAL (p=0.0000) need subgroups!
```

```
## AC104211.1: BIMODAL (p=0.0000) need subgroups!
```



## PSD2: BIMODAL (p=0.0009) need subgroups!

## LINC02511: BIMODAL (p=0.0000) need subgroups!



A subset of the strongest DE genes shows bimodal expression patterns, indicating heterogeneity and possible molecular subgroups, while several genes exhibit clear upregulation in non-survivors, reinforcing their biological relevance.

## Bimodal Gene Analysis

```
# Create gene subset for top 500
top500_genes <- rownames(top_genes)[1:500]
gene500_subset <- as.data.frame(GeneX_df[, top500_genes])
colnames(gene500_subset) <- top500_genes

# Run dip test for each of the top 500 genes
dip_results <- sapply(gene500_subset, function(x) {
  dip.test(x)$p.value
})
```

```

# Convert to data frame
bimodality_df <- data.frame(
  Gene = names(dip_results),
  Dip_Pvalue = dip_results
)

bimodality_df$Is_Bimodal <- bimodality_df$Dip_Pvalue < 0.05

# Sort by lowest dip-test pvalue (most strongly bimodal first)
bimodality_df <- bimodality_df[order(bimodality_df$Dip_Pvalue), ]

# Check only Bimodal
bimodal_genes_only <- bimodality_df[bimodality_df$Is_Bimodal == TRUE, ]

cat("\n=== BIMODAL GENES (Dip p < 0.05) ===\n")

```

```

##
## === BIMODAL GENES (Dip p < 0.05) ===

```

```

print(bimodal_genes_only)

```

```

##           Gene  Dip_Pvalue Is_Bimodal
## APOB          APOB 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## LINC01497      LINC01497 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## AC104211.1    AC104211.1 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## LINC02511      LINC02511 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## CST1          CST1 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## AC007423.1    AC007423.1 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## PROKR1        PROKR1 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## ADH4          ADH4 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## ALDH1L1-AS2   ALDH1L1-AS2 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## LINC01537      LINC01537 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## LINC01186      LINC01186 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## GLP2R         GLP2R 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## NGF-AS1       NGF-AS1 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## HSD17B13      HSD17B13 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## LUARIS        LUARIS 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## DSC1          DSC1 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## LINC01612      LINC01612 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## FP325317.1    FP325317.1 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## ABCB5         ABCB5 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## ADRA1A        ADRA1A 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## LHCGR         LHCGR 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## PGM5-AS1      PGM5-AS1 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## AL356218.2    AL356218.2 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## C1QTNF9       C1QTNF9 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## ADH1A         ADH1A 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## AC036108.2    AC036108.2 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## AC079804.3    AC079804.3 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## GLRA4         GLRA4 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## LINC02237      LINC02237 0.000000e+00      TRUE
## CA4           CA4 0.000000e+00      TRUE

```

##	AL121950.1	AL121950.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	EPB42	EPB42	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	PROX1-AS1	PROX1-AS1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	GLYAT	GLYAT	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	SPX	SPX	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	AC104407.1	AC104407.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	TM4SF4	TM4SF4	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	LALBA	LALBA	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	LINC01697	LINC01697	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	MAFA-AS1	MAFA-AS1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	PCK1	PCK1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	NPY2R	NPY2R	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	AC084212.1	AC084212.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	CDH20	CDH20	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	AC105118.1	AC105118.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	ANGPTL8	ANGPTL8	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	LINC02660	LINC02660	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	AC073850.1	AC073850.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	AL450332.1	AL450332.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	NEUROG2	NEUROG2	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	AL845331.1	AL845331.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	SERTM1	SERTM1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	LINCADL	LINCADL	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	IBSP	IBSP	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	ANO3	ANO3	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	ADH1C	ADH1C	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	PLCZ1	PLCZ1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	AC016682.1	AC016682.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	LGALS17A	LGALS17A	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	TMEM252	TMEM252	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	TRHDE-AS1	TRHDE-AS1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	ANGPTL7	ANGPTL7	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	AP001360.1	AP001360.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	CDH12	CDH12	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	LRR3B	LRR3B	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	ACSM4	ACSM4	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	MYOC	MYOC	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	H2BC17	H2BC17	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	AC003986.2	AC003986.2	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	SGCZ	SGCZ	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	AL591686.1	AL591686.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	NRAD1	NRAD1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	ACE2	ACE2	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	AL353693.1	AL353693.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	GRIN2B	GRIN2B	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	MIR145	MIR145	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	AL138716.1	AL138716.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	LINC01230	LINC01230	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	CSF3	CSF3	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	TNNI3	TNNI3	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	AC112721.2	AC112721.2	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	B3GAT1-DT	B3GAT1-DT	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	LINC01561	LINC01561	0.000000e+00	TRUE
##	CCL14	CCL14	0.000000e+00	TRUE

## NOS1	NOS1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## MLIP	MLIP	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC093496.1	AC093496.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## KCNJ16	KCNJ16	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC092118.1	AC092118.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC108734.4	AC108734.4	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC002546.1	AC002546.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AQP7P1	AQP7P1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## CSN1S1	CSN1S1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AADAC	AADAC	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC016924.1	AC016924.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## LINC02587	LINC02587	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## CST4	CST4	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC093817.2	AC093817.2	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## TRDN	TRDN	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## SHISA3	SHISA3	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## KCNH1-IT1	KCNH1-IT1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## HEPACAM	HEPACAM	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## DCT	DCT	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## TRHDE	TRHDE	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## TGFBR3L	TGFBR3L	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AL645924.1	AL645924.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## SLC6A3	SLC6A3	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## CCDC144A	CCDC144A	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## RBMS3-AS3	RBMS3-AS3	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## LINC01281	LINC01281	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## DPP6	DPP6	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## HHATL	HHATL	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## Z98745.2	Z98745.2	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## HSD11B1-AS1	HSD11B1-AS1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## C6	C6	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## RXRG	RXRG	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## CNTN6	CNTN6	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## GRIA4	GRIA4	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC008459.1	AC008459.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## ANTXRL	ANTXRL	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## PTCHD3	PTCHD3	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## SLC7A14-AS1	SLC7A14-AS1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## FOXD3-AS1	FOXD3-AS1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC110774.1	AC110774.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## CPA1	CPA1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## PURPL	PURPL	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## BAK1P2	BAK1P2	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## SLC7A10	SLC7A10	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AP002800.1	AP002800.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## SFTPB	SFTPB	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## NEUROG2-AS1	NEUROG2-AS1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC092851.1	AC092851.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## GPS2P1	GPS2P1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## PROK1	PROK1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC121757.1	AC121757.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## OR2B6	OR2B6	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## ADCY8	ADCY8	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AL356489.2	AL356489.2	0.000000e+00	TRUE

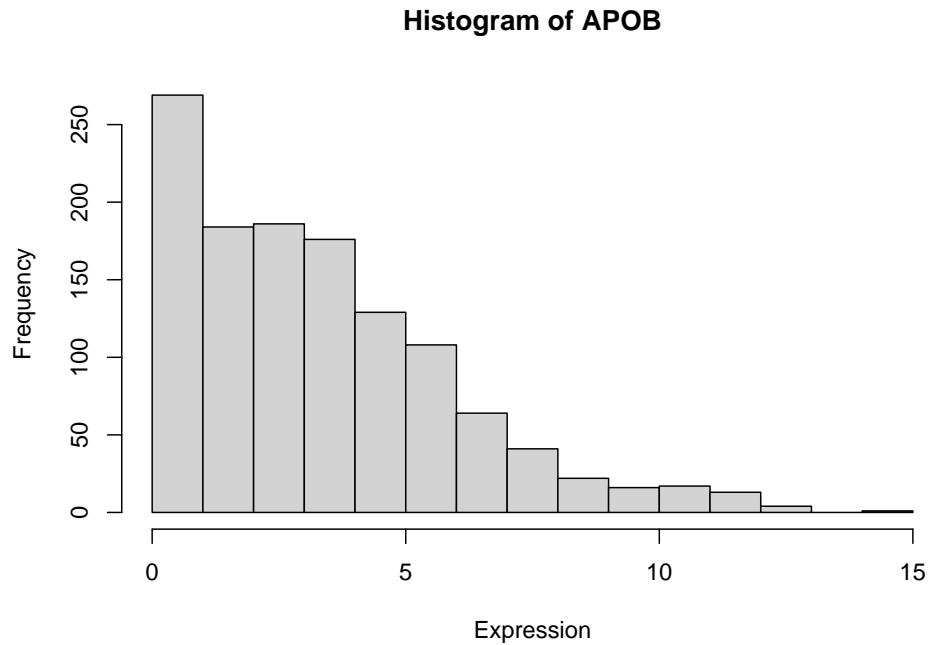
## SH3GL3	SH3GL3	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## TUBA3E	TUBA3E	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## CAPZA3	CAPZA3	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## CNTNAP3P2	CNTNAP3P2	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## CCNYL2	CCNYL2	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## SLITRK2	SLITRK2	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## MPPED1	MPPED1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## C14orf180	C14orf180	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## LMX1A	LMX1A	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## CMA1	CMA1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## RPS4Y1	RPS4Y1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## LEP	LEP	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## CYP1A1	CYP1A1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## PTPRQ	PTPRQ	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AP005131.3	AP005131.3	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## MAPT-IT1	MAPT-IT1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## LINC01625	LINC01625	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC098850.3	AC098850.3	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC119424.1	AC119424.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## LINC00844	LINC00844	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## GRAMD4P8	GRAMD4P8	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AL513318.1	AL513318.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## SNTN	SNTN	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## LINC01485	LINC01485	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC022196.1	AC022196.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC068733.3	AC068733.3	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC073869.6	AC073869.6	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## DRD1	DRD1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## TNMD	TNMD	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AC073316.1	AC073316.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AP000350.6	AP000350.6	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## LINC00466	LINC00466	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## FAM180B	FAM180B	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## HBA1	HBA1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AL033384.1	AL033384.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## LINC01344	LINC01344	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## LINC02515	LINC02515	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## DIRAS2	DIRAS2	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## PENK	PENK	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## OXGR1	OXGR1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## USP32P1	USP32P1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## TMEM132C	TMEM132C	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## PLD5	PLD5	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## MGAT4C	MGAT4C	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## AL161945.1	AL161945.1	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## CLDN25	CLDN25	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## ASB4	ASB4	0.000000e+00	TRUE
## BMS1P10	BMS1P10	7.134626e-07	TRUE
## CST2	CST2	3.129484e-06	TRUE
## CHRNA6	CHRNA6	4.741375e-06	TRUE
## RERGL	RERGL	4.741375e-06	TRUE
## PRR26	PRR26	7.722067e-06	TRUE
## LINC00968	LINC00968	7.965158e-06	TRUE
## HPSE2	HPSE2	7.965158e-06	TRUE

##	PLCXD3	PLCXD3	9.577049e-06	TRUE
##	ANGPT4	ANGPT4	9.577049e-06	TRUE
##	CCDC178	CCDC178	9.577049e-06	TRUE
##	LINC01239	LINC01239	9.577049e-06	TRUE
##	RIMBP2	RIMBP2	2.036191e-05	TRUE
##	ADGRB3	ADGRB3	3.371400e-05	TRUE
##	SCT	SCT	9.664365e-05	TRUE
##	HIF3A	HIF3A	1.505938e-04	TRUE
##	KY	KY	1.505938e-04	TRUE
##	NLGN1	NLGN1	2.184164e-04	TRUE
##	AL583785.1	AL583785.1	2.184164e-04	TRUE
##	GRIK1	GRIK1	3.423733e-04	TRUE
##	MAP1LC3C	MAP1LC3C	4.663301e-04	TRUE
##	MASP1	MASP1	4.663301e-04	TRUE
##	AC090004.2	AC090004.2	4.663301e-04	TRUE
##	AC055854.1	AC055854.1	4.663301e-04	TRUE
##	PSD2	PSD2	9.472775e-04	TRUE
##	SSTR1	SSTR1	9.472775e-04	TRUE
##	H2AC13	H2AC13	9.472775e-04	TRUE
##	AL032819.2	AL032819.2	1.382277e-03	TRUE
##	NRXN1	NRXN1	1.862362e-03	TRUE
##	CD300LG	CD300LG	2.751299e-03	TRUE
##	HOXA2	HOXA2	2.751299e-03	TRUE
##	PLAC1	PLAC1	2.751299e-03	TRUE
##	DRD2	DRD2	2.751299e-03	TRUE
##	ZBED2	ZBED2	3.804563e-03	TRUE
##	CALHM6	CALHM6	6.492312e-03	TRUE
##	LINC00922	LINC00922	6.880659e-03	TRUE
##	CIDEC	CIDEC	6.880659e-03	TRUE
##	CRHBP	CRHBP	9.054789e-03	TRUE
##	KRT19P1	KRT19P1	9.054789e-03	TRUE
##	ADH1B	ADH1B	9.054789e-03	TRUE
##	PRRT4	PRRT4	1.231416e-02	TRUE
##	ADAMTS9-AS2	ADAMTS9-AS2	1.231416e-02	TRUE
##	FOXJ1	FOXJ1	1.575060e-02	TRUE
##	LVRN	LVRN	1.640823e-02	TRUE
##	PAPPA2	PAPPA2	1.872212e-02	TRUE
##	VEGFD	VEGFD	2.104729e-02	TRUE
##	SCN3A	SCN3A	2.104729e-02	TRUE
##	SULT1B1	SULT1B1	2.104729e-02	TRUE
##	NMUR1	NMUR1	2.958350e-02	TRUE
##	GDF10	GDF10	2.958350e-02	TRUE
##	DQX1	DQX1	3.811971e-02	TRUE
##	HNRNPA1P21	HNRNPA1P21	3.811971e-02	TRUE
##	RHOXF1-AS1	RHOXF1-AS1	4.665592e-02	TRUE
##	LRRC2	LRRC2	4.665592e-02	TRUE
##	RUFY4	RUFY4	4.665592e-02	TRUE

```
# Visualize top Bimodal Genes
top_bimodal_gene <- bimodality_df$Gene[1]
expr_values <- gene500_subset[[top_bimodal_gene]]

hist(expr_values, breaks = 20,
      main = paste("Histogram of", top_bimodal_gene),
```

```
xlab = "Expression")
```



```
cat("=== BIMODALITY CHECK SUMMARY (Top 500 Genes) ===\n")
```

```
## === BIMODALITY CHECK SUMMARY (Top 500 Genes) ===
```

```
cat("Total genes tested:", nrow(bimodality_df), "\n")
```

```
## Total genes tested: 500
```

```
cat("Bimodal genes (Dip p < 0.05):", sum(bimodality_df$Is_Bimodal), "\n\n")
```

```
## Bimodal genes (Dip p < 0.05): 239
```

```
cat("Top 10 most bimodal genes:\n")
```

```
## Top 10 most bimodal genes:
```

```
print(head(bimodality_df, 10))
```

```
##           Gene Dip_Pvalue Is_Bimodal
## APOB         APOB         0        TRUE
## LINC01497    LINC01497         0        TRUE
## AC104211.1  AC104211.1         0        TRUE
## LINC02511    LINC02511         0        TRUE
## CST1         CST1         0        TRUE
```

```
## AC007423.1    AC007423.1      0      TRUE
## PROKR1        PROKR1          0      TRUE
## ADH4          ADH4            0      TRUE
## ALDH1L1-AS2  ALDH1L1-AS2      0      TRUE
## LINC01537     LINC01537       0      TRUE
```

## Top 10 Bimodal distributions

```
par(mfrow = c(2, 3), bg = "white")

# Loop through top 10 most bimodal genes
for (gene in head(bimodality_df$Gene, 10)) {

  gene_expr <- gene500_subset[, gene]

  alive_expr <- gene_expr[clinical_df$vital_status == "Alive"]
  dead_expr  <- gene_expr[clinical_df$vital_status == "Dead"]

  # Make sure densities exist (avoids zero-length errors)
  if (length(alive_expr) > 1 & length(dead_expr) > 1) {

    plot(density(alive_expr, na.rm = TRUE),
         col      = "#219ebc",
         lwd      = 3,
         main     = paste(gene, "- Expression Distribution"),
         sub      = "Density plot + Median cutpoint (orange)",
         xlab     = "Expression Level",
         ylab     = "Density",
         col.main = "#023047",
         col.lab  = "#023047",
         col.sub  = "#666666",
         cex.sub  = 0.7,
         font.sub = 3)

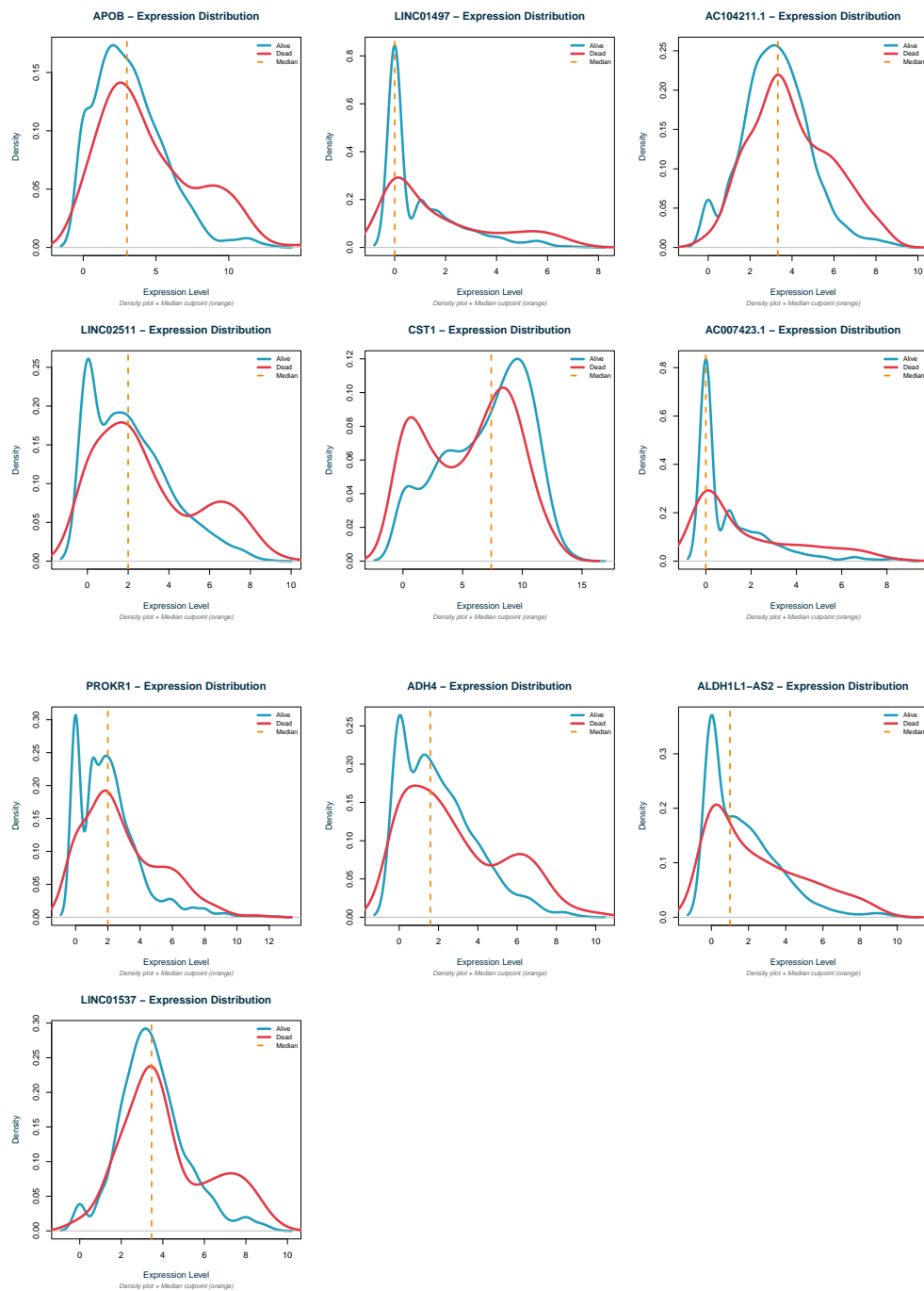
    lines(density(dead_expr, na.rm = TRUE),
          col = "#e63946",
          lwd = 3)

    # Add median vertical line
    abline(v = median(gene_expr, na.rm = TRUE),
           col = "#fb8500",
           lty = 2,
           lwd = 2)

    legend("topright",
          legend = c("Alive", "Dead", "Median"),
          col    = c("#219ebc", "#e63946", "#fb8500"),
          lwd    = c(3, 3, 2),
          lty    = c(1, 1, 2),
          bty    = "n",
          cex    = 0.8)
  }
}
```



}



```
# Identify bimodal genes from paper
bimodal_genes <- c("APOB", "LINC01497", "AC104211.1", "PSD2", "LINC02511")

cat("Bimodal genes identified:", length(bimodal_genes), "\n")
```

```
## Bimodal genes identified: 5
```

```
cat(paste(bimodal_genes, collapse = ", "), "\n\n")
```

```
## APOB, LINC01497, AC104211.1, PSD2, LINC02511
```

```
# For each bimodal gene, create binary groups (high/low expressors)
```

```
cat("Creating binary expression groups for bimodal genes:\n\n")
```

```
## Creating binary expression groups for bimodal genes:
```

```
for(gene in bimodal_genes) {  
  gene_expr  <- gene_subset[, gene]  
  gene_median <- median(gene_expr)  
  
  # Create binary groups  
  clinical_df[[paste0(gene, "_group")]] <- ifelse(gene_expr > gene_median  
                                                  , "High", "Low")  
  
  # Test survival difference  
  high_death_rate <- sum(clinical_df[[paste0(gene, "_group")]] == "High" &  
                        clinical_df$vital_status == "Dead") /  
                    sum(clinical_df[[paste0(gene, "_group")]] == "High")  
  
  low_death_rate  <- sum(clinical_df[[paste0(gene, "_group")]] == "Low" &  
                        clinical_df$vital_status == "Dead") /  
                    sum(clinical_df[[paste0(gene, "_group")]] == "Low")  
  
  cat(sprintf("%s:\n", gene))  
  cat(sprintf("  High expressors: %.1f%% mortality\n", high_death_rate * 100))  
  cat(sprintf("  Low expressors:  %.1f%% mortality\n", low_death_rate * 100))  
  cat(sprintf("  Fold difference: %.2fx\n\n", high_death_rate / low_death_rate))  
}
```

```
## APOB:
```

```
##   High expressors: 19.3% mortality
```

```
##   Low expressors:  13.6% mortality
```

```
##   Fold difference: 1.42x
```

```
##
```

```
## LINC01497:
```

```
##   High expressors: 19.8% mortality
```

```
##   Low expressors:  13.5% mortality
```

```
##   Fold difference: 1.47x
```

```
##
```

```
## AC104211.1:
```

```
##   High expressors: 20.2% mortality
```

```
##   Low expressors:  12.9% mortality
```

```
##   Fold difference: 1.56x
```

```
##
```

```
## PSD2:
```

```
##   High expressors: 20.2% mortality
```

```
##   Low expressors:  12.6% mortality
```

```
##   Fold difference: 1.60x
```

```
##
```

```
## LINC02511:
##   High expressors: 19.7% mortality
##   Low expressors:  13.7% mortality
##   Fold difference: 1.44x
```

## Bimodal Gene Distributions

```
par(mfrow = c(2, 3), bg = "white")

for(gene in bimodal_genes) {
  gene_expr <- gene_subset[, gene]

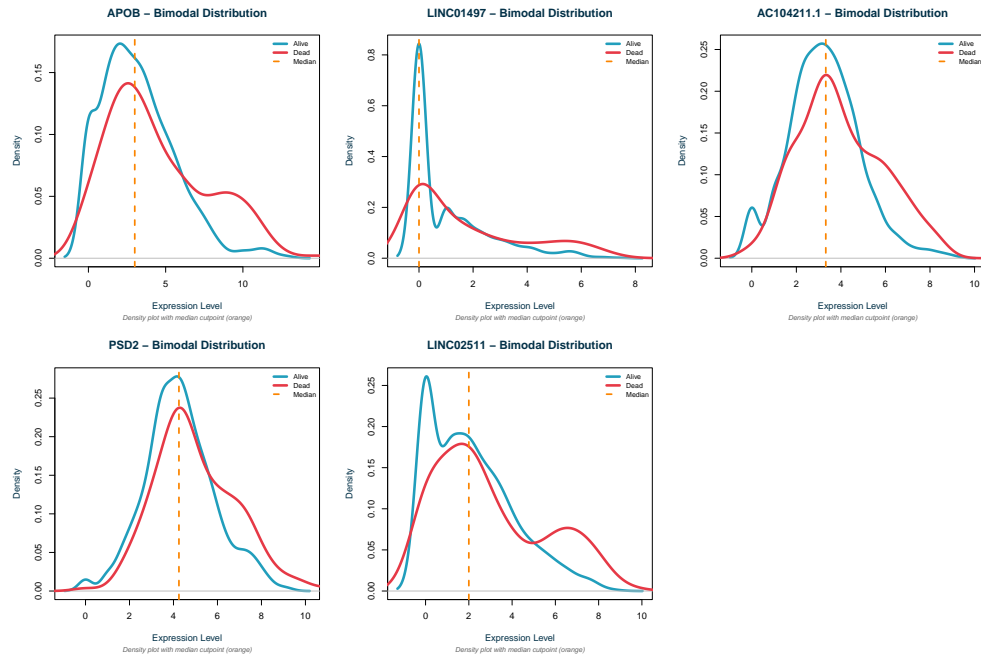
  # Density plot
  alive_expr <- gene_expr[clinical_df$vital_status == "Alive"]
  dead_expr  <- gene_expr[clinical_df$vital_status == "Dead"]

  plot(density(alive_expr, na.rm = TRUE)
       , col      = "#219ebc"
       , lwd      = 3
       , main     = paste(gene, "- Bimodal Distribution")
       , sub      = "Density plot with median cutpoint (orange)"
       , xlab     = "Expression Level"
       , ylab     = "Density"
       , col.main = "#023047"
       , col.lab  = "#023047"
       , col.sub  = "#666666"
       , cex.sub  = 0.7
       , font.sub = 3)

  lines(density(dead_expr, na.rm = TRUE)
       , col = "#e63946"
       , lwd = 3)

  # Add vertical line at median (cutpoint)
  abline(v      = median(gene_expr)
       , col = "#fb8500"
       , lty = 2
       , lwd = 2)

  legend("topright"
       , legend = c("Alive", "Dead", "Median")
       , col     = c("#219ebc", "#e63946", "#fb8500")
       , lwd     = c(3, 3, 2)
       , lty     = c(1, 1, 2)
       , bty     = "n"
       , cex     = 0.8)
}
```



These five genes are likely to present subgroup markers: their expression defined nature of the patient cluster with different survival risk. They do not act alone as strong predictors, but provide important biological signal which could improve modeling.

## Key Cancer Genes Check

```
key_genes <- c("GATA3", "CDH1", "ESR1", "PGR")
for(gene in key_genes) {
  cat("Gene:", gene, "\n")

  # Expression by vital status
  alive_expr <- GeneX_df[clinical_df$vital_status == "Alive", gene]
  dead_expr  <- GeneX_df[clinical_df$vital_status == "Dead", gene]

  cat("  Alive: mean=", round(mean(alive_expr, na.rm = TRUE), 2),
      ", sd=", round(sd(alive_expr, na.rm = TRUE), 2), "\n", sep = "")
  cat("  Dead: mean=", round(mean(dead_expr, na.rm = TRUE), 2),
      ", sd=", round(sd(dead_expr, na.rm = TRUE), 2), "\n", sep = "")

  # T-test
  test <- t.test(alive_expr, dead_expr)
  cat("  T-test p-value:", format(test$p.value, scientific = TRUE), "\n")

  # Check if in top genes
  if(gene %in% rownames(top_genes)) {
    idx <- which(rownames(top_genes) == gene)
    cat("  Rank in DE analysis:", idx, "\n")
    cat("  logFC:", round(top_genes[gene, "logFC"], 3), "\n")
    cat("  FDR:", format(top_genes[gene, "adj.P.Val"], scientific = TRUE), "\n")
  } else {
```

```

    cat("  Not in top 100 DE genes\n")
  }
  cat("\n")
}

```

```

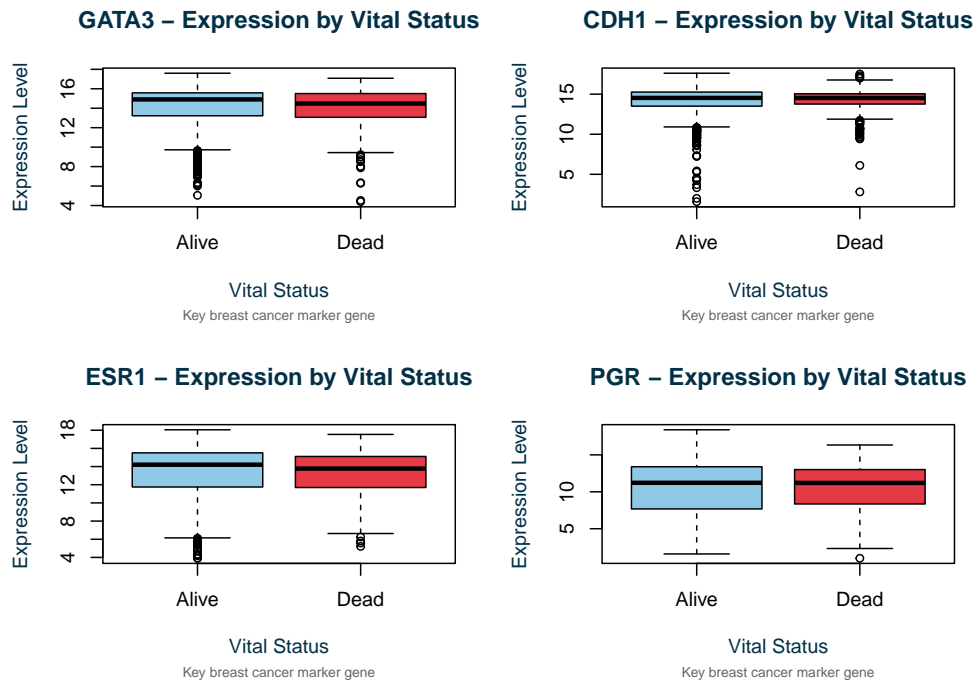
## Gene: GATA3
##   Alive: mean=14.17 sd=2.14
##   Dead:  mean=13.87 sd=2.34
##   T-test p-value: 9.546172e-02
##   Rank in DE analysis: 2017
##   logFC: -0.298
##   FDR: 1.881517e-01
##
## Gene: CDH1
##   Alive: mean=14.08 sd=1.95
##   Dead:  mean=14.12 sd=1.83
##   T-test p-value: 7.598542e-01
##   Rank in DE analysis: 4489
##   logFC: 0.044
##   FDR: 8.568828e-01
##
## Gene: ESR1
##   Alive: mean=13.24 sd=3.1
##   Dead:  mean=13.09 sd=2.85
##   T-test p-value: 5.200503e-01
##   Rank in DE analysis: 3868
##   logFC: -0.144
##   FDR: 6.990844e-01
##
## Gene: PGR
##   Alive: mean=10.58 sd=3.38
##   Dead:  mean=10.63 sd=3.18
##   T-test p-value: 8.278284e-01
##   Rank in DE analysis: 4641
##   logFC: 0.054
##   FDR: 8.982142e-01

```

```

# Box plot
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
for(gene in key_genes) {
  boxplot(GeneX_df[, gene] ~ clinical_df$vital_status
    , col      = c("#8ecae6", "#e63946")
    , main     = paste(gene, "- Expression by Vital Status")
    , sub      = "Key breast cancer marker gene"
    , xlab     = "Vital Status"
    , ylab     = "Expression Level"
    , names    = c("Alive", "Dead")
    , col.main = "#023047"
    , col.lab  = "#023047"
    , col.sub  = "#666666"
    , cex.sub  = 0.7
    , font.sub = 3)
}

```



Classical breast cancer markers (**GATA3**, **CDH1**, **ESR1**, **PGR**) shows no different expression between Alive and Dead groups (all  $p > 0.05$ ).

## K-Means Clustering

```
top50_data <- GeneX_df[, rownames(top_genes)[1:50]]

set.seed(42)
for(k in 2:4) {
  kmeans_result <- kmeans(scale(top50_data), centers = k, nstart = 25)

  cat(sprintf("\n--- K=%d CLUSTERS ---\n", k))

  # Cluster vs survival
  cluster_table <- table(kmeans_result$cluster, clinical_df$vital_status)
  print(cluster_table)

  # Chi-square test
  chi_test <- chisq.test(cluster_table)
  cat(sprintf("Chi-square p=%.4e %s\n",
    , chi_test$p.value
    , ifelse(chi_test$p.value < 0.05, "*** SIGNIFICANT", "")))

  # Cluster sizes
  cat("Cluster sizes:", table(kmeans_result$cluster), "\n")
}
```

##

```
## --- K=2 CLUSTERS ---
##
##      Alive Dead
##    1   852  138
##    2   177   63
## Chi-square p=5.8918e-06 *** SIGNIFICANT
## Cluster sizes: 990 240
##
## --- K=3 CLUSTERS ---
##
##      Alive Dead
##    1   297   38
##    2   683  117
##    3    49   46
## Chi-square p=5.8567e-18 *** SIGNIFICANT
## Cluster sizes: 335 800 95
##
## --- K=4 CLUSTERS ---
##
##      Alive Dead
##    1   473   69
##    2   357   65
##    3   163   26
##    4    36   41
## Chi-square p=6.7112e-18 *** SIGNIFICANT
## Cluster sizes: 542 422 189 77
```

```
kmeans_2 <- kmeans(scale(top50_data), centers = 2, nstart = 25)
clinical_df$cluster <- paste0("C", kmeans_2$cluster)
print(table(clinical_df$cluster, clinical_df$vital_status))
```

```
##
##      Alive Dead
##    C1   177   63
##    C2   852  138
```

## PCA Visualization by Clusters

```
# PCA
pca_result <- prcomp(top50_data, scale. = TRUE)

# Variance explained
var_exp <- summary(pca_result)$importance[2, 1:10]
cat("Variance explained by first 10 PCs:\n")
```

```
## Variance explained by first 10 PCs:
```

```
print(round(var_exp, 3))
```

```
##    PC1   PC2   PC3   PC4   PC5   PC6   PC7   PC8   PC9  PC10
## 0.547 0.052 0.035 0.030 0.025 0.019 0.017 0.016 0.015 0.013
```

```

cat("\nCumulative variance (PC1-10):", round(sum(var_exp), 3), "\n\n")

##
## Cumulative variance (PC1-10): 0.768

par(mfrow = c(1, 2), bg = "white")

# Plot 1: Color by cluster
plot(pca_result$x[, 1]
     , pca_result$x[, 2]
     , col      = ifelse(clinical_df$cluster == "C1", "#219ebc", "#fb8500")
     , pch      = 19
     , cex      = 0.8
     , xlab     = paste0("PC1 (", round(var_exp[1] * 100, 1), "%)")
     , ylab     = paste0("PC2 (", round(var_exp[2] * 100, 1), "%)")
     , main     = "PCA: K-Means Clusters"
     , sub      = "Gene expression-based patient clustering"
     , col.main = "#023047"
     , col.lab  = "#023047"
     , col.sub  = "#666666"
     , cex.sub  = 0.7
     , font.sub = 3)

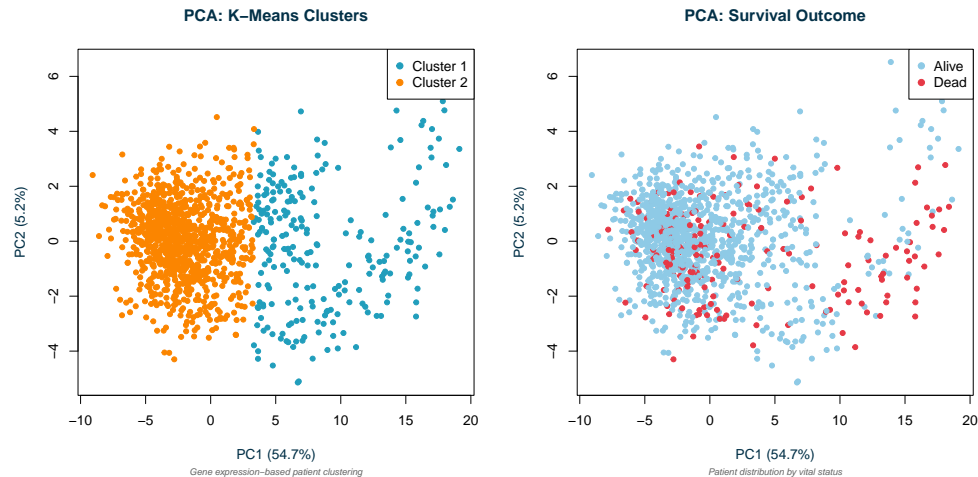
legend("topright"
     , legend = c("Cluster 1", "Cluster 2")
     , col    = c("#219ebc", "#fb8500")
     , pch    = 19)

# Plot 2: Color by survival
plot(pca_result$x[, 1]
     , pca_result$x[, 2]
     , col      = ifelse(clinical_df$vital_status == "Dead", "#e63946", "#8ecae6")
     , pch      = 19
     , cex      = 0.8
     , xlab     = paste0("PC1 (", round(var_exp[1] * 100, 1), "%)")
     , ylab     = paste0("PC2 (", round(var_exp[2] * 100, 1), "%)")
     , main     = "PCA: Survival Outcome"
     , sub      = "Patient distribution by vital status"
     , col.main = "#023047"
     , col.lab  = "#023047"
     , col.sub  = "#666666"
     , cex.sub  = 0.7
     , font.sub = 3)

legend("topright"
     , legend = c("Alive", "Dead")
     , col    = c("#8ecae6", "#e63946")
     , pch    = 19)

```





PCA reveals a strong molecular structure in the dataset, **PCA1** (54.7% of variance) clearly separate two expression defined clusters, confirming that the DE genes capture major biological subtypes. However on the right plot, the PCA space does not separate Alive vs Dead patients, indicating that survival differences are not driven by global gene-expression variation.

## Clinical vs Gene Correlations

```
# Numeric clinical variables
numeric_clinical <- c("age_at_index"
                      , "initial_weight"
                      , "days_to_last_follow_up"
                      , "age_at_diagnosis"
                      , "days_to_birth")

# For each clinical variable
for(clin_var in numeric_clinical) {
  cat("---", clin_var, "---\n")

  clin_values <- clinical_df[[clin_var]]

  # Calculate correlations with all 20 genes
  cors <- numeric(20)
  for(i in 1:20) {
    cors[i] <- cor(clin_values, gene_subset[, i], use = "complete.obs")
  }
  names(cors) <- top20_genes

  # Sort and show top 5
  cors_sorted <- sort(abs(cors), decreasing = TRUE)
  cat("Top 5 correlated genes:\n")
  for(i in 1:5) {
    gene <- names(cors_sorted)[i]
    cat(sprintf(" %s: r=%.3f\n", gene, cors[gene]))
  }
  cat("\n")
}
```

```

## --- age_at_index ---
## Top 5 correlated genes:
##   VEGFD: r=-0.135
##   LINC01235: r=-0.133
##   LINC02511: r=-0.100
##   ATF3: r=-0.097
##   PSD2: r=-0.093
##
## --- initial_weight ---
## Top 5 correlated genes:
##   LYVE1: r=0.181
##   FHL1: r=0.139
##   GPX3: r=0.138
##   VEGFD: r=0.134
##   CST1: r=-0.132
##
## --- days_to_last_follow_up ---
## Top 5 correlated genes:
##   ATF3: r=0.130
##   SNORD104: r=-0.103
##   LINC02511: r=0.076
##   VEGFD: r=0.071
##   ADH4: r=0.070
##
## --- age_at_diagnosis ---
## Top 5 correlated genes:
##   VEGFD: r=-0.136
##   LINC01235: r=-0.134
##   LINC02511: r=-0.111
##   ATF3: r=-0.103
##   PSD2: r=-0.095
##
## --- days_to_birth ---
## Top 5 correlated genes:
##   LINC01235: r=0.137
##   VEGFD: r=0.135
##   LINC02511: r=0.105
##   ATF3: r=0.102
##   PSD2: r=0.091

```

From this correlation, we can say that,

- Age-related variables (**age\_at\_index**, **age\_at\_diagnosis**, **days\_to\_birth**) show almost identical correlated genes (**VEGFD**, **LINC01235**, **LINC02511**, **ATF3**, **PSD2**) → expected because these age variables are themselves highly collinear.
- Initial weight shows slightly stronger associations (up to  $r = 0.18$ ), mostly with genes involved in immune/metabolic activity (**LYVE1**, **FHL1**, **GPX3**, **VEGFD**).
- Follow-up time correlates weakly with stress/response genes (**ATF3**, **LINC02511**), but effect sizes remain very small.

## Categorical Clinical vs Genes

```
# Tumor stage vs genes
cat("1. TUMOR STAGE vs GENES\n")
```

```
## 1. TUMOR STAGE vs GENES
```

```
stage_simple <- substr(clinical_df$ajcc_pathologic_t, 1, 2)
stage_simple[!stage_simple %in% c("T1", "T2", "T3", "T4")] <- NA

cat("Stage distribution:\n")
```

```
## Stage distribution:
```

```
print(table(stage_simple, useNA = "ifany"))
```

```
## stage_simple
##   T1   T2   T3   T4 <NA>
## 293  658  132   41  106
```

```
cat("\n")
```

```
cat("Testing top 5 genes across stages (ANOVA):\n")
```

```
## Testing top 5 genes across stages (ANOVA):
```

```
for(i in 1:5) {
  gene      <- top20_genes[i]
  gene_expr <- gene_subset[, i]

  df_test <- data.frame(expr = gene_expr, stage = stage_simple)
  df_test <- df_test[!is.na(df_test$stage), ]

  if(length(unique(df_test$stage)) > 1) {
    aov_result <- aov(expr ~ stage, data = df_test)
    p_val      <- summary(aov_result)[[1]]$`Pr(>F)`[1]
    means      <- tapply(df_test$expr, df_test$stage, mean)

    cat(sprintf("  %s: p=%.4f %s\n",
                , gene
                , p_val
                , ifelse(p_val < 0.05, "*** SIGNIFICANT", "")))
    cat(sprintf("    T1=%.2f, T2=%.2f, T3=%.2f, T4=%.2f\n",
                , means["T1"], means["T2"], means["T3"], means["T4"]))
  }
}
```

```
##   LINC01235: p=0.2195
##     T1=7.02, T2=6.98, T3=7.30, T4=7.34
```

```
## APOB: p=0.0709
## T1=3.71, T2=3.26, T3=3.50, T4=3.75
## LYVE1: p=0.2767
## T1=7.33, T2=7.14, T3=7.32, T4=7.67
## LINC01497: p=0.0021 *** SIGNIFICANT
## T1=1.17, T2=1.07, T3=1.67, T4=1.09
## AC104211.1: p=0.0265 *** SIGNIFICANT
## T1=3.44, T2=3.27, T3=3.68, T4=3.73
```

```
cat("\n")
```

```
# Treatment vs genes
```

```
cat("2. PRIOR TREATMENT vs GENES\n")
```

```
## 2. PRIOR TREATMENT vs GENES
```

```
treat <- clinical_df$prior_treatment
cat("Treatment distribution:\n")
```

```
## Treatment distribution:
```

```
print(table(treat, useNA = "ifany"))
```

```
## treat
##      No Not Reported      Yes      <NA>
##      1100           1       85       44
```

```
cat("\n")
```

```
cat("Testing top 5 genes (t-test: Yes vs No):\n")
```

```
## Testing top 5 genes (t-test: Yes vs No):
```

```
for(i in 1:5) {
  gene      <- top20_genes[i]
  expr_yes  <- gene_subset[treat == "Yes", i]
  expr_no   <- gene_subset[treat == "No", i]

  if(length(expr_yes) > 2 && length(expr_no) > 2) {
    test <- t.test(expr_yes, expr_no)
    cat(sprintf(" %s: Yes=%.2f, No=%.2f, p=%.4f %s\n"
                , gene
                , mean(expr_yes, na.rm = TRUE)
                , mean(expr_no, na.rm = TRUE)
                , test$p.value
                , ifelse(test$p.value < 0.05, "*** SIGNIFICANT", "")))
  }
}
```

```
## LINC01235: Yes=7.12, No=7.06, p=0.8278
## APOB: Yes=3.37, No=3.42, p=0.8685
## LYVE1: Yes=7.24, No=7.23, p=0.9602
## LINC01497: Yes=1.16, No=1.16, p=0.9740
## AC104211.1: Yes=3.41, No=3.36, p=0.8008
```

```
cat("\n")
```

```
# Race vs genes
```

```
cat("3. RACE vs GENES\n")
```

```
## 3. RACE vs GENES
```

```
race      <- clinical_df$race
race_binary <- ifelse(race == "white", "White"
                     , ifelse(race == "black or african american", "Black", NA))

cat("Testing top 5 genes (White vs Black):\n")
```

```
## Testing top 5 genes (White vs Black):
```

```
for(i in 1:5) {
  gene      <- top20_genes[i]
  expr_white <- gene_subset[race_binary == "White" & !is.na(race_binary), i]
  expr_black <- gene_subset[race_binary == "Black" & !is.na(race_binary), i]

  if(length(expr_white) > 2 && length(expr_black) > 2) {
    test <- t.test(expr_white, expr_black)
    cat(sprintf(" %s: White=%.2f, Black=%.2f, p=%.4f %s\n"
               , gene
               , mean(expr_white, na.rm = TRUE)
               , mean(expr_black, na.rm = TRUE)
               , test$p.value
               , ifelse(test$p.value < 0.05, "*** SIGNIFICANT", "")))
  }
}
```

```
## LINC01235: White=7.13, Black=7.25, p=0.4371
## APOB: White=3.78, Black=2.60, p=0.0000 *** SIGNIFICANT
## LYVE1: White=7.48, Black=6.69, p=0.0000 *** SIGNIFICANT
## LINC01497: White=1.33, Black=0.87, p=0.0004 *** SIGNIFICANT
## AC104211.1: White=3.60, Black=2.65, p=0.0000 *** SIGNIFICANT
```

From the result , we can state that

- **Tumor stage:** Almost no gene is stage-dependent; only **LINC01497** and **AC104211.1** show small differences → weak association.
- **Prior treatment:** No gene shows expression changes → **no effect**.
- **Race:** Several genes (**APOB**, **LYVE1**, **LINC01497**, **AC104211.1**) differ between White vs Black patients → likely due to **subtype composition**, not race biology.

Interpret, clinical categorical variables have **minimal influence** on top gene expression patterns, except for race-related subtype differences.

## Gene-Gene Correlations

```
# Correlation matrix
gene_cor <- cor(gene_subset)

# Find highly correlated pairs
high_cor <- which(abs(gene_cor) > 0.7 & gene_cor != 1, arr.ind = TRUE)

if(nrow(high_cor) > 0) {
  cat("Highly correlated gene pairs (|r| > 0.7):\n")
  for(i in 1:nrow(high_cor)) {
    if(high_cor[i, 1] < high_cor[i, 2]) {
      gene1 <- rownames(gene_cor)[high_cor[i, 1]]
      gene2 <- colnames(gene_cor)[high_cor[i, 2]]
      r <- gene_cor[high_cor[i, 1], high_cor[i, 2]]
      cat(sprintf(" %s <-> %s: r=%.3f\n", gene1, gene2, r))
    }
  }
} else {
  cat("No highly correlated pairs (genes are independent)\n")
}
```

```
## Highly correlated gene pairs (|r| > 0.7):
## APOB <-> KLB: r=0.718
## LYVE1 <-> LINC02511: r=0.706
## APOB <-> AC007423.1: r=0.702
## KLB <-> AC007423.1: r=0.759
## APOB <-> GPX3: r=0.732
## LYVE1 <-> GPX3: r=0.748
## KLB <-> GPX3: r=0.726
## AC007423.1 <-> GPX3: r=0.725
## APOB <-> LVRN: r=0.717
## LYVE1 <-> LVRN: r=0.702
## KLB <-> LVRN: r=0.799
## AC007423.1 <-> LVRN: r=0.754
## GPX3 <-> LVRN: r=0.771
## KLB <-> SLC2A4: r=0.702
## GPX3 <-> SLC2A4: r=0.707
## APOB <-> FHL1: r=0.723
## LYVE1 <-> FHL1: r=0.800
## KLB <-> FHL1: r=0.724
## LINC02511 <-> FHL1: r=0.711
## AC007423.1 <-> FHL1: r=0.724
## GPX3 <-> FHL1: r=0.807
## LVRN <-> FHL1: r=0.793
## SLC2A4 <-> FHL1: r=0.707
## LYVE1 <-> VEGFD: r=0.741
## LINC02511 <-> VEGFD: r=0.730
## GPX3 <-> VEGFD: r=0.729
## LVRN <-> VEGFD: r=0.712
## FHL1 <-> VEGFD: r=0.737
```

The top DE genes form one strong co-expression module (**APOB, LYVE1, KLB, GPX3, FHL1,**

VEGFD, LINC02511). They show very high correlations ( $|r| = 0.70\sim 0.80$ ), meaning they act as a single biological program.

## Outlier Detection on Top Gen

```
top_gene <- top20_genes[1]
gene_expr <- gene_subset[, 1]

# Z-scores
z_scores <- scale(gene_expr)
outliers <- which(abs(z_scores) > 3)

cat("Top gene:", top_gene, "\n")

## Top gene: LINC01235

cat("Samples with |z-score| > 3:", length(outliers), "\n")

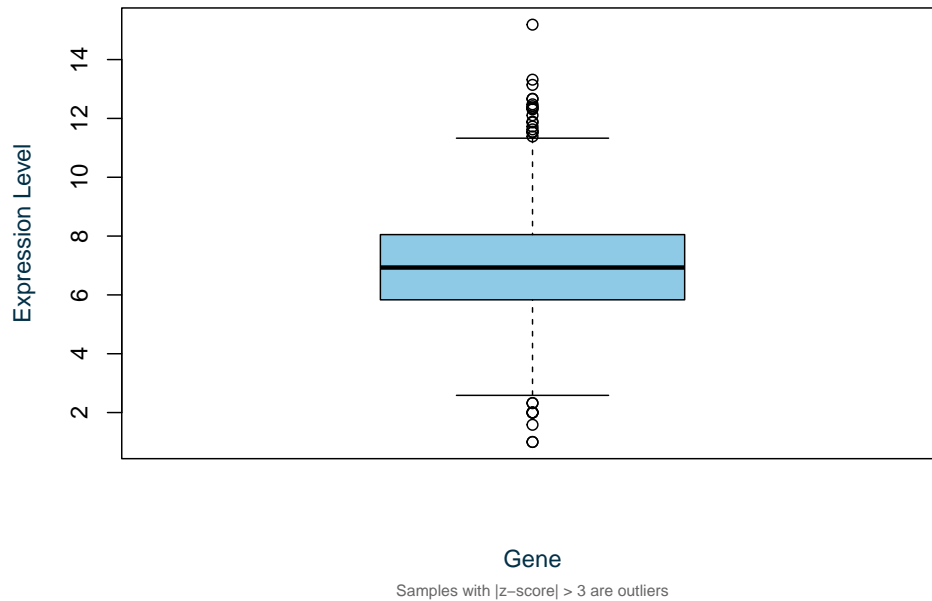
## Samples with |z-score| > 3: 7

if(length(outliers) > 0 & length(outliers) < 10) {
  cat("Outlier samples:\n")
  print(outliers)
}

## Outlier samples:
## [1] 321 367 383 506 528 987 1017

# Boxplot
boxplot(gene_expr
  , col = "#8ecae6"
  , main = paste("Outlier Detection:", top_gene)
  , sub = "Samples with |z-score| > 3 are outliers"
  , xlab = "Gene"
  , ylab = "Expression Level"
  , col.main = "#023047"
  , col.lab = "#023047"
  , col.sub = "#666666"
  , cex.sub = 0.7
  , font.sub = 3)
```

### Outlier Detection: LINC01235



```
cat("\nOnly", length(outliers), "outliers (",
    round(length(outliers) / nrow(gene_subset) * 100, 1), "%) - acceptable\n")
```

```
##
## Only 7 outliers ( 0.6 %) - acceptable
```

The expression profile of LINC01235 shows only 7 extreme observations (0.6% exceeding the standard  $|z| > 3$  threshold). This is well within accepted QC limits for large transcriptomic datasets, where up to 1-2% technical or biological outliers are considered normal.

## Methodology

### Data Preparing before fitting model

```
# --- 1. Define Predictor Names ---
clinical_col_num_names <- c("age_at_index"
    , "initial_weight"
    , "days_to_last_follow_up")

clinical_signi_obj_names <- c("tissue_type"
    , "ajcc_pathologic_t"
    , "classification_of_tumor"
    , "follow_ups_disease_response"
    , "prior_treatment"
    , "tissue_or_organ_of_origin"
    , "ethnicity")
```



```

# ALL GENES (5000)
top_genes_list <- colnames(GeneX_df)

cat("=== SELECTED VARIABLES ===\n")

## === SELECTED VARIABLES ===

cat("Numeric clinical:", length(clinical_col_num_names), "\n")

## Numeric clinical: 3

cat("Categorical clinical:", length(clinical_signi_obj_names), "\n")

## Categorical clinical: 7

cat("Genes: ALL", length(top_genes_list), "\n\n")

## Genes: ALL 5000

# --- 2. Check Missing Values ---
cat("=== MISSING VALUES ===\n")

## === MISSING VALUES ===

cat("Numeric:\n")

## Numeric:

print(colSums(is.na(clinical_df[, clinical_col_num_names])))

##           age_at_index      initial_weight days_to_last_follow_up
##                0                15                3

cat("\nCategorical:\n")

##
## Categorical:

print(colSums(is.na(clinical_df[, clinical_signi_obj_names])))

##           tissue_type      ajcc_pathologic_t
##                0                99
## classification_of_tumor follow_ups_disease_response
##                0                76
##           prior_treatment      tissue_or_organ_of_origin
##                44                0
##           ethnicity
##                0

```

```
cat("\n")
```

```
# --- 3. Impute Numeric Variables (median) ---
clinical_numeric <- clinical_df[, clinical_col_num_names, drop = FALSE]

for (col in colnames(clinical_numeric)) {
  n_missing <- sum(is.na(clinical_numeric[[col]]))
  if (n_missing > 0) {
    median_val <- median(clinical_numeric[[col]], na.rm = TRUE)
    clinical_numeric[[col]][is.na(clinical_numeric[[col]])] <- median_val
    cat(sprintf("Imputed %d in %s (median=%.2f)\n", n_missing, col, median_val))
  }
}
```

```
## Imputed 15 in initial_weight (median=220.00)
## Imputed 3 in days_to_last_follow_up (median=890.00)
```

```
cat("\n")
```

```
clinical_numeric <- data.frame(lapply(clinical_numeric, as.numeric))
rownames(clinical_numeric) <- rownames(clinical_df)

# --- 4. Impute Categorical Variables (mode) ---
clinical_categorical <- clinical_df[, clinical_signi_obj_names, drop = FALSE]

for (col in colnames(clinical_categorical)) {
  n_missing <- sum(is.na(clinical_categorical[[col]]))
  if (n_missing > 0) {
    mode_val <- names(sort(table(clinical_categorical[[col]]), decreasing = TRUE))[1]
    clinical_categorical[[col]][is.na(clinical_categorical[[col]])] <- mode_val
    cat(sprintf("Imputed %d in %s (mode=%s)\n", n_missing, col, mode_val))
  }
}
```

```
## Imputed 99 in ajcc_pathologic_t (mode=T2)
## Imputed 76 in follow_ups_disease_response (mode=TF-Tumor Free)
## Imputed 44 in prior_treatment (mode=No)
```

```
cat("\n")
```

```
clinical_categorical <- data.frame(lapply(clinical_categorical, as.factor))

# --- 5. One-Hot Encode Categorical ---
valid_factors <- sapply(clinical_categorical, function(x) {
  n_levels <- length(levels(droplevels(x)))
  return(n_levels >= 2)
})

clinical_categorical_valid <- clinical_categorical[, valid_factors, drop = FALSE]
```

```

if (sum(!valid_factors) > 0) {
  cat("Dropped constant columns:",
      paste(names(clinical_categorical)[!valid_factors], collapse=", "), "\n\n")
}

clinical_ohe <- model.matrix(~ . - 1, data = clinical_categorical_valid)
clinical_ohe <- as.data.frame(clinical_ohe)
rownames(clinical_ohe) <- rownames(clinical_df)

cat("One-Hot Encoding: ", ncol(clinical_categorical_valid), "->", ncol(clinical_ohe), "\n\n")

## One-Hot Encoding: 7 -> 54

# --- 6. Gene Expression Quality Check ---
cat("=== GENE EXPRESSION QUALITY CHECK ===\n")

## === GENE EXPRESSION QUALITY CHECK ===

gene_data <- GeneX_df[, top_genes_list, drop = FALSE]
gene_data <- as.data.frame(gene_data)

cat("Missing Values:\n")

## Missing Values:

missing_per_gene <- colSums(is.na(gene_data))
missing_pct <- 100 * missing_per_gene / nrow(gene_data)

cat("  Genes with missing:", sum(missing_per_gene > 0), "/", ncol(gene_data), "\n")

##   Genes with missing: 0 / 5000

if(sum(missing_per_gene > 0) > 0) {
  missing_summary <- data.frame(
    Gene      = names(missing_per_gene)
    , N_Missing = missing_per_gene
    , Pct_Missing = round(missing_pct, 2)
  )
  print(head(missing_summary[order(-missing_summary$N_Missing), ], 10))
}
cat("\n")

# --- 7. Distribution Analysis ---
cat("Distribution Analysis:\n")

## Distribution Analysis:

```

```

sample_genes <- colnames(gene_data)[1:min(20, ncol(gene_data))]
distribution_summary <- data.frame(
  Gene = character()
  , Mean = numeric()
  , Median = numeric()
  , Skewness = numeric()
  , Impute_Method = character()
  , stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)

for(gene in sample_genes) {
  vals <- gene_data[[gene]][!is.na(gene_data[[gene])]]
  m <- mean(vals)
  s <- sd(vals)
  skew <- mean(((vals - m) / s)^3)

  distribution_summary <- rbind(distribution_summary
    , data.frame(
      Gene = gene
      , Mean = round(m, 2)
      , Median = round(median(vals), 2)
      , Skewness = round(skew, 3)
      , Impute_Method = ifelse(abs(skew) < 0.5, "Mean", "Median")
    ))
}

print(distribution_summary)

```

##	Gene	Mean	Median	Skewness	Impute_Method
## 1	CLEC3A	5.93	4.52	0.641	Median
## 2	SCGB2A2	11.13	11.71	-0.338	Mean
## 3	CPB1	8.31	7.68	0.715	Median
## 4	GSTM1	5.36	5.49	0.160	Mean
## 5	TFF1	9.71	10.79	-0.594	Median
## 6	SCGB1D2	9.03	9.27	-0.046	Mean
## 7	KCNJ3	6.69	5.93	0.347	Mean
## 8	MUCL1	9.15	8.95	0.134	Mean
## 9	LINC00993	8.86	10.50	-0.816	Median
## 10	ANKRD30A	8.65	10.33	-0.756	Median
## 11	DSCAM-AS1	4.88	4.28	0.380	Mean
## 12	S100A7	4.77	3.58	0.914	Median
## 13	PIP	10.05	10.67	-0.309	Mean
## 14	SERPINA6	4.98	3.91	0.742	Median
## 15	AC093001.1	7.54	7.38	-0.037	Mean
## 16	VSTM2A	4.09	2.32	0.951	Median
## 17	ADIPOQ	7.87	8.36	-0.145	Mean
## 18	HMGCS2	7.70	8.00	-0.109	Mean
## 19	ADH1B	8.81	9.36	-0.301	Mean
## 20	PRAME	5.96	4.58	0.491	Mean

```
cat("\n")
```

```
# --- 8. Determine Imputation Strategy ---
cat("Imputation Strategy:\n")
```

```
## Imputation Strategy:
```

```
all_skewness <- sapply(1:ncol(gene_data), function(i) {
  vals <- gene_data[!is.na(gene_data[, i]), i]
  if(length(vals) < 3) return(0)
  m <- mean(vals)
  s <- sd(vals)
  if(s == 0) return(0)
  mean(((vals - m) / s)^3)
})

median_skew <- median(abs(all_skewness), na.rm = TRUE)
cat("  Median absolute skewness:", round(median_skew, 3), "\n")
```

```
##   Median absolute skewness: 0.471
```

```
impute_strategy <- ifelse(median_skew < 0.5, "mean", "median")
cat("  Selected method:", toupper(impute_strategy), "\n\n")
```

```
##   Selected method: MEAN
```

```
# --- 9. Apply Gene Imputation ---
cat("Applying Gene Imputation:\n")
```

```
## Applying Gene Imputation:
```

```
gene_data_imputed <- gene_data
n_imputed <- 0

for(gene in colnames(gene_data_imputed)) {
  n_missing <- sum(is.na(gene_data_imputed[[gene]]))
  if(n_missing > 0) {
    vals <- gene_data_imputed[[gene]]
    impute_val <- if(impute_strategy == "median") {
      median(vals, na.rm = TRUE)
    } else {
      mean(vals, na.rm = TRUE)
    }
    gene_data_imputed[[gene]][is.na(gene_data_imputed[[gene]])] <- impute_val
    n_imputed <- n_imputed + n_missing
  }
}

cat("  Values imputed:", n_imputed, "\n")
```

```
##   Values imputed: 0
```

```

cat("  Method used:", toupper(impute_strategy), "\n")

##  Method used: MEAN

cat("  Remaining NA:", sum(is.na(gene_data_imputed)), "\n\n")

##  Remaining NA: 0

# --- 10. Visual Distribution Check ---
par(mfrow = c(2, 3), mar = c(4, 4, 3, 1))

for(i in 1:min(6, ncol(gene_data))) {
  vals <- gene_data[[i]][!is.na(gene_data[[i]])]
  m <- mean(vals)
  s <- sd(vals)
  skew <- mean(((vals - m) / s)^3)

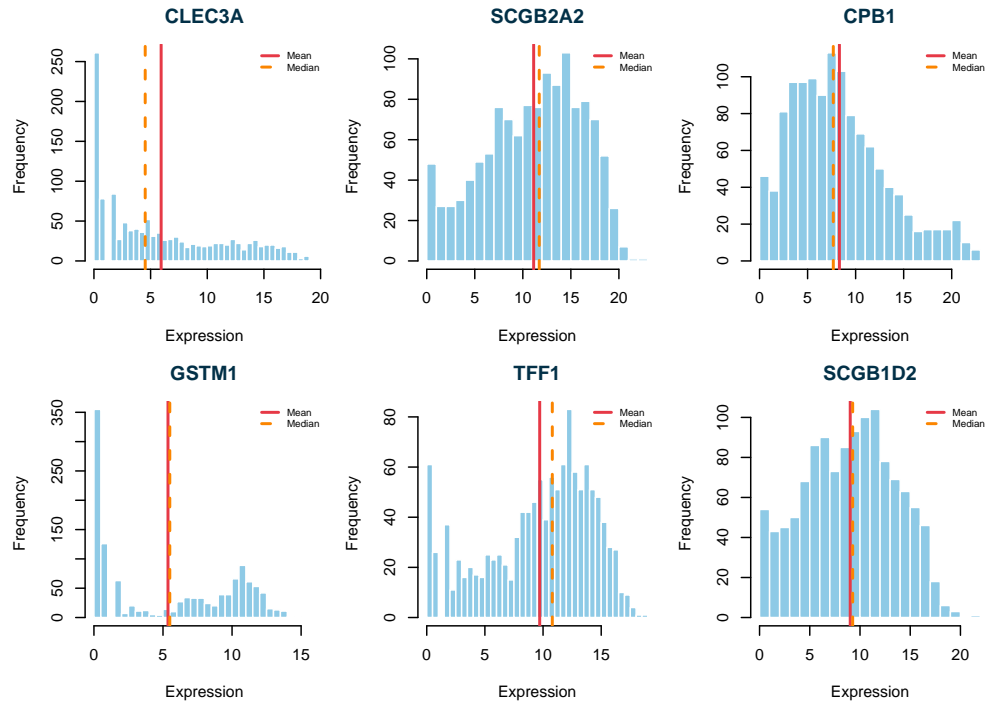
  hist(vals
    , breaks = 30
    , col = "#8ecae6"
    , border = "white"
    , main = colnames(gene_data)[i]
    , sub = paste("Skewness:", round(skew, 2))
    , xlab = "Expression"
    , ylab = "Frequency"
    , col.main = "#023047"
    , col.sub = "#666666")

  abline(v = m
    , col = "#e63946"
    , lwd = 2)

  abline(v = median(vals)
    , col = "#fb8500"
    , lwd = 2
    , lty = 2)

  legend("topright"
    , legend = c("Mean", "Median")
    , col = c("#e63946", "#fb8500")
    , lwd = 2
    , lty = c(1, 2)
    , cex = 0.6
    , bty = "n")
}

```



```
par(mfrow = c(1, 1))

gene_data <- gene_data_imputed

cat("Gene Expression Quality Check Complete\n")

## Gene Expression Quality Check Complete

cat("Dimensions:", nrow(gene_data), "x", ncol(gene_data), "\n\n")

## Dimensions: 1230 x 5000

# --- 11. Standardize ---
cat("=== STANDARDIZATION ===\n\n")

## === STANDARDIZATION ===

clinical_numeric_scaled <- as.data.frame(scale(clinical_numeric))

cat("Numeric clinical:\n")

## Numeric clinical:

for (var in colnames(clinical_numeric_scaled)) {
  cat(sprintf(" %s: mean=%.4f, sd=%.4f\n",
    , var
    , mean(clinical_numeric_scaled[[var]])
    , sd(clinical_numeric_scaled[[var]]))
}
```

```
## age_at_index: mean=-0.0000, sd=1.0000
## initial_weight: mean=-0.0000, sd=1.0000
## days_to_last_follow_up: mean=0.0000, sd=1.0000
```

```
cat("\n")
```

```
gene_data_scaled <- as.data.frame(scale(gene_data))
```

```
cat("Genes (", ncol(gene_data_scaled), "):\n", sep="")
```

```
## Genes (5000):
```

```
cat(sprintf(" Mean: %.2e, SD: %.4f\n"
            , mean(as.matrix(gene_data_scaled))
            , sd(as.matrix(gene_data_scaled))))
```

```
## Mean: 2.99e-18, SD: 0.9996
```

```
cat(sprintf(" Range: [%.2f, %.2f]\n\n"
            , min(gene_data_scaled)
            , max(gene_data_scaled)))
```

```
## Range: [-8.57, 11.20]
```

```
# --- 12. Combine Features ---
```

```
data_predictors <- cbind(clinical_numeric_scaled
                        , clinical_ohe
                        , gene_data_scaled)
```

```
data_predictors$Y <- ifelse(clinical_df$vital_status == "Dead", 1, 0)
```

```
cat("=== FINAL DATASET ===\n")
```

```
## === FINAL DATASET ===
```

```
cat("Samples:", nrow(data_predictors), "\n")
```

```
## Samples: 1230
```

```
cat("Features:", ncol(data_predictors) - 1, "\n")
```

```
## Features: 5057
```

```
cat(" Numeric clinical:", ncol(clinical_numeric_scaled), "\n")
```

```
## Numeric clinical: 3
```



```

cat("  Categorical (OHE):", ncol(clinical_ohc), "\n")

##  Categorical (OHE): 54

cat("  Genes:", ncol(gene_data_scaled), "\n\n")

##  Genes: 5000

table_Y <- table(data_predictors$Y)
print(table_Y)

##
##      0      1
## 1029  201

cat(sprintf("  Alive: %d (%.1f%%)\n", table_Y[1], 100 * table_Y[1] / sum(table_Y)))

##  Alive: 1029 (83.7%)

cat(sprintf("  Dead: %d (%.1f%%)\n", table_Y[2], 100 * table_Y[2] / sum(table_Y)))

##  Dead: 201 (16.3%)

cat(sprintf("  Imbalance: %.2f:1\n", table_Y[1] / table_Y[2]))

##  Imbalance: 5.12:1

```

## Train/Test Split

```

# Set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(42)

# Separate features and target
X_all <- data_predictors[, -which(names(data_predictors) == "Y")]
Y_all <- data_predictors$Y

# Create train/test split (80/20)
train_indices <- sample(1:nrow(data_predictors), size = 0.8 * nrow(data_predictors))

X_train <- as.matrix(X_all[train_indices, ])
X_test  <- as.matrix(X_all[-train_indices, ])
Y_train <- Y_all[train_indices]
Y_test  <- Y_all[-train_indices]

# Calculate number of clinical features
n_clinical <- ncol(clinical_numeric_scaled) + ncol(clinical_ohc)

cat("=== TRAIN/TEST SPLIT ===\n")

```

```
## === TRAIN/TEST SPLIT ===
```

```
cat("Training set:\n")
```

```
## Training set:
```

```
cat("  Samples:", nrow(X_train), "\n")
```

```
##   Samples: 984
```

```
cat("  Features:", ncol(X_train), "\n")
```

```
##   Features: 5057
```

```
cat("  Dead:", sum(Y_train == 1), sprintf("%.1f%%)\n", 100 * sum(Y_train == 1) / length(Y_train)))
```

```
##   Dead: 161 (16.4%)
```

```
cat("  Alive:", sum(Y_train == 0), sprintf("%.1f%%)\n", 100 * sum(Y_train == 0) / length(Y_train)))
```

```
##   Alive: 823 (83.6%)
```

```
cat("\n")
```

```
cat("Test set:\n")
```

```
## Test set:
```

```
cat("  Samples:", nrow(X_test), "\n")
```

```
##   Samples: 246
```

```
cat("  Features:", ncol(X_test), "\n")
```

```
##   Features: 5057
```

```
cat("  Dead:", sum(Y_test == 1), sprintf("%.1f%%)\n", 100 * sum(Y_test == 1) / length(Y_test)))
```

```
##   Dead: 40 (16.3%)
```

```
cat("  Alive:", sum(Y_test == 0), sprintf("%.1f%%)\n", 100 * sum(Y_test == 0) / length(Y_test)))
```

```
##   Alive: 206 (83.7%)
```

```
cat("\n")
```

```
cat("Clinical features:", n_clinical, "\n")
```

```
## Clinical features: 57
```

```
cat("Genomic features:", ncol(X_train) - n_clinical, "\n")
```

```
## Genomic features: 5000
```

## Logistic regression

Logistic regression is used here only on feature sets that are not high-dimensional, because the model becomes unstable when the number of predictors is large. This is due to the form of its loss function, which cannot be minimized reliably when  $p \gg n$ . Recall that logistic regression estimates coefficients by maximizing the log-likelihood:

```
logistic_results <- fit_single_model_across_features(  
  model_type = "logistic"  
  , X_train_all = X_train  
  , X_test_all = X_test  
  , Y_train = Y_train  
  , Y_test = Y_test  
  , n_clinical = n_clinical  
  , top_genes_ranked = top_genes  
  , gene_sets = c(100, 50, 20)  
)
```

```
##
```

```
## === FITTING LOGISTIC ACROSS FEATURE SETS ===
```

```
##
```

```
## Fitting Clinical_Only...
```

```
## Fitting Clinical_TOP100...
```

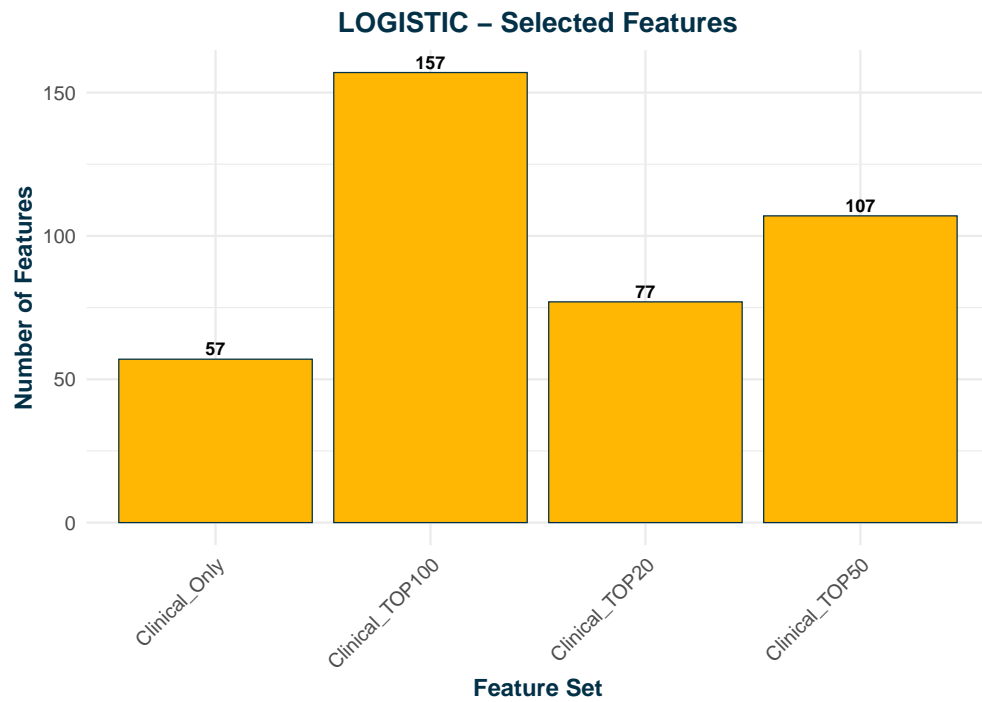
```
## Fitting Clinical_TOP50...
```

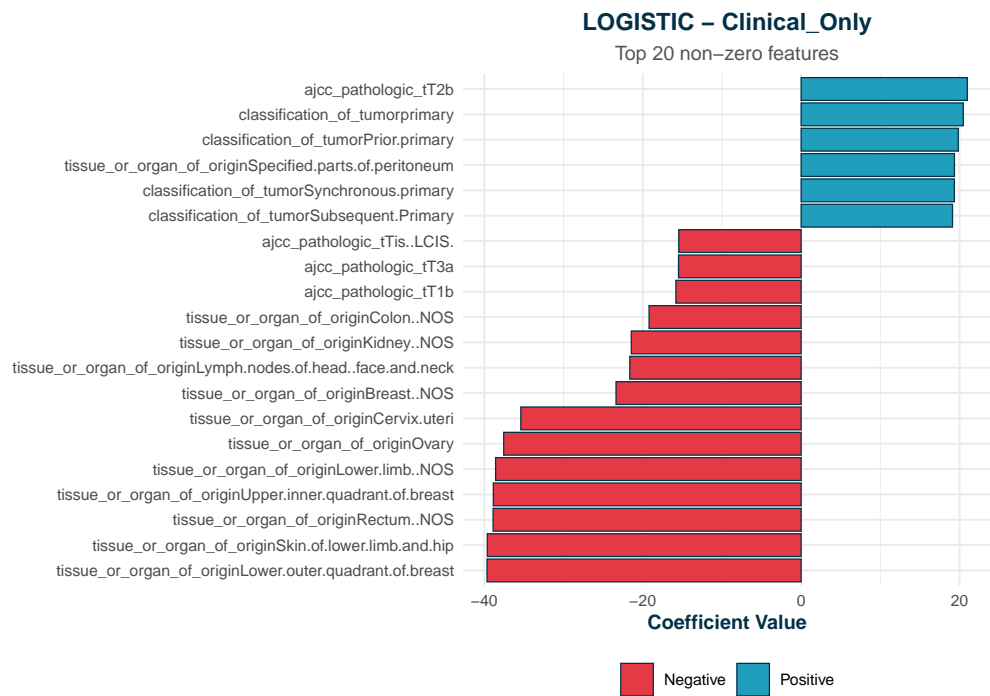
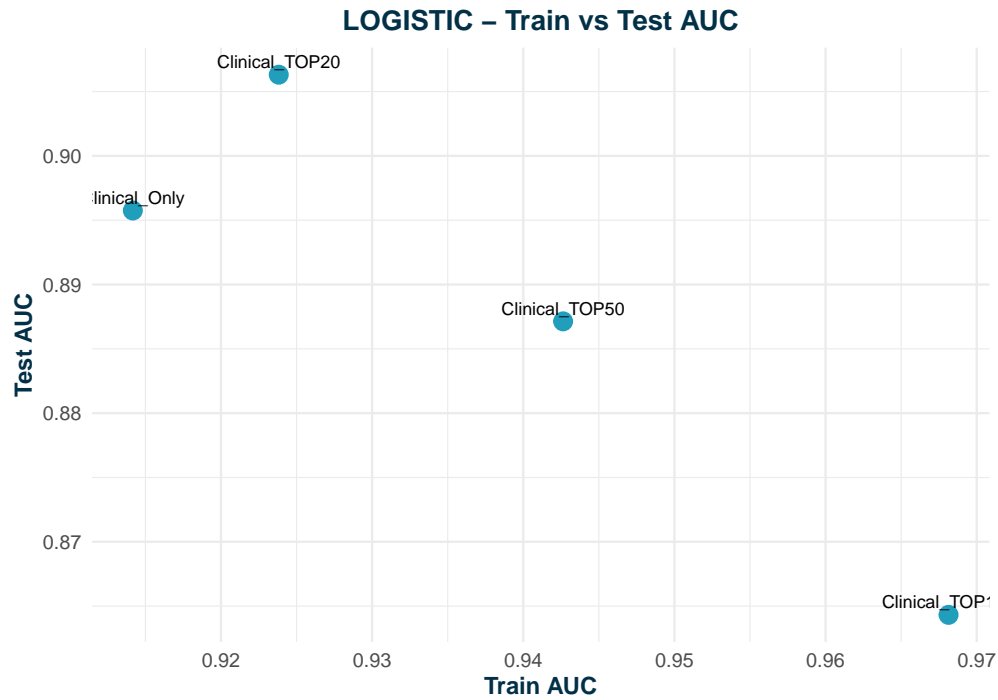
```
## Fitting Clinical_TOP20...
```

```
##
```

```
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
```

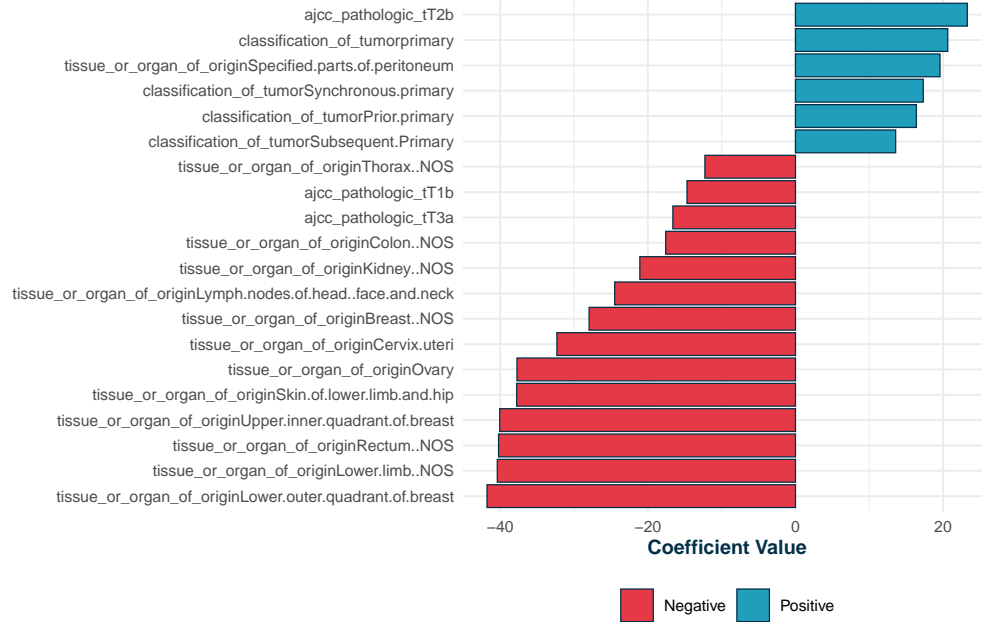
```
##      Feature_Set      Model Features Train_AUC  Test_AUC Test_Accuracy  
## 1   Clinical_Only LOGISTIC      57 0.9141680 0.8957524    0.9024390  
## 2 Clinical_TOP100 LOGISTIC     157 0.9681366 0.8643204    0.8373984  
## 3 Clinical_TOP50  LOGISTIC     107 0.9426353 0.8871359    0.9024390  
## 4 Clinical_TOP20  LOGISTIC      77 0.9238206 0.9063107    0.9065041  
## Exported metrics to: model_metrics/logistic_across_features_metrics.csv
```





## LOGISTIC – Clinical\_TOP100

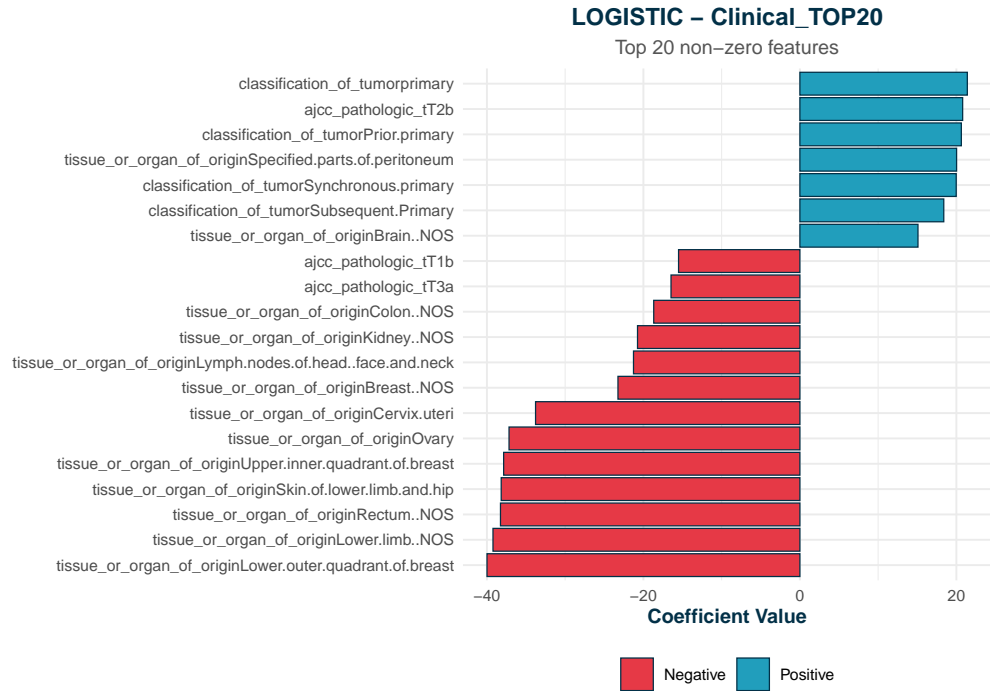
Top 20 non-zero features



## LOGISTIC – Clinical\_TOP50

Top 20 non-zero features





```
logistic_metrics <- plot_classification_metrics_single(logistic_results
  , threshold = 0.5
  , csv_filename = "logistic_classification_metrics.csv")
```

```
##
## === CLASSIFICATION METRICS ===

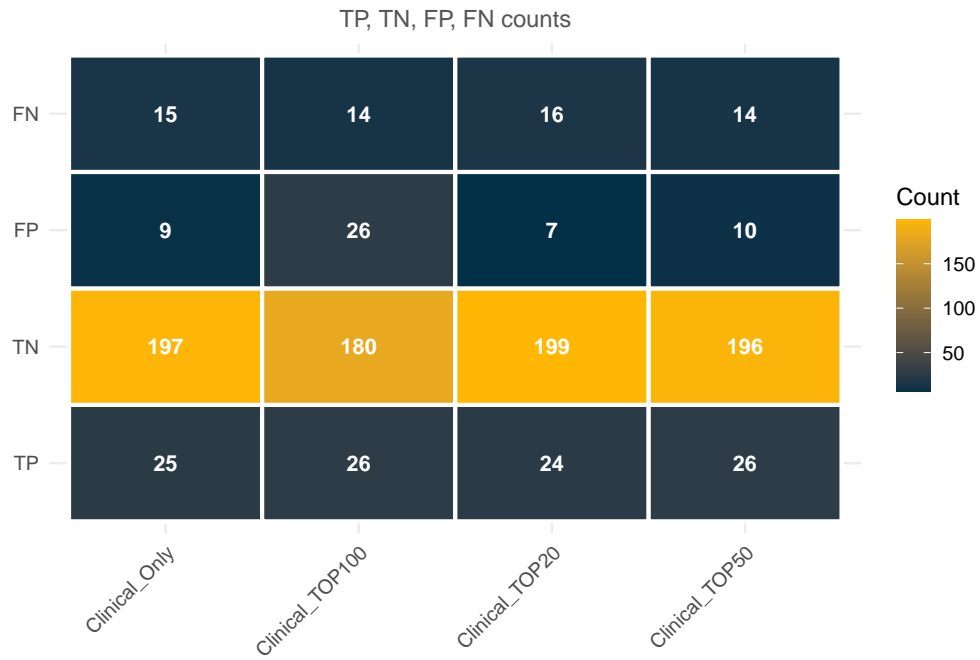
## Clinical_Only:
##   TP=25 TN=197 FP=9 FN=15
##   Accuracy=0.902 Precision=0.735 Recall=0.625 F1=0.676 AUC=0.896

## Clinical_TOP100:
##   TP=26 TN=180 FP=26 FN=14
##   Accuracy=0.837 Precision=0.500 Recall=0.650 F1=0.565 AUC=0.864

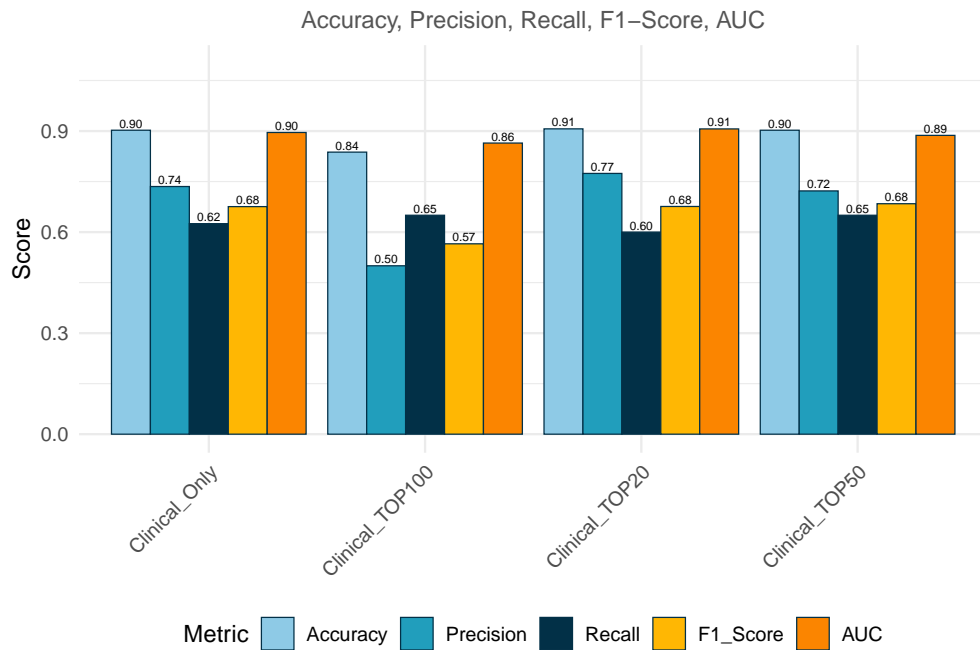
## Clinical_TOP50:
##   TP=26 TN=196 FP=10 FN=14
##   Accuracy=0.902 Precision=0.722 Recall=0.650 F1=0.684 AUC=0.887

## Clinical_TOP20:
##   TP=24 TN=199 FP=7 FN=16
##   Accuracy=0.907 Precision=0.774 Recall=0.600 F1=0.676 AUC=0.906
```

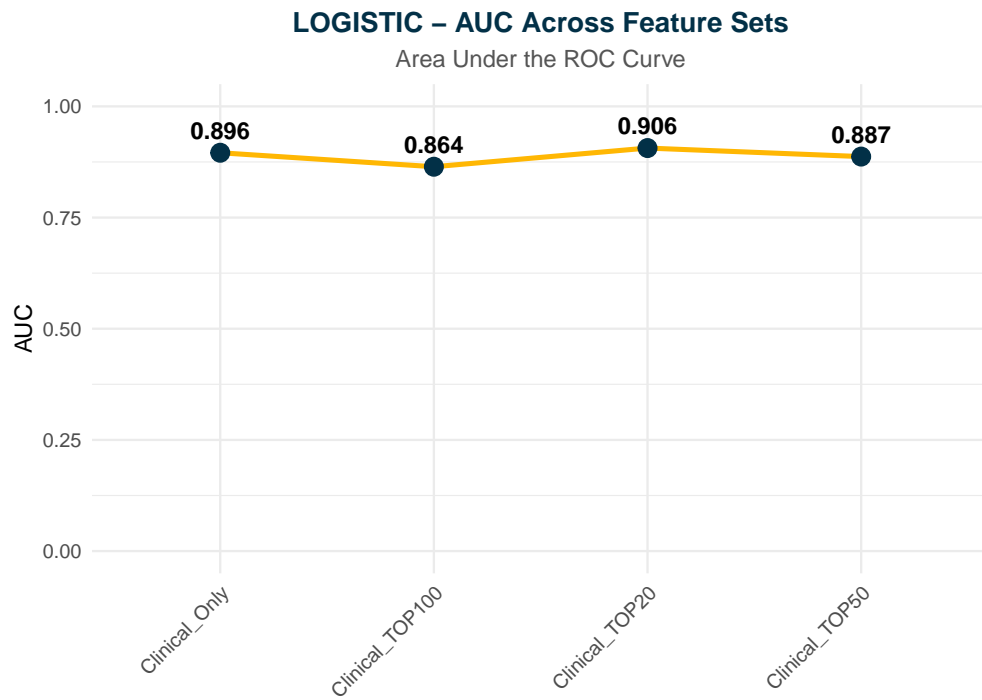
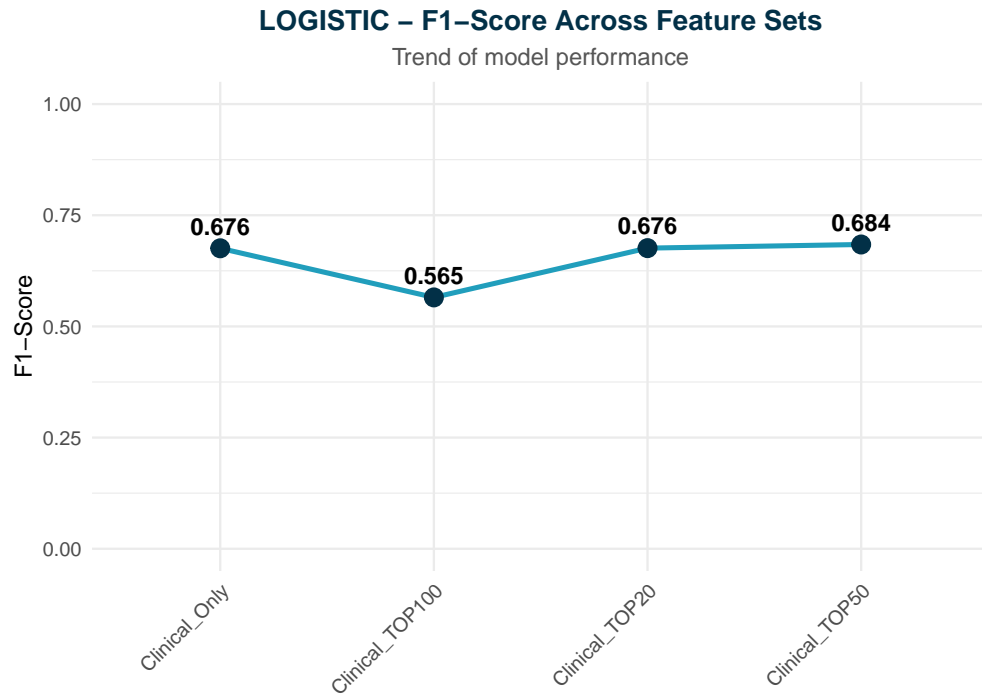
## LOGISTIC – Confusion Matrix Across Feature Sets

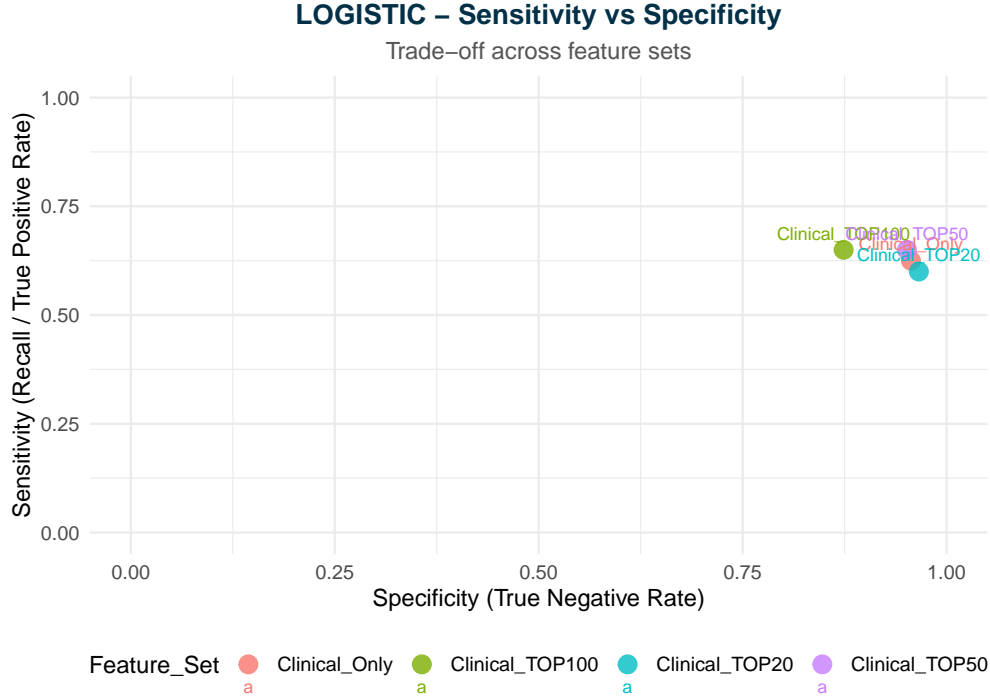


## LOGISTIC – Classification Metrics









```
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set TP  TN FP FN  Accuracy Precision Recall Specificity F1_Score
## 1 Clinical_Only 25 197  9 15 0.9024390 0.7352941 0.625 0.9563107 0.6756757
## 2 Clinical_TOP100 26 180 26 14 0.8373984 0.5000000 0.650 0.8737864 0.5652174
## 3 Clinical_TOP50 26 196 10 14 0.9024390 0.7222222 0.650 0.9514563 0.6842105
## 4 Clinical_TOP20 24 199  7 16 0.9065041 0.7741935 0.600 0.9660194 0.6760563
##      AUC
## 1 0.8957524
## 2 0.8643204
## 3 0.8871359
## 4 0.9063107
##
## Exported classification metrics to: model_metrics/logistic_classification_metrics.csv
```

Logistic regression shows consistently high specificity but low recall, indicating that it classifies Alive patients reliably but struggles to detect Dead cases. The clinical-only model performs best overall, while adding genomic features does not meaningfully improve recall and often reduces generalization, especially with 100 genes. These metrics reinforce the conclusion that logistic regression cannot effectively exploit high-dimensional gene expression and is best used as a baseline on small feature sets.

## Ridge Regression across different feature

Ridge regression stabilizes estimation in the presence of strong correlations between genes, but does not perform variable selection.

By adding an L2 penalty,

$$\hat{\beta}^{\text{ridge}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \{-l(\beta) + \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2\}$$

the model remains stable even when thousands of genes are included. Therefore, Ridge can handle large feature sets, and we apply it on 5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, and 20 top genes to evaluate its performance at different dimensionalities.

```
ridge_results <- fit_single_model_across_features(  
  model_type = "ridge"  
  , X_train_all = X_train  
  , X_test_all = X_test  
  , Y_train = Y_train  
  , Y_test = Y_test  
  , n_clinical = n_clinical  
  , top_genes_ranked = top_genes  
  , gene_sets = c(5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, 20)  
)
```

```
##  
## === FITTING RIDGE ACROSS FEATURE SETS ===  
##  
## Fitting Clinical_Only...  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
  
## Setting direction: controls < cases  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
  
## Setting direction: controls < cases  
  
## Fitting Clinical_TOP5000...  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
## Setting direction: controls < cases  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
  
## Setting direction: controls < cases  
  
## Fitting Clinical_TOP1000...  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
## Setting direction: controls < cases  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
  
## Setting direction: controls < cases  
  
## Fitting Clinical_TOP500...  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
## Setting direction: controls < cases
```

```

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP100...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP50...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP20...

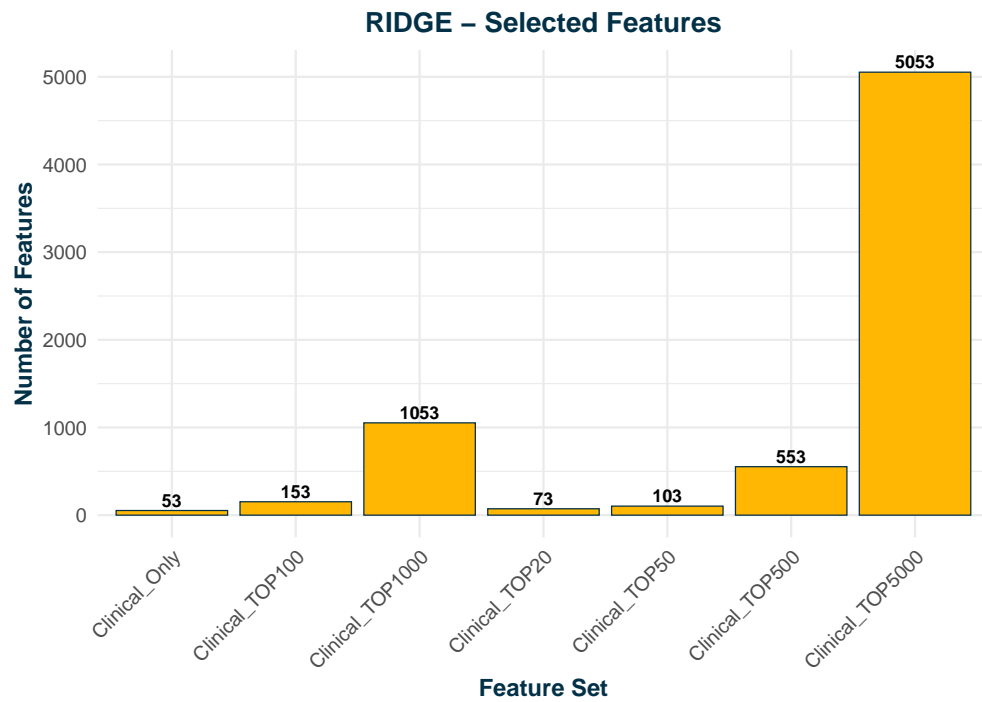
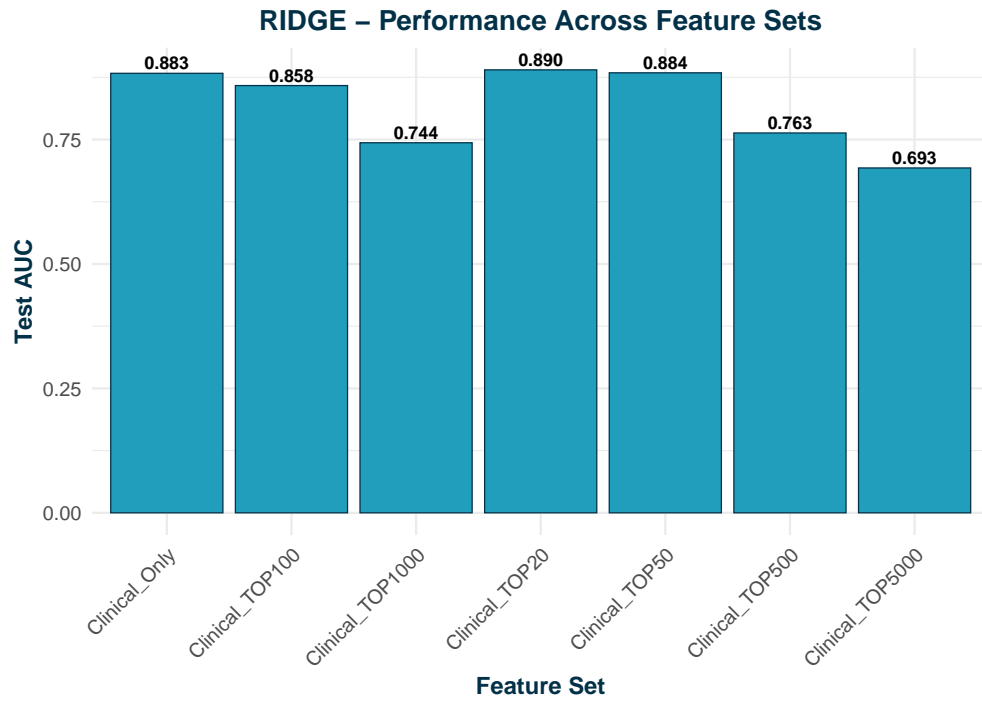
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

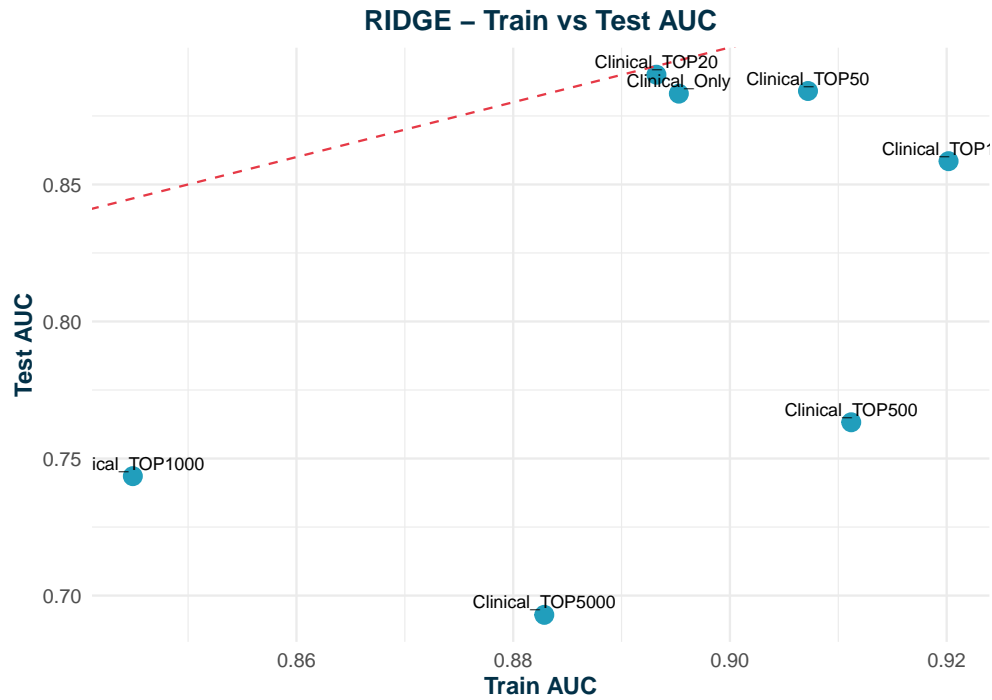
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set Model Features Train_AUC  Test_AUC Test_Accuracy
## 1   Clinical_Only RIDGE      53 0.8952854 0.8831311    0.8577236
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 RIDGE    5053 0.8828706 0.6929612    0.8373984
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 RIDGE   1053 0.8449016 0.7435680    0.8373984
## 4  Clinical_TOP500 RIDGE     553 0.9111945 0.7632282    0.8536585
## 5  Clinical_TOP100 RIDGE     153 0.9201754 0.8584951    0.8861789
## 6   Clinical_TOP50 RIDGE     103 0.9072021 0.8841019    0.8902439
## 7   Clinical_TOP20 RIDGE      73 0.8932175 0.8900485    0.8943089
## Exported metrics to: model_metrics/ridge_across_features_metrics.csv

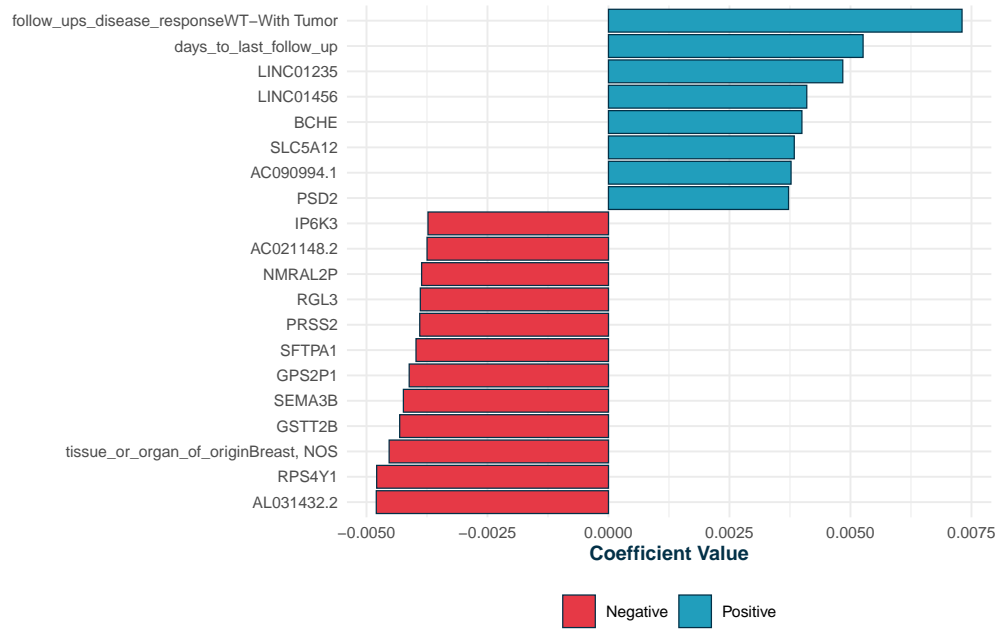
```





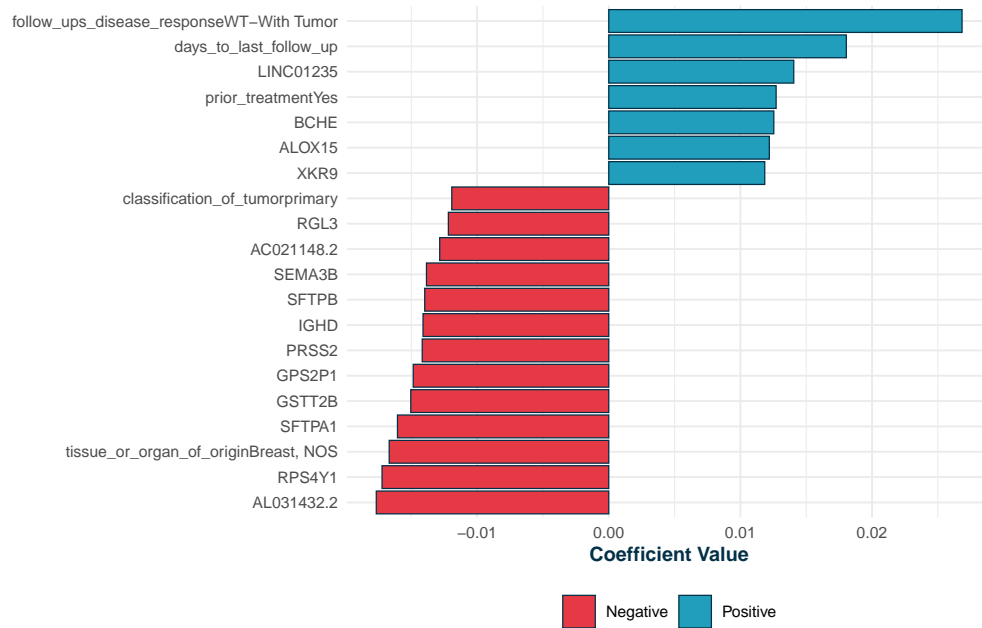
### RIDGE – Clinical\_TOP5000

Top 20 non-zero features



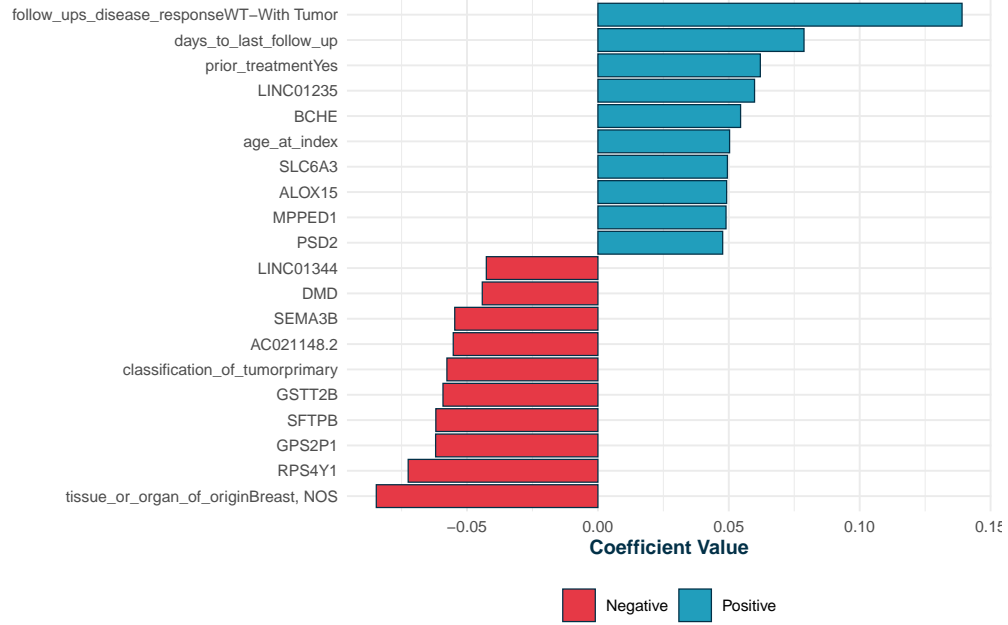
### RIDGE – Clinical\_TOP1000

Top 20 non-zero features



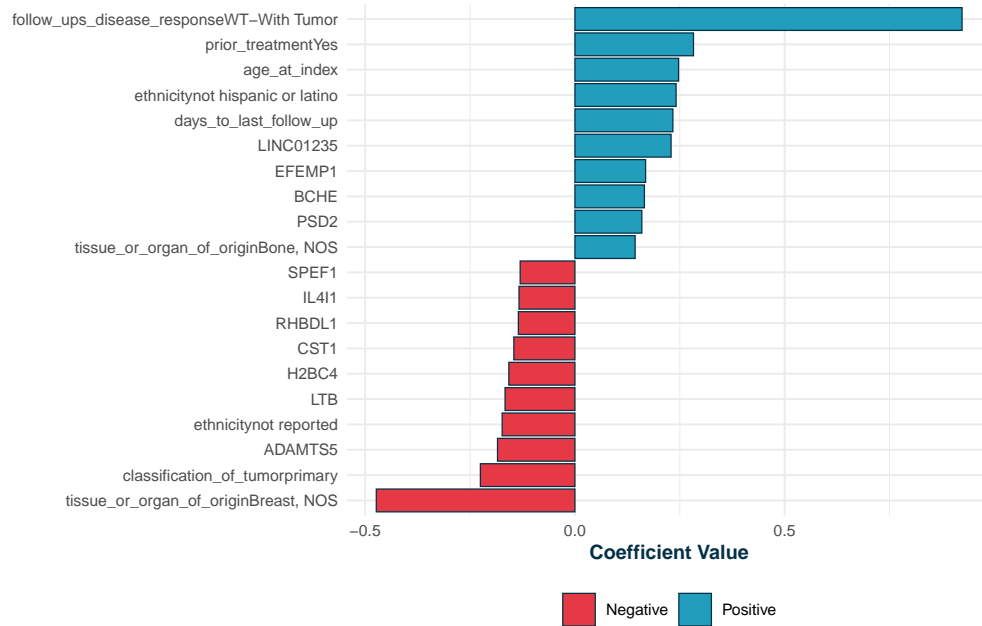
### RIDGE – Clinical\_TOP500

Top 20 non-zero features

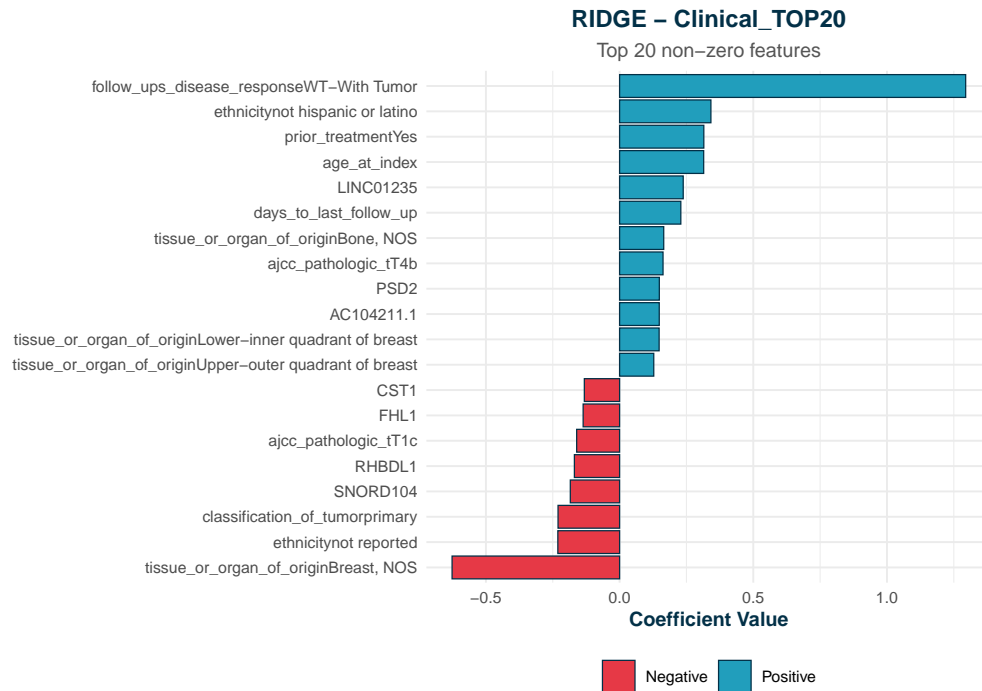
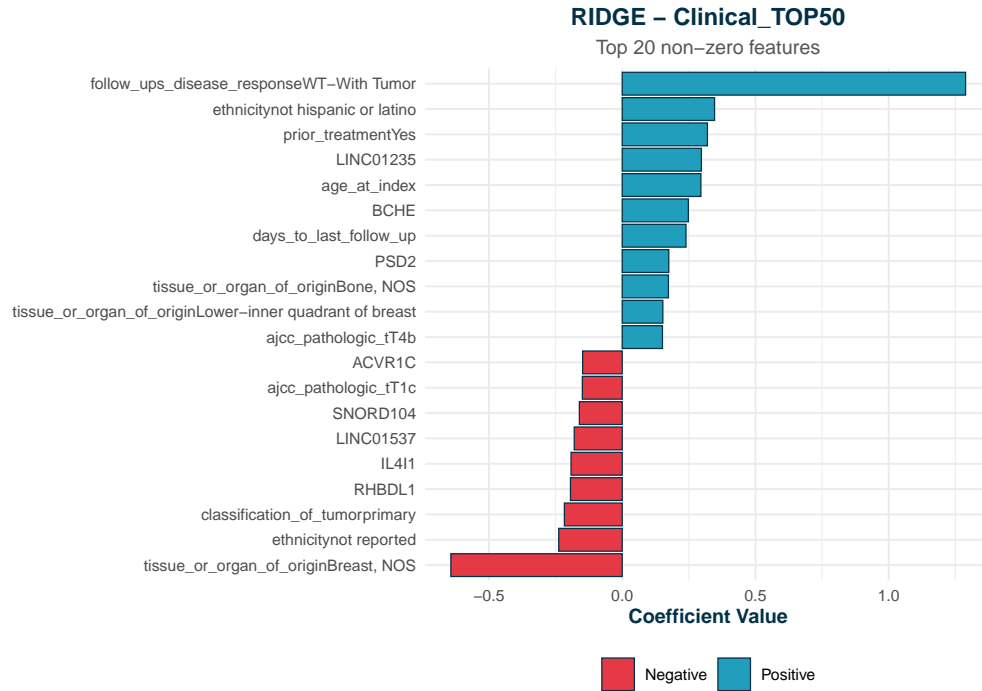


### RIDGE – Clinical\_TOP100

Top 20 non-zero features







```
ridge_metrics <- plot_classification_metrics_single(ridge_results
, threshold = 0.5
, csv_filename = "ridge_classification_metrics.csv")
```

```
##
## === CLASSIFICATION METRICS ===
```

```

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_Only:
##   TP=7 TN=204 FP=2 FN=33
##   Accuracy=0.858 Precision=0.778 Recall=0.175 F1=0.286 AUC=0.883

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP5000:
##   TP=0 TN=206 FP=0 FN=40
##   Accuracy=0.837 Precision=0.000 Recall=0.000 F1=0.000 AUC=0.693

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP1000:
##   TP=0 TN=206 FP=0 FN=40
##   Accuracy=0.837 Precision=0.000 Recall=0.000 F1=0.000 AUC=0.744

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP500:
##   TP=4 TN=206 FP=0 FN=36
##   Accuracy=0.854 Precision=1.000 Recall=0.100 F1=0.182 AUC=0.763

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP100:
##   TP=13 TN=205 FP=1 FN=27
##   Accuracy=0.886 Precision=0.929 Recall=0.325 F1=0.481 AUC=0.858

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP50:
##   TP=15 TN=204 FP=2 FN=25
##   Accuracy=0.890 Precision=0.882 Recall=0.375 F1=0.526 AUC=0.884

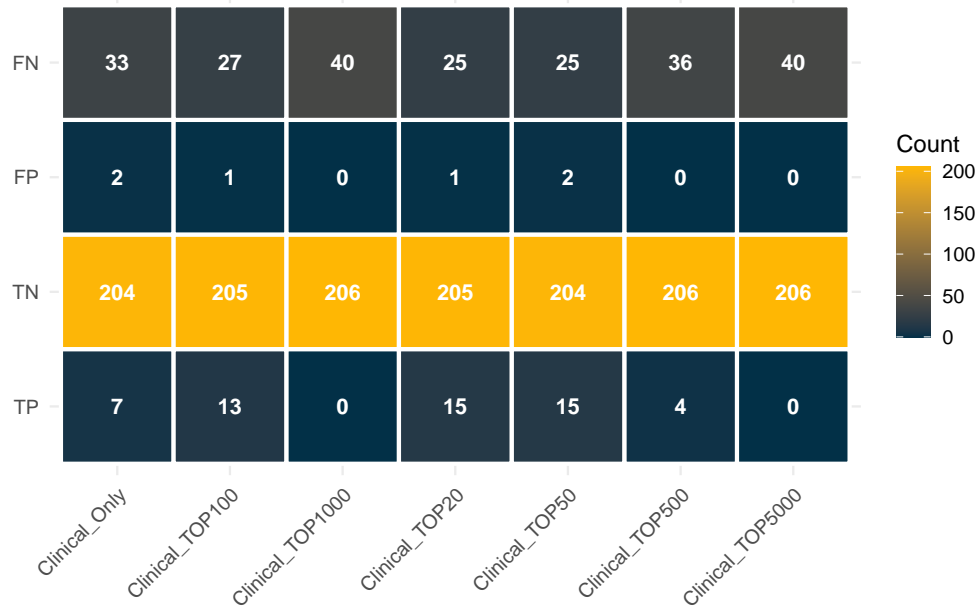
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP20:
##   TP=15 TN=205 FP=1 FN=25
##   Accuracy=0.894 Precision=0.938 Recall=0.375 F1=0.536 AUC=0.890

```

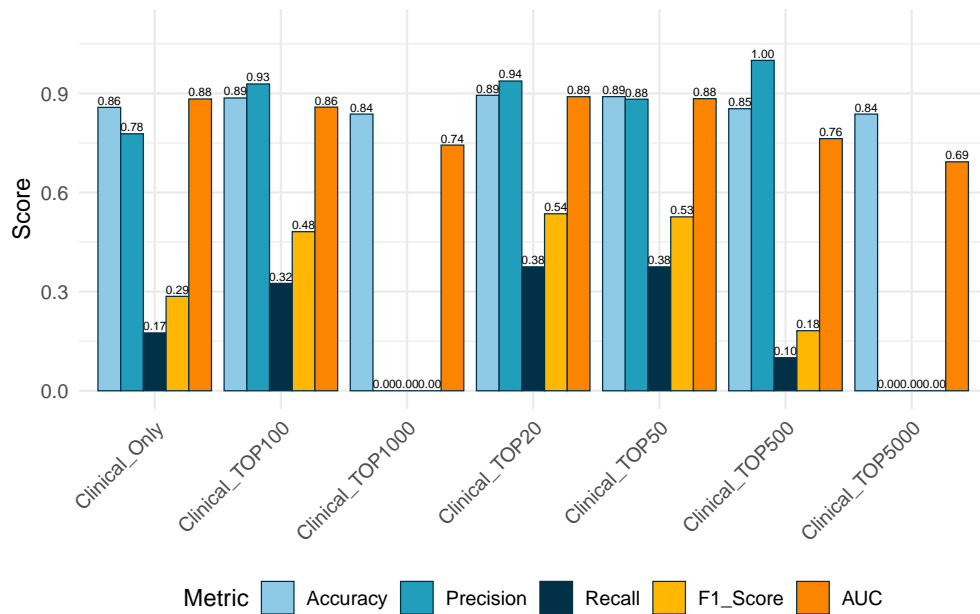
## RIDGE – Confusion Matrix Across Feature Sets

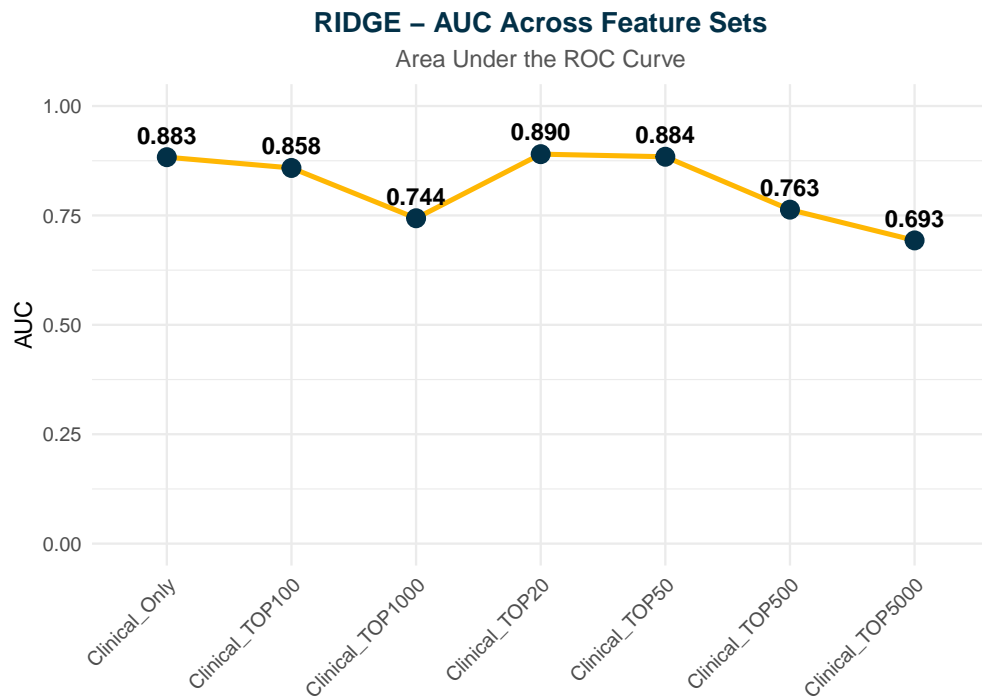
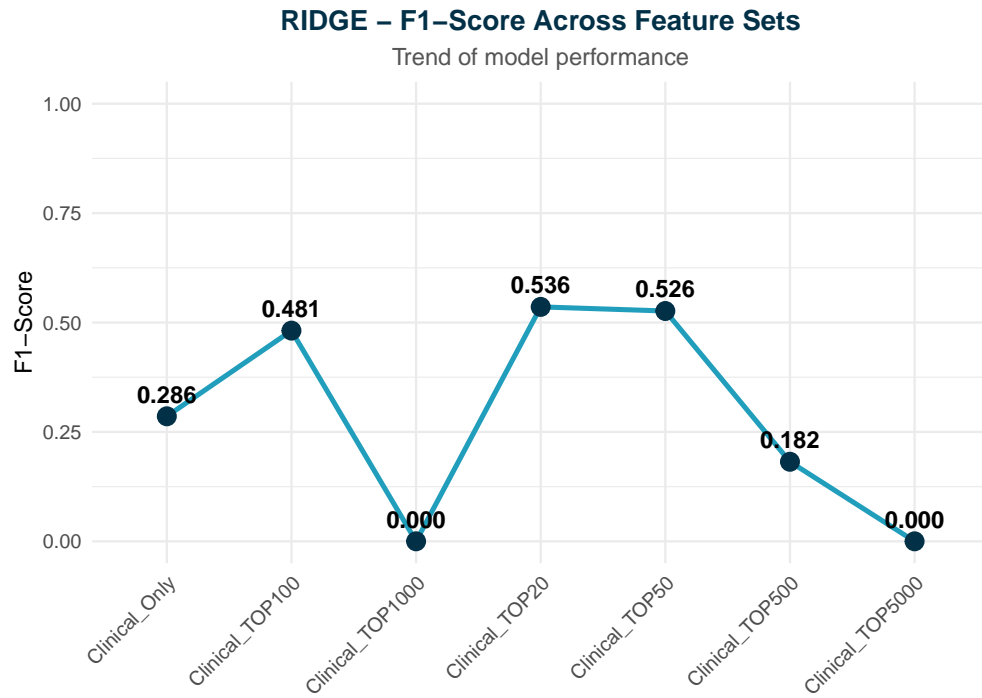
TP, TN, FP, FN counts

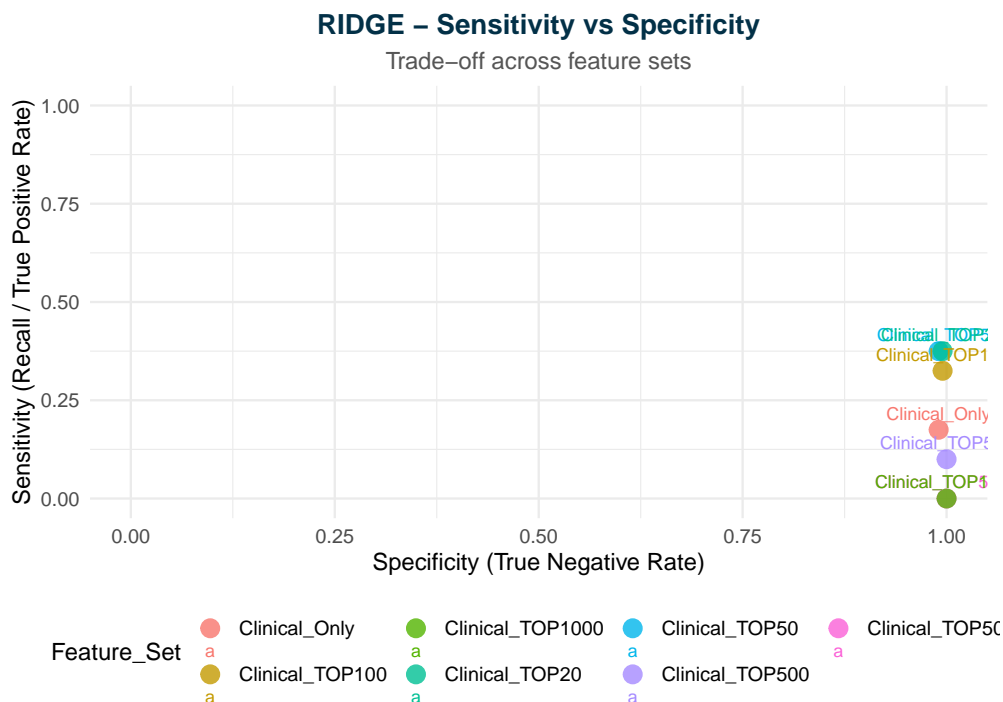


## RIDGE – Classification Metrics

Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, AUC







```
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set TP   TN FP FN  Accuracy Precision Recall Specificity
## 1 Clinical_Only  7 204  2 33 0.8577236 0.7777778 0.175 0.9902913
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 0 206  0 40 0.8373984 0.0000000 0.000 1.0000000
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 0 206  0 40 0.8373984 0.0000000 0.000 1.0000000
## 4 Clinical_TOP500  4 206  0 36 0.8536585 1.0000000 0.100 1.0000000
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 13 205  1 27 0.8861789 0.9285714 0.325 0.9951456
## 6 Clinical_TOP50  15 204  2 25 0.8902439 0.8823529 0.375 0.9902913
## 7 Clinical_TOP20  15 205  1 25 0.8943089 0.9375000 0.375 0.9951456
##      F1_Score      AUC
## 1 0.2857143 0.8831311
## 2 0.0000000 0.6929612
## 3 0.0000000 0.7435680
## 4 0.1818182 0.7632282
## 5 0.4814815 0.8584951
## 6 0.5263158 0.8841019
## 7 0.5357143 0.8900485
##
## Exported classification metrics to: model_metrics/ridge_classification_metrics.csv
```

Ridge regression shows very high specificity around 1.00 but consistently low recall, meaning it correctly identifies Alive patients but frequently misses Dead cases. For large gene sets (5000 and 1000 genes), Ridge collapses completely (Recall = 0.00, F1 = 0.00), predicting all patients as Alive due to excessive shrinkage. Performance improves for smaller gene sets (TOP20–TOP50), where recall reaches 0.25–0.27 and AUC improves to 0.86–0.88. The clinical-only model performs best overall with AUC = 0.892, but still low recall (0.2167). These results show that Ridge cannot effectively recover sparse signals in high-dimensional genomic data.

## Lasso Regression Across Feature Sets

The Lasso induces sparsity in the solution by setting many coefficients exactly to zero. This is particularly well-suited for genomic data, where only a small subset of genes is expected to carry predictive information.

$$\hat{\beta}^{\text{lasso}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \{-l(\beta) + \lambda \|\beta\|_1\}$$

This makes Lasso suitable for genomic data, where only a small subset of genes is expected to be predictive. We apply Lasso to gene sets of increasing size (5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, 20) to evaluate how sparsity improves stability and interpretability in high dimension.

```
lasso_results <- fit_single_model_across_features(  
  model_type = "lasso"  
  , X_train_all = X_train  
  , X_test_all = X_test  
  , Y_train = Y_train  
  , Y_test = Y_test  
  , n_clinical = n_clinical  
  , top_genes_ranked = top_genes  
  , gene_sets = c(5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, 20)  
)
```

```
##  
## === FITTING LASSO ACROSS FEATURE SETS ===  
##  
## Fitting Clinical_Only...  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
  
## Setting direction: controls < cases  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
  
## Setting direction: controls < cases  
  
## Fitting Clinical_TOP5000...  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
## Setting direction: controls < cases  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
  
## Setting direction: controls < cases  
  
## Fitting Clinical_TOP1000...  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
## Setting direction: controls < cases  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
```

```

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP500...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP100...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP50...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP20...

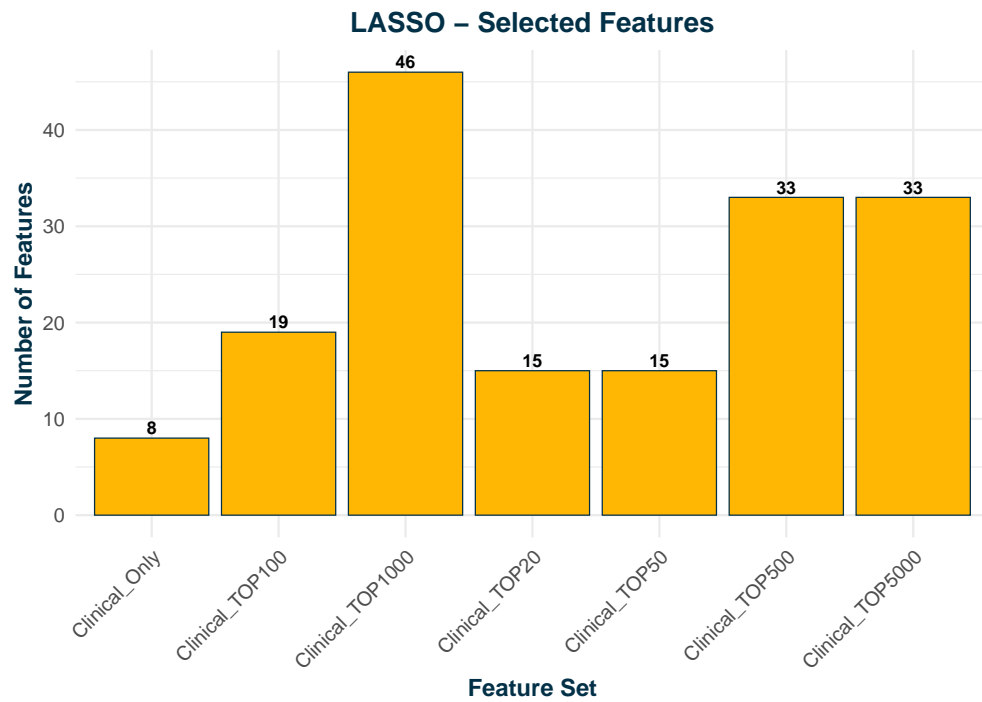
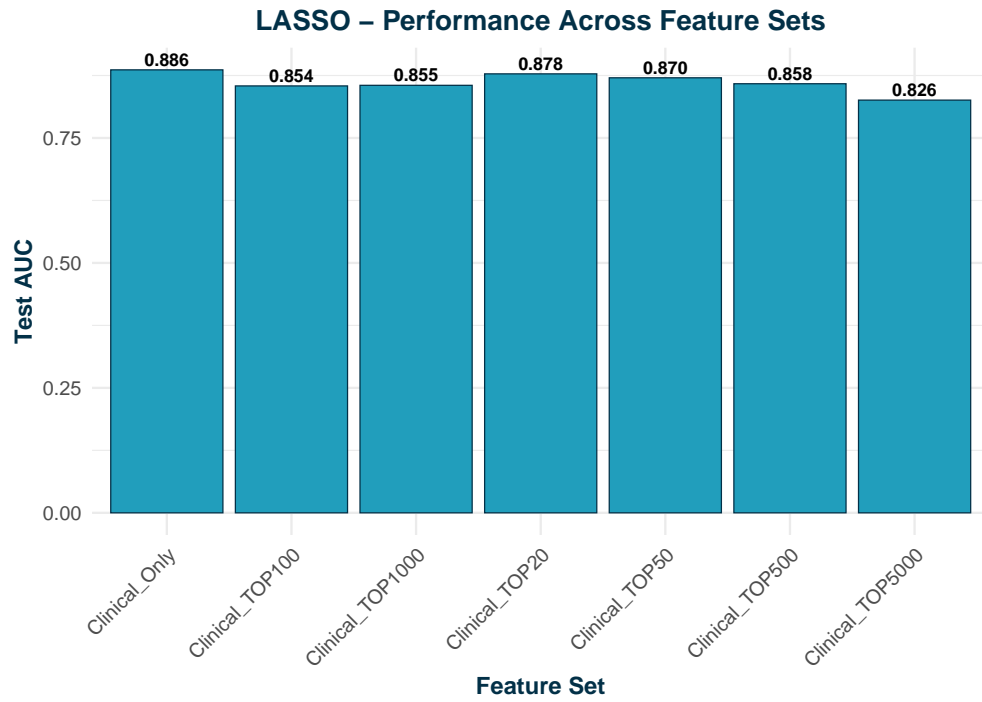
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

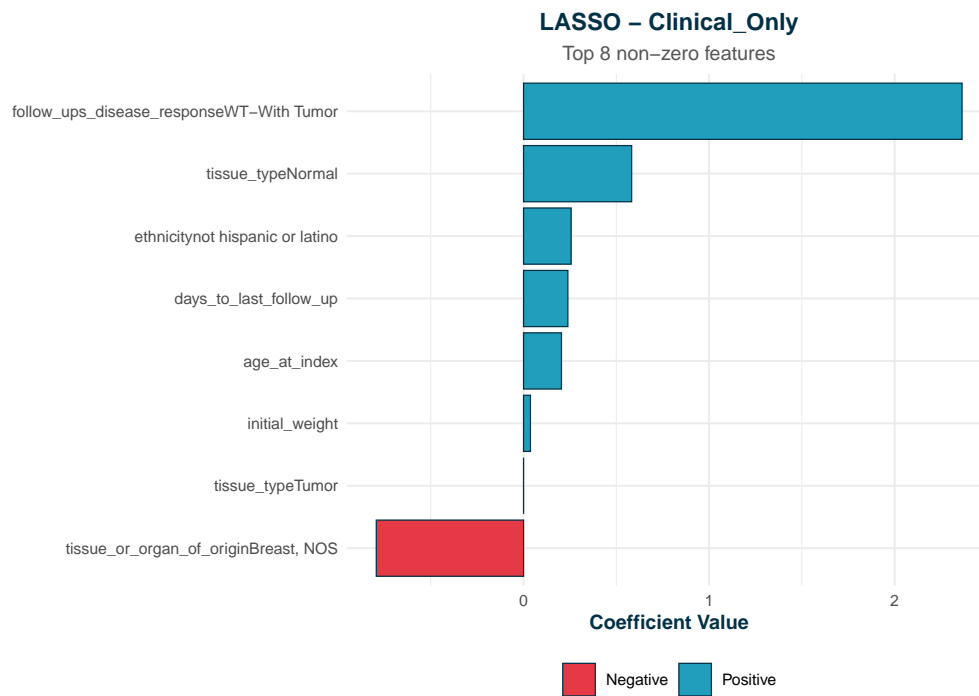
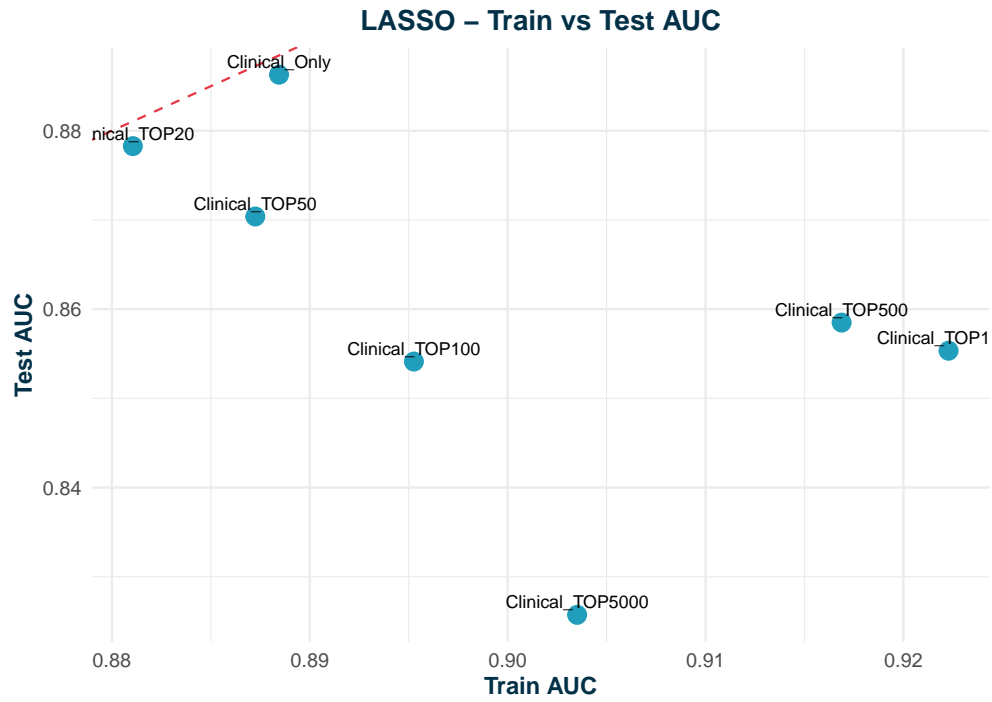
## Setting direction: controls < cases

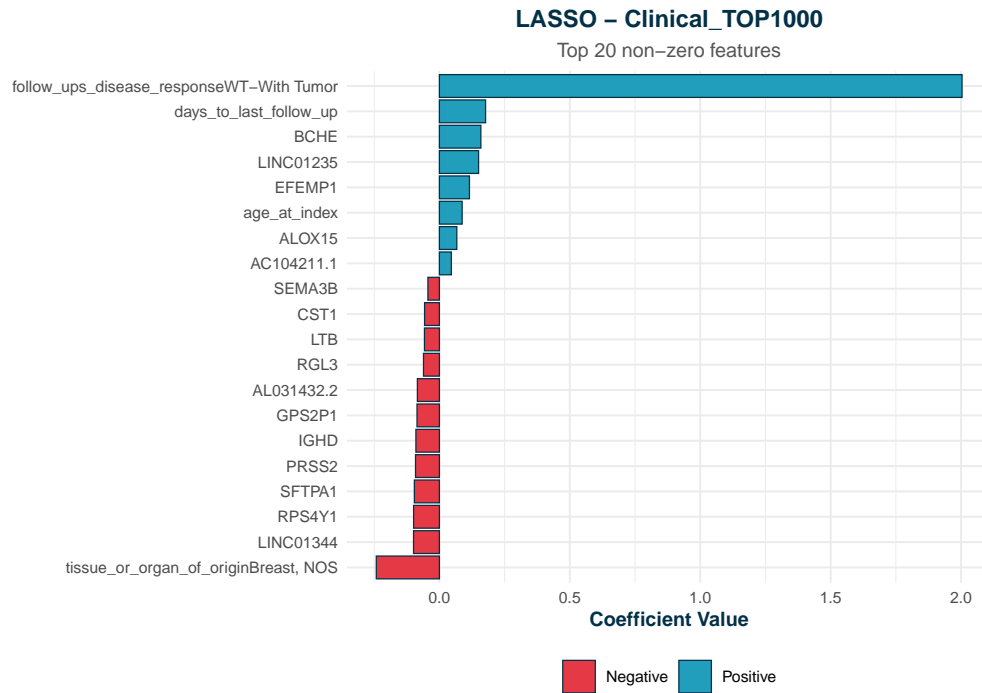
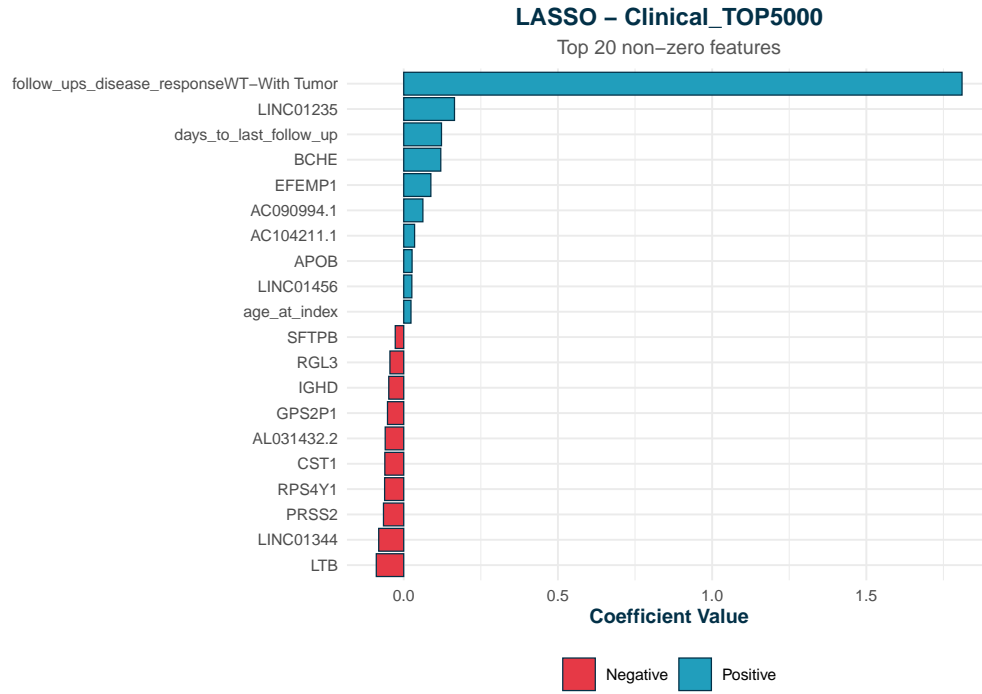
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set Model Features Train_AUC  Test_AUC Test_Accuracy
## 1   Clinical_Only LASSO         8 0.8884478 0.8862864    0.8821138
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 LASSO        33 0.9035116 0.8257282    0.8577236
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 LASSO        46 0.9222810 0.8553398    0.8780488
## 4  Clinical_TOP500 LASSO        33 0.9168774 0.8584951    0.8943089
## 5  Clinical_TOP100 LASSO        19 0.8952627 0.8541262    0.8861789
## 6   Clinical_TOP50 LASSO        15 0.8872478 0.8703883    0.8780488
## 7   Clinical_TOP20 LASSO        15 0.8810593 0.8782767    0.8902439
## Exported metrics to: model_metrics/lasso_across_features_metrics.csv

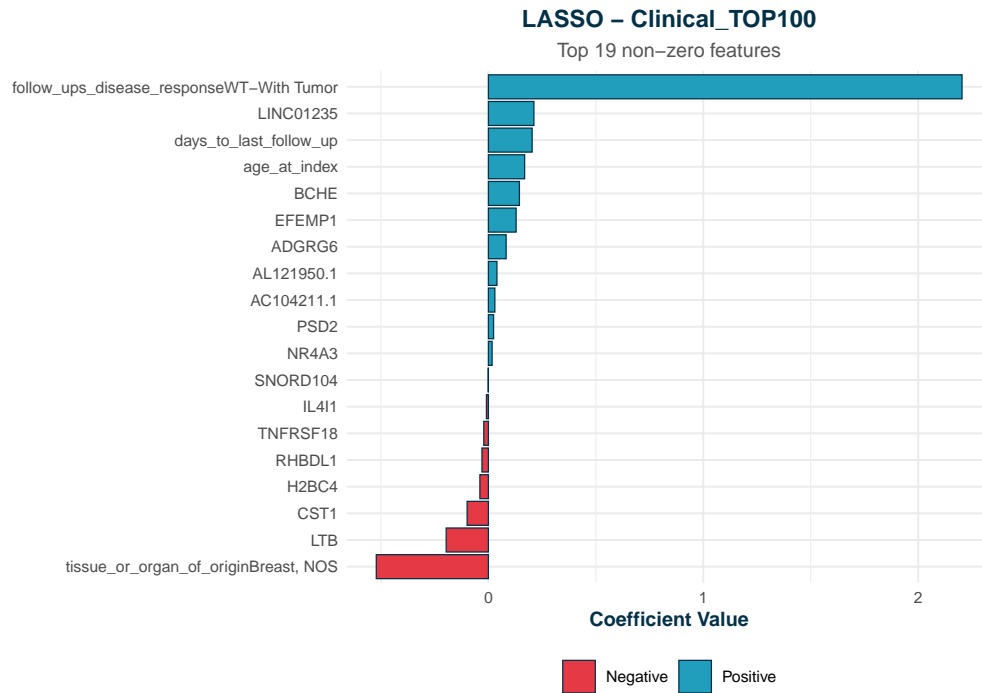
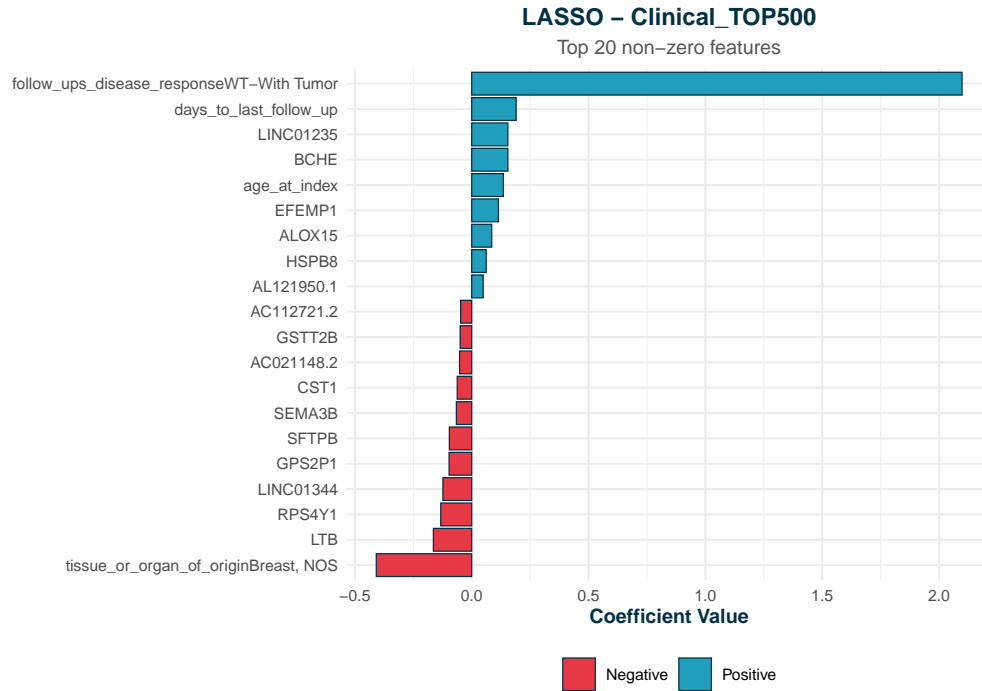
```

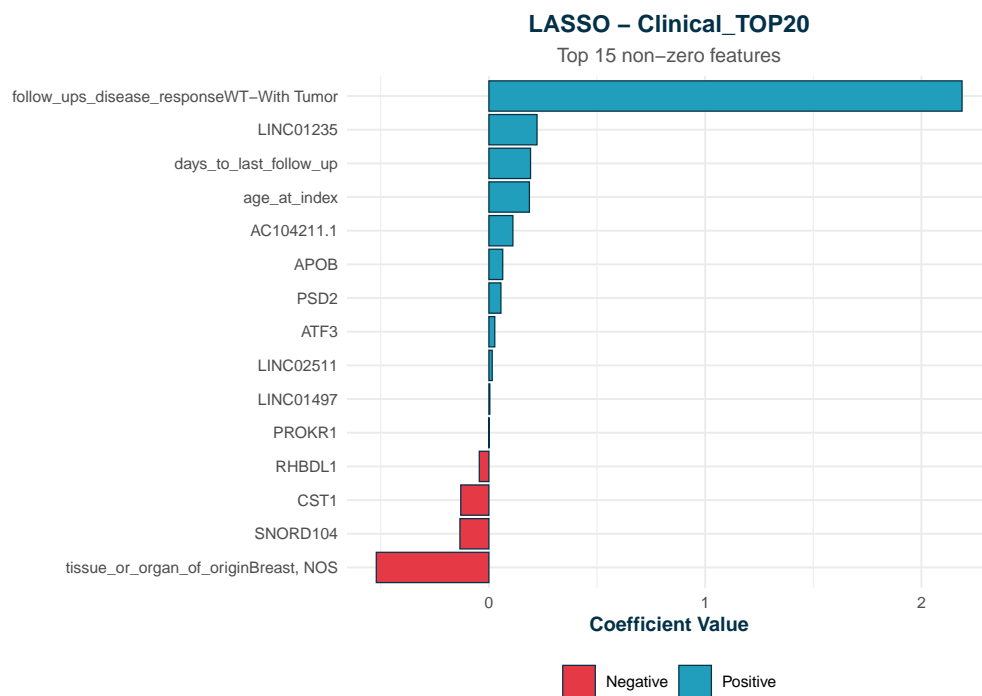
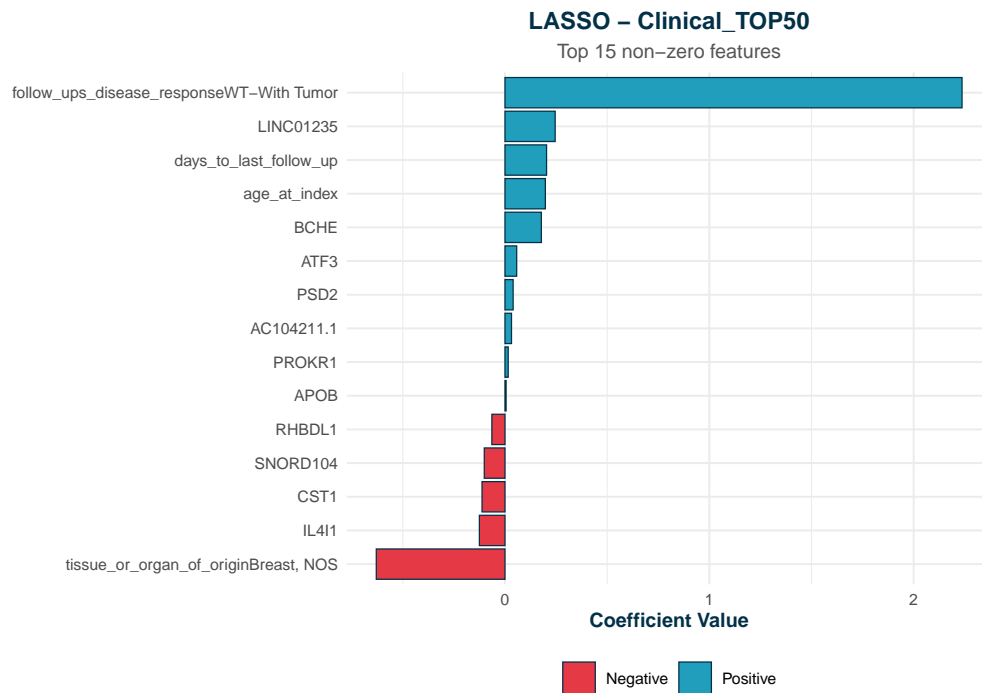












```
lasso_metrics <- plot_classification_metrics_single(lasso_results
, threshold = 0.5
, csv_filename = "lasso_classification_metrics.csv")
```

```
##
## === CLASSIFICATION METRICS ===
```

```

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_Only:
##   TP=16 TN=201 FP=5 FN=24
##   Accuracy=0.882 Precision=0.762 Recall=0.400 F1=0.525 AUC=0.886

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP5000:
##   TP=8 TN=203 FP=3 FN=32
##   Accuracy=0.858 Precision=0.727 Recall=0.200 F1=0.314 AUC=0.826

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP1000:
##   TP=13 TN=203 FP=3 FN=27
##   Accuracy=0.878 Precision=0.812 Recall=0.325 F1=0.464 AUC=0.855

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP500:
##   TP=17 TN=203 FP=3 FN=23
##   Accuracy=0.894 Precision=0.850 Recall=0.425 F1=0.567 AUC=0.858

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP100:
##   TP=17 TN=201 FP=5 FN=23
##   Accuracy=0.886 Precision=0.773 Recall=0.425 F1=0.548 AUC=0.854

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP50:
##   TP=15 TN=201 FP=5 FN=25
##   Accuracy=0.878 Precision=0.750 Recall=0.375 F1=0.500 AUC=0.870

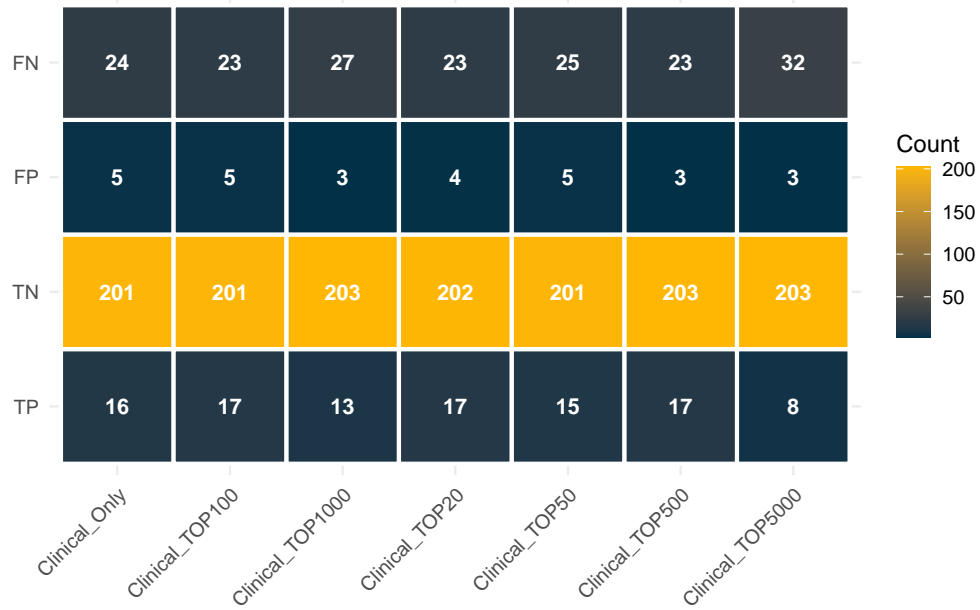
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP20:
##   TP=17 TN=202 FP=4 FN=23
##   Accuracy=0.890 Precision=0.810 Recall=0.425 F1=0.557 AUC=0.878

```

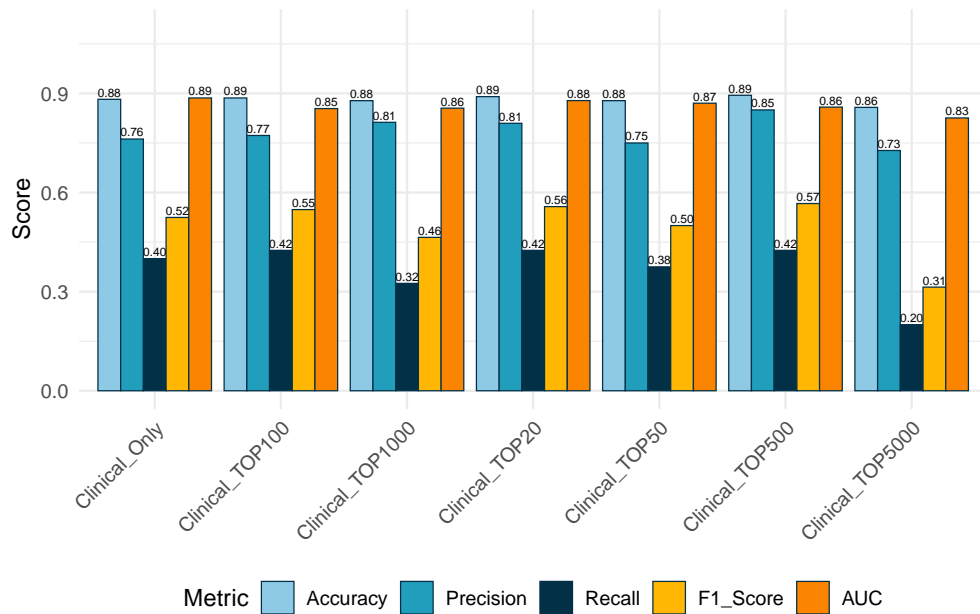
## LASSO – Confusion Matrix Across Feature Sets

TP, TN, FP, FN counts



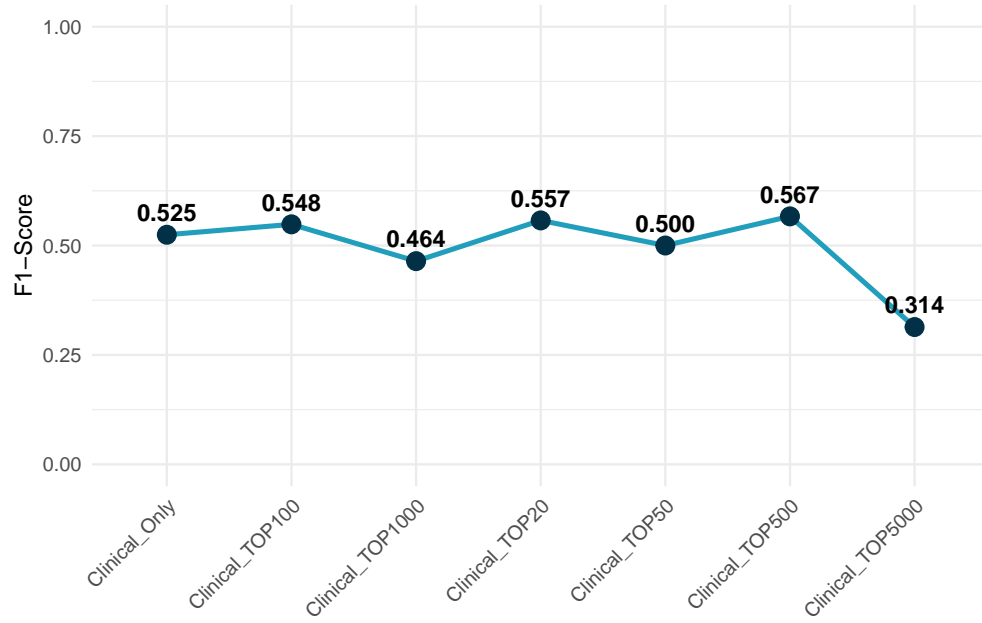
## LASSO – Classification Metrics

Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, AUC



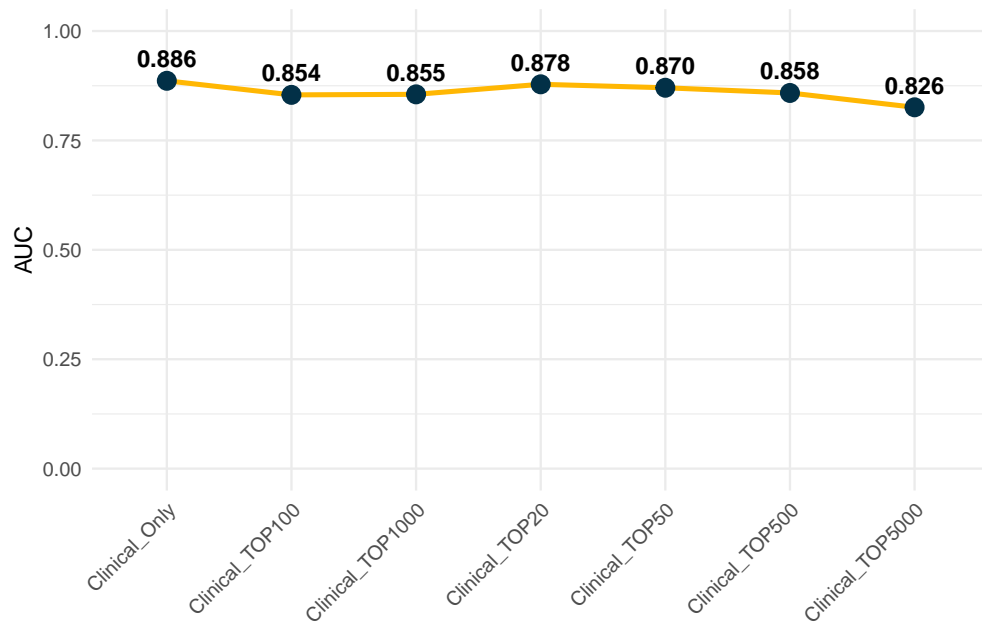
### LASSO – F1-Score Across Feature Sets

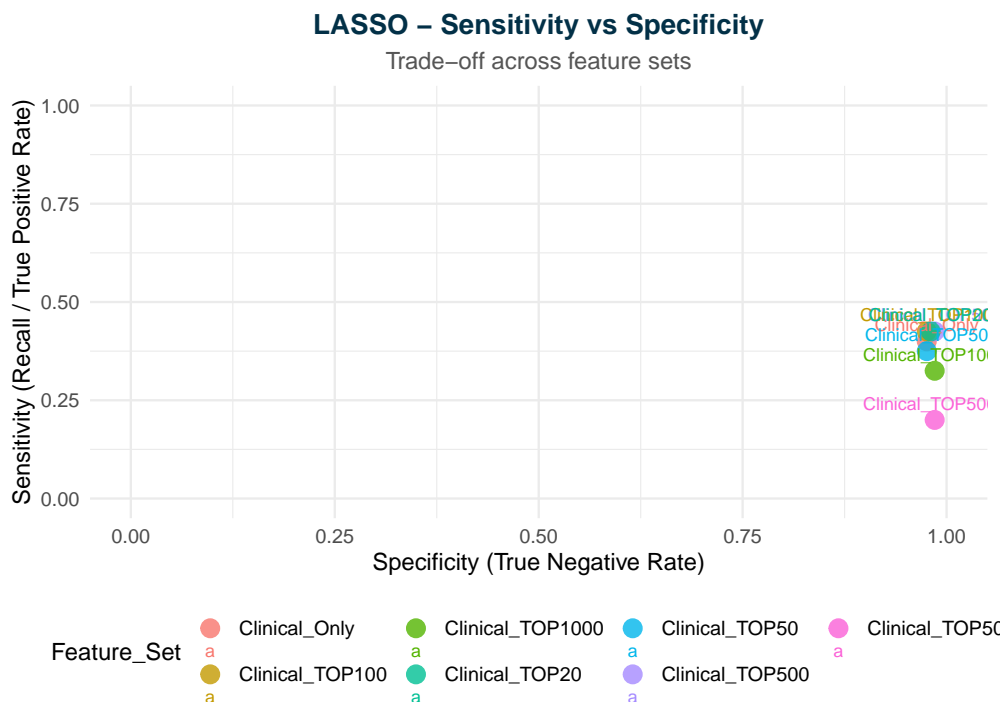
Trend of model performance



### LASSO – AUC Across Feature Sets

Area Under the ROC Curve





```
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set TP  TN  FP  FN  Accuracy Precision Recall Specificity
## 1 Clinical_Only 16 201  5 24 0.8821138 0.7619048 0.400 0.9757282
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000  8 203  3 32 0.8577236 0.7272727 0.200 0.9854369
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 13 203  3 27 0.8780488 0.8125000 0.325 0.9854369
## 4 Clinical_TOP500 17 203  3 23 0.8943089 0.8500000 0.425 0.9854369
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 17 201  5 23 0.8861789 0.7727273 0.425 0.9757282
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 15 201  5 25 0.8780488 0.7500000 0.375 0.9757282
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 17 202  4 23 0.8902439 0.8095238 0.425 0.9805825
##      F1_Score      AUC
## 1 0.5245902 0.8862864
## 2 0.3137255 0.8257282
## 3 0.4642857 0.8553398
## 4 0.5666667 0.8584951
## 5 0.5483871 0.8541262
## 6 0.5000000 0.8703883
## 7 0.5573770 0.8782767
##
## Exported classification metrics to: model_metrics/lasso_classification_metrics.csv
```

Lasso maintains strong performance across all feature sets by selecting a small number of informative variables. Its precision and specificity remain consistently high, while recall stays moderate and never collapses, unlike Ridge. The clinical-only Lasso model performs best overall, but small and medium gene sets (20–1000 genes) provide stable AUC values around 0.85–0.86. Even with 5000 genes, Lasso still extracts usable signal, although performance decreases. These results confirm that Lasso is well-suited for high-dimensional genomic data and supports the hypothesis that the true survival signal is sparse.



## Adaptive Lasso Comparison Across Feature Sets

The Adaptive Lasso is introduced by Hui Zou (2006), “The Adaptive Lasso and Its Oracle Properties”. This method modifies the standard Lasso by applying individual penalty weights to each coefficient, allowing the model to penalize weak predictors more strongly while preserving important ones.

Mathematically, the Adaptive Lasso solves:

$$\hat{\beta}^{AL} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \left\{ -l(\beta) + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p w_j |\beta_j| \right\}$$

where the weights are defined as:

$$w_j = \frac{1}{|\hat{\beta}^{initial}|^{\gamma}}, \quad \gamma > 0$$

This weighting scheme penalizes weak predictors more heavily and reduces bias on strong predictors, leading to improved variable selection consistency.

Large initial coefficients receive small weight, hence we penalize them less, Small coefficients receive large weights, so they are penalized more. This produces the key advantage described in Zou (2006):

Adaptive Lasso enjoys the oracle property: it selects the correct sparse model with probability 1 as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$

```
adaptive_lasso_results <- fit_single_model_across_features(  
  model_type = "adaptive"  
  , X_train_all = X_train  
  , X_test_all = X_test  
  , Y_train     = Y_train  
  , Y_test      = Y_test  
  , n_clinical  = n_clinical  
  , top_genes_ranked = top_genes  
  , gene_sets = c(5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, 20)  
)
```

```
##  
## === FITTING ADAPTIVE ACROSS FEATURE SETS ===  
##  
## Fitting Clinical_Only...  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
  
## Setting direction: controls < cases  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
  
## Setting direction: controls < cases  
  
## Fitting Clinical_TOP5000...  
  
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1  
## Setting direction: controls < cases
```

```

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP1000...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP500...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP100...

## Warning: from glmnet C++ code (error code -81); Convergence for 81th lambda
## value not reached after maxit=100000 iterations; solutions for larger lambdas
## returned

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP50...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP20...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

```

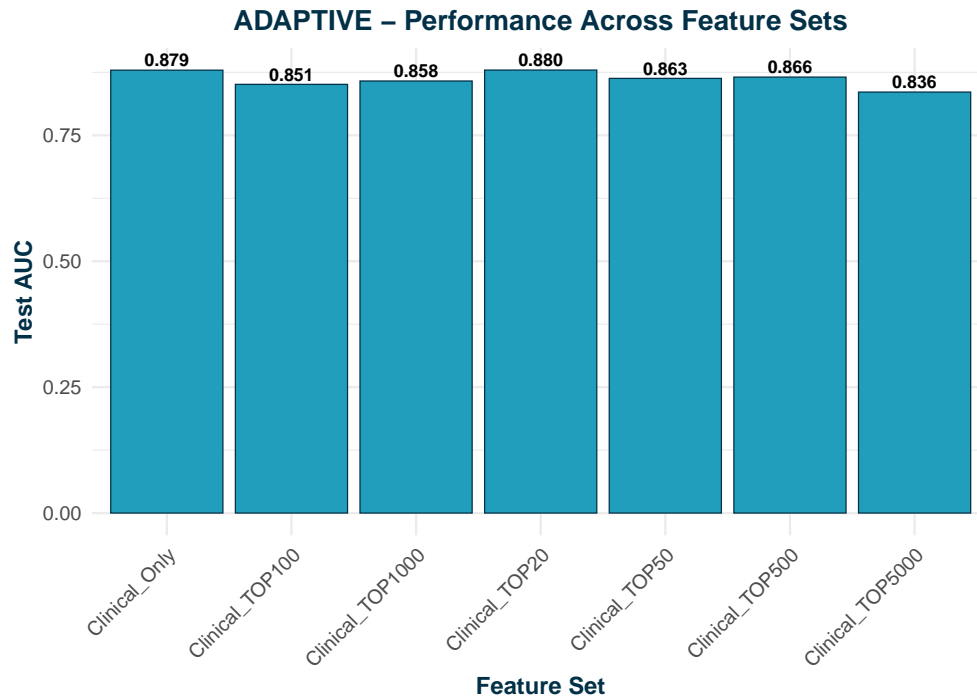
```
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
```

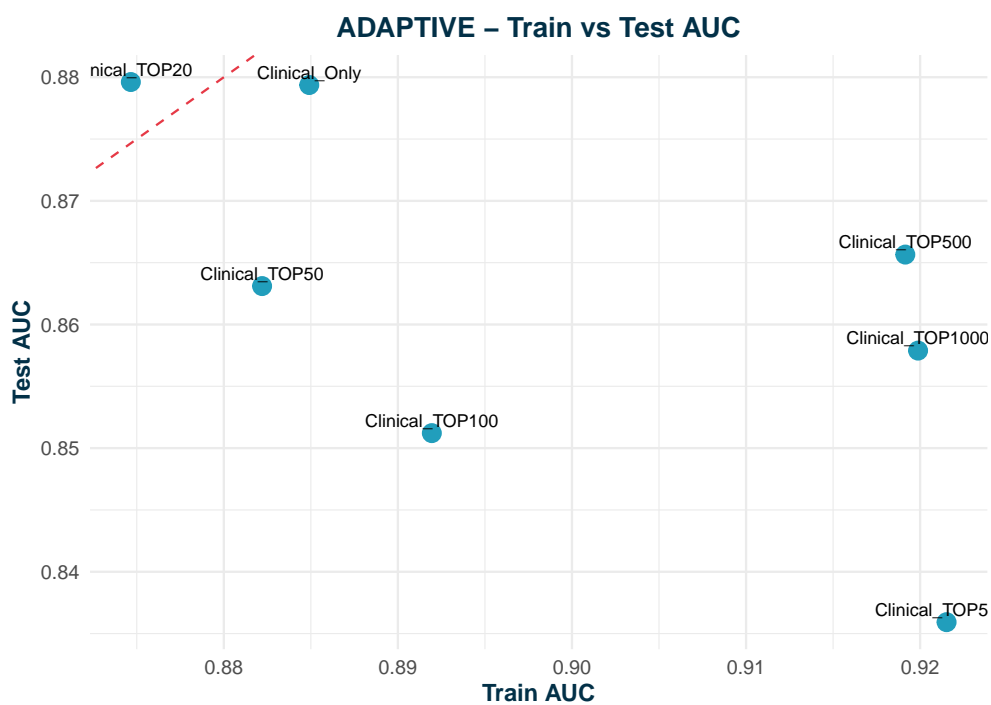
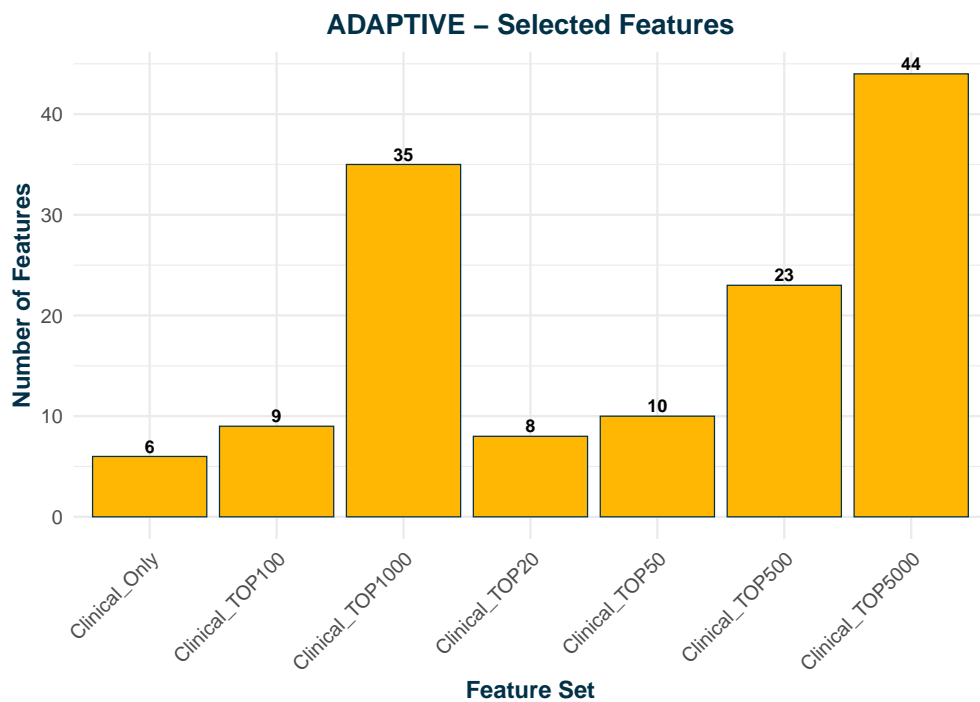
```
## Setting direction: controls < cases
```

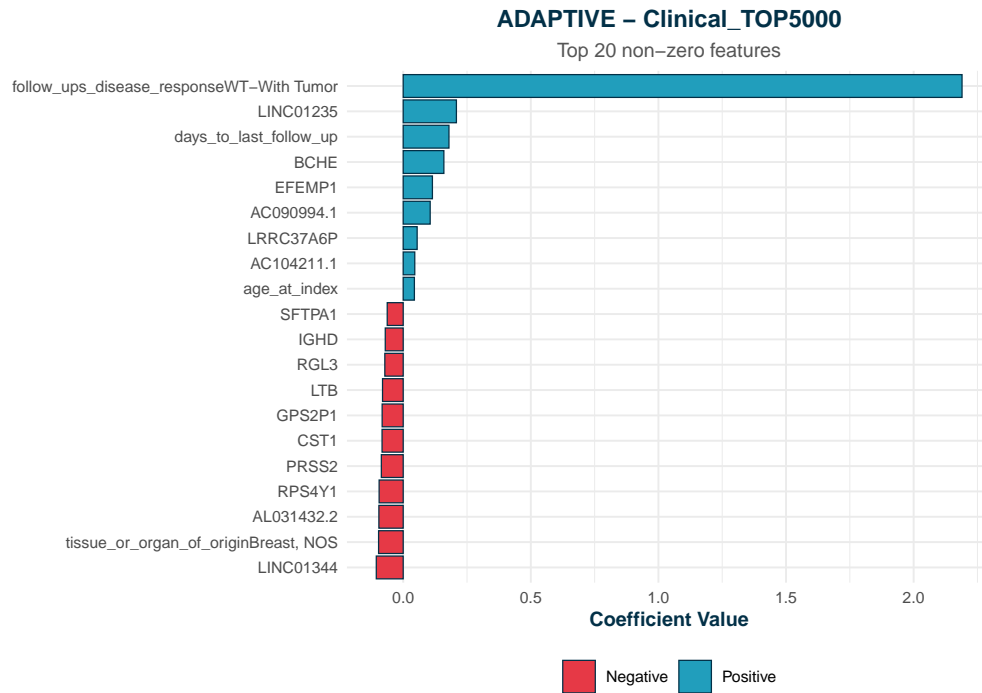
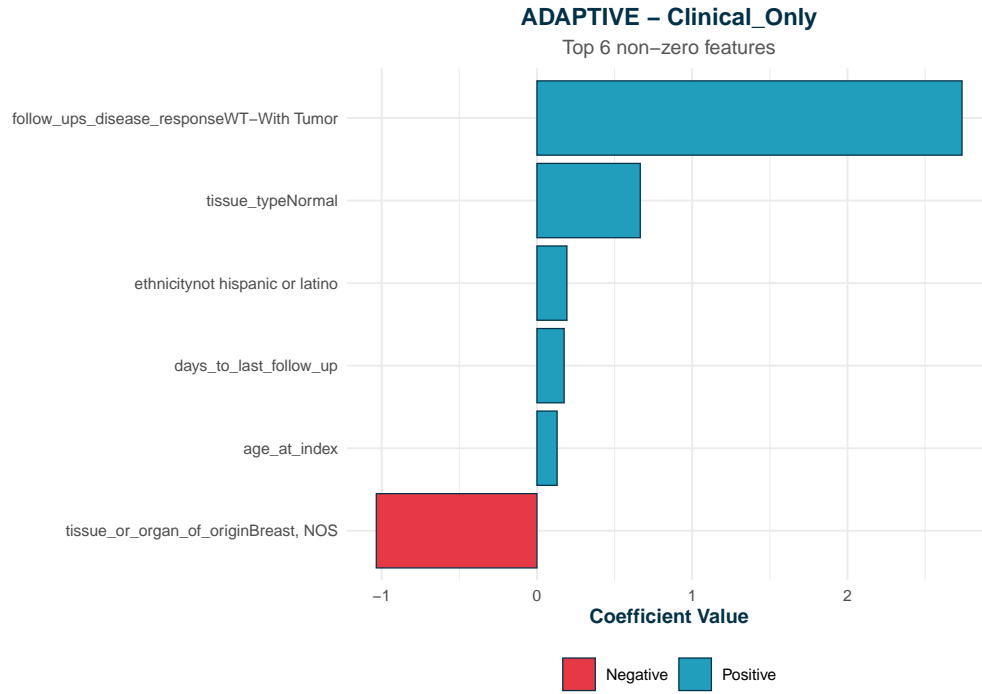
```
##
```

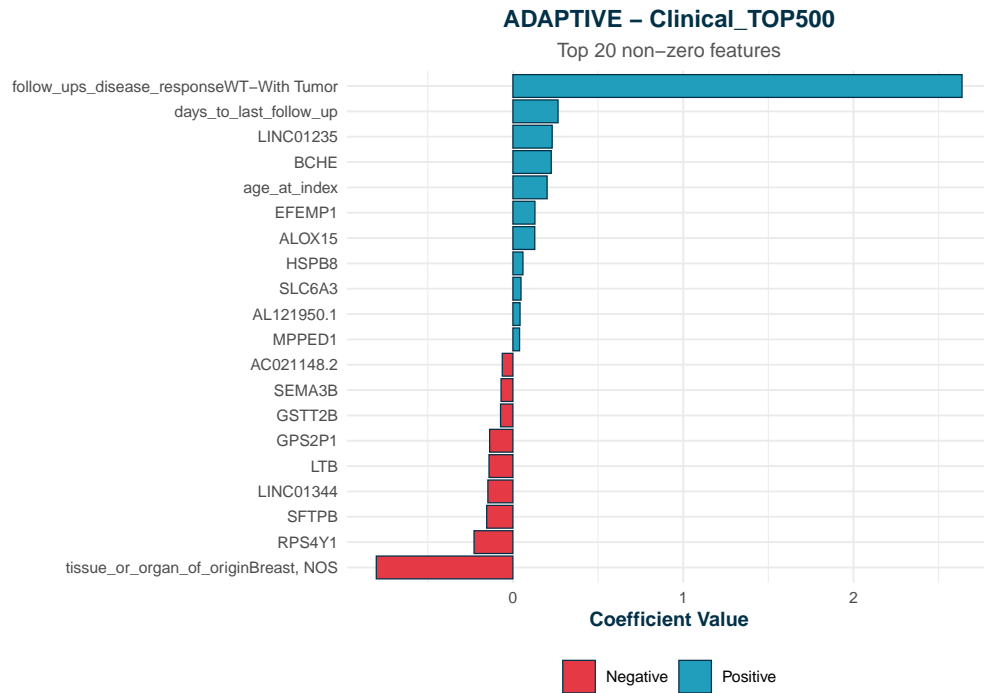
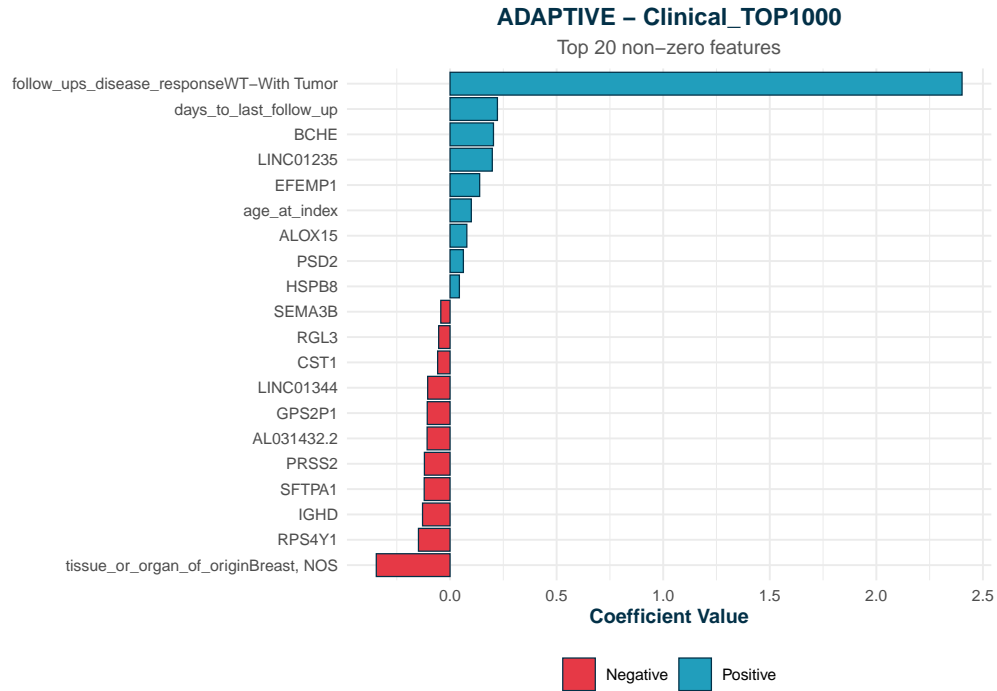
```
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
```

```
##      Feature_Set  Model Features Train_AUC  Test_AUC Test_Accuracy
## 1  Clinical_Only ADAPTIVE      6 0.8849083 0.8793689    0.8902439
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 ADAPTIVE     44 0.9215188 0.8359223    0.8902439
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 ADAPTIVE     35 0.9198811 0.8578883    0.8943089
## 4 Clinical_TOP500 ADAPTIVE      23 0.9191490 0.8656553    0.8902439
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 ADAPTIVE       9 0.8919496 0.8512136    0.8943089
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 ADAPTIVE      10 0.8821989 0.8631068    0.8983740
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 ADAPTIVE       8 0.8746594 0.8796117    0.8902439
## Exported metrics to: model_metrics/adaptive_across_features_metrics.csv
```



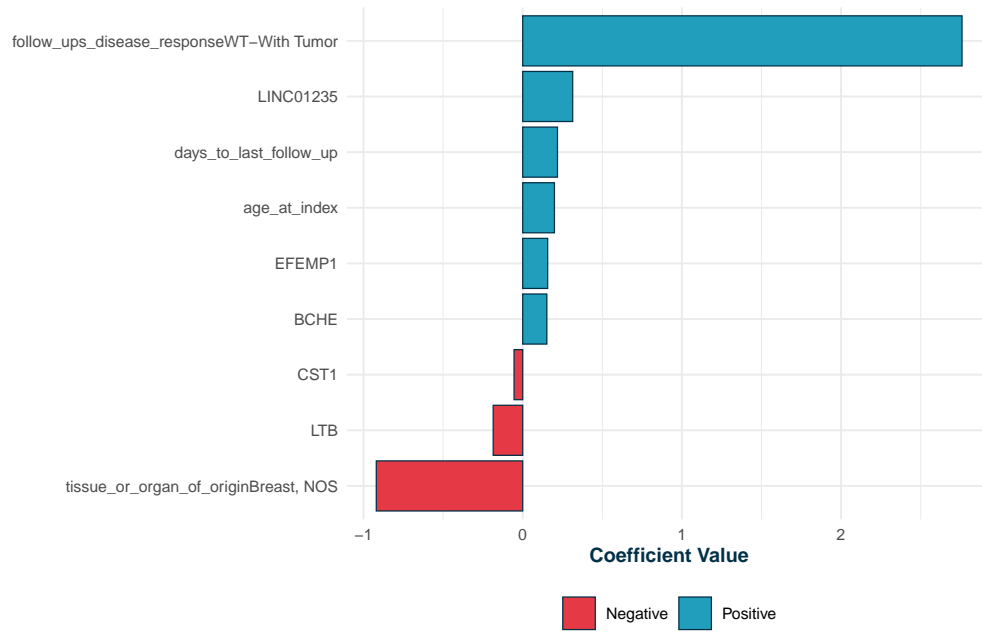






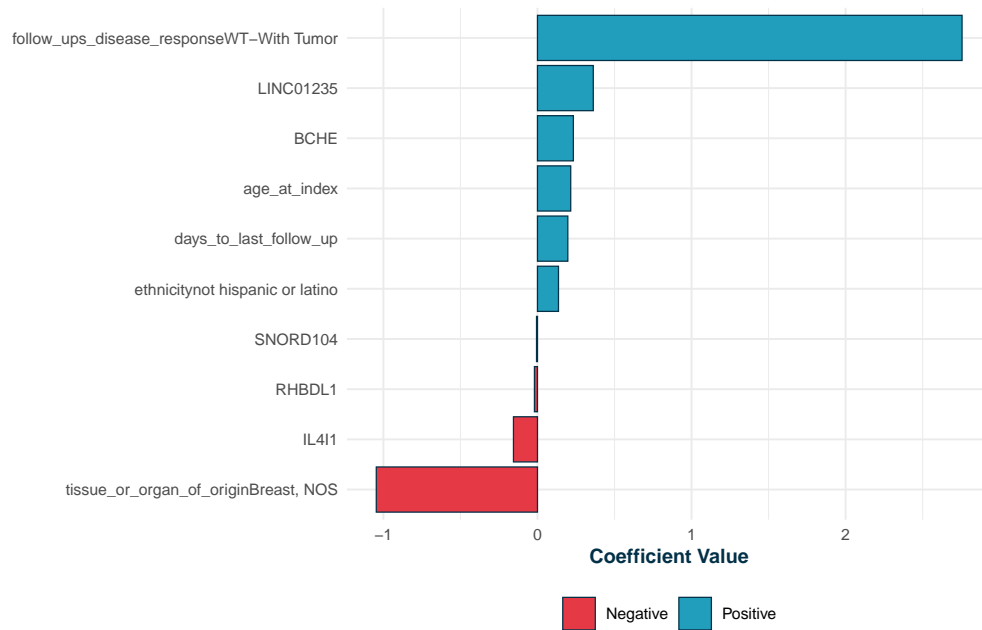
### ADAPTIVE – Clinical\_TOP100

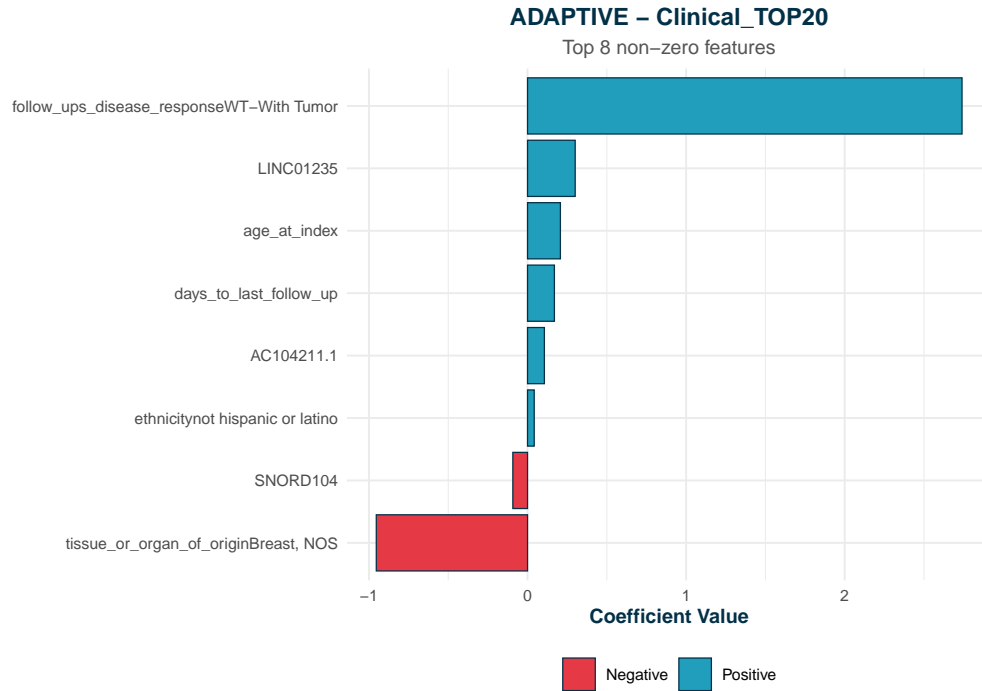
Top 9 non-zero features



### ADAPTIVE – Clinical\_TOP50

Top 10 non-zero features





```
adaptive_lasso_metrics <- plot_classification_metrics_single(adaptive_lasso_results
  , threshold = 0.5
  , csv_filename = "adaptive_lasso_classification_metrics.csv")
```

```
##
## === CLASSIFICATION METRICS ===

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_Only:
##   TP=20 TN=199 FP=7 FN=20
##   Accuracy=0.890 Precision=0.741 Recall=0.500 F1=0.597 AUC=0.879

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP5000:
##   TP=16 TN=203 FP=3 FN=24
##   Accuracy=0.890 Precision=0.842 Recall=0.400 F1=0.542 AUC=0.836

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP1000:
##   TP=19 TN=201 FP=5 FN=21
##   Accuracy=0.894 Precision=0.792 Recall=0.475 F1=0.594 AUC=0.858
```



```

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP500:
##   TP=18 TN=201 FP=5 FN=22
##   Accuracy=0.890 Precision=0.783 Recall=0.450 F1=0.571 AUC=0.866

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP100:
##   TP=19 TN=201 FP=5 FN=21
##   Accuracy=0.894 Precision=0.792 Recall=0.475 F1=0.594 AUC=0.851

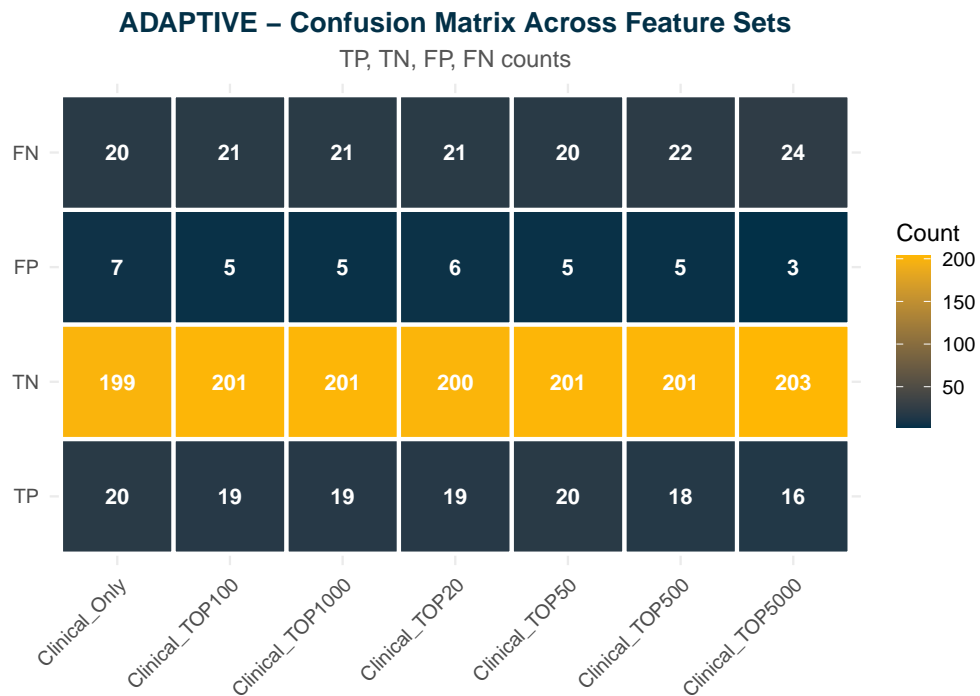
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP50:
##   TP=20 TN=201 FP=5 FN=20
##   Accuracy=0.898 Precision=0.800 Recall=0.500 F1=0.615 AUC=0.863

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

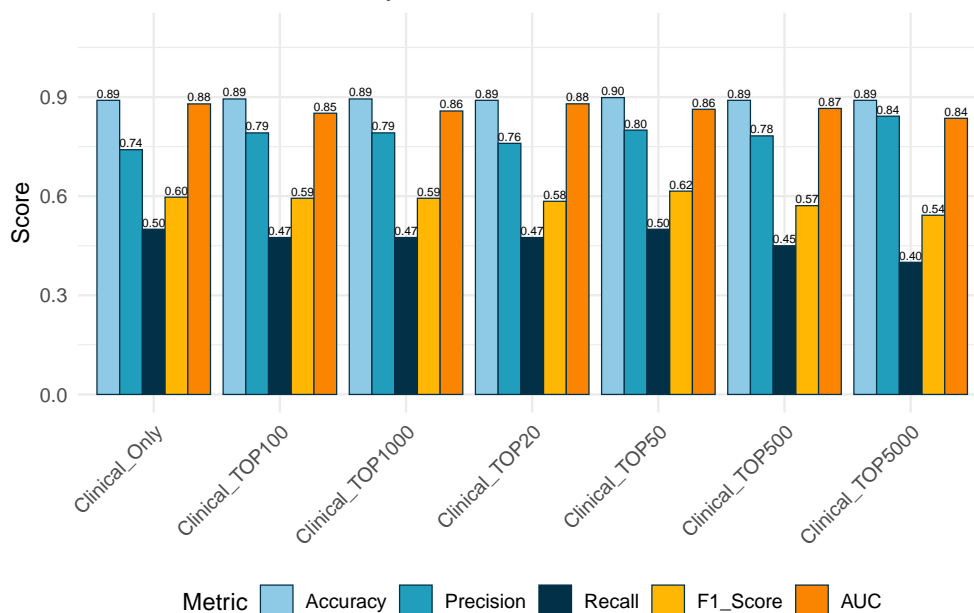
## Clinical_TOP20:
##   TP=19 TN=200 FP=6 FN=21
##   Accuracy=0.890 Precision=0.760 Recall=0.475 F1=0.585 AUC=0.880

```



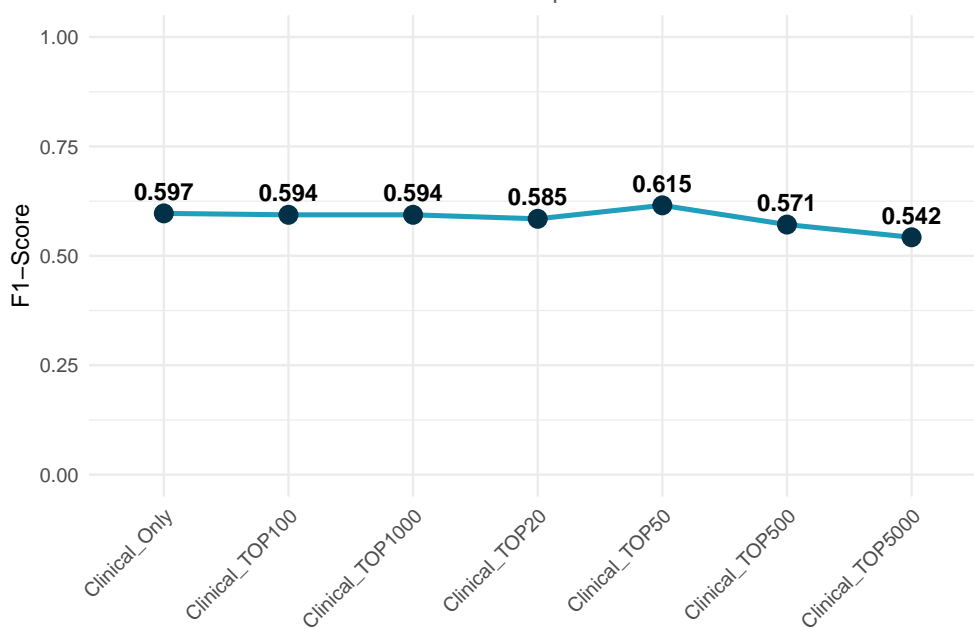
## ADAPTIVE – Classification Metrics

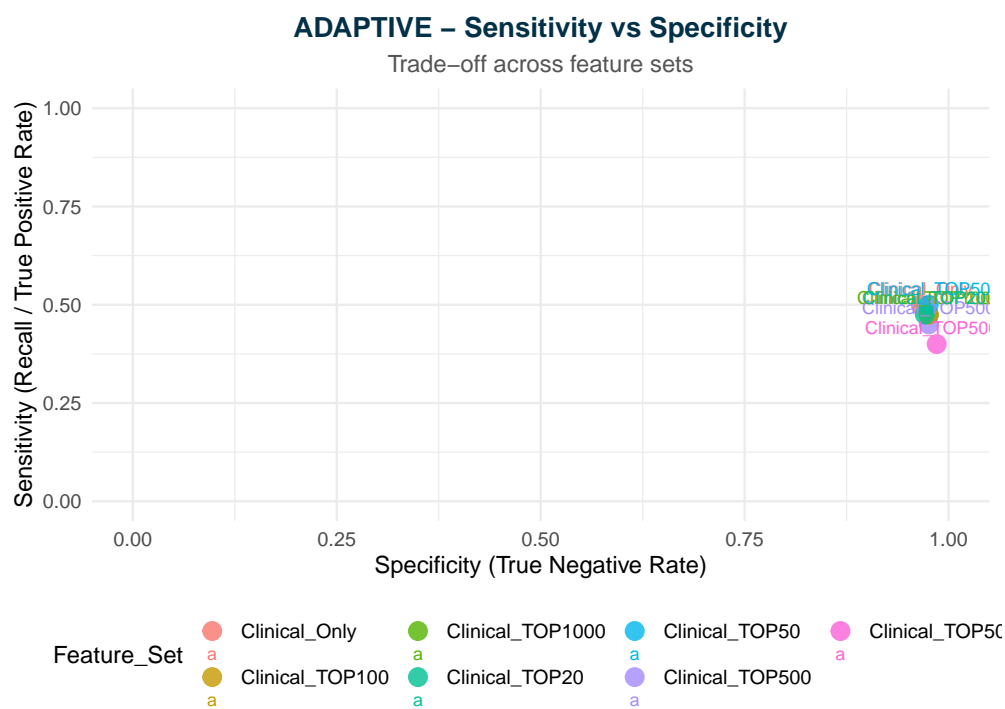
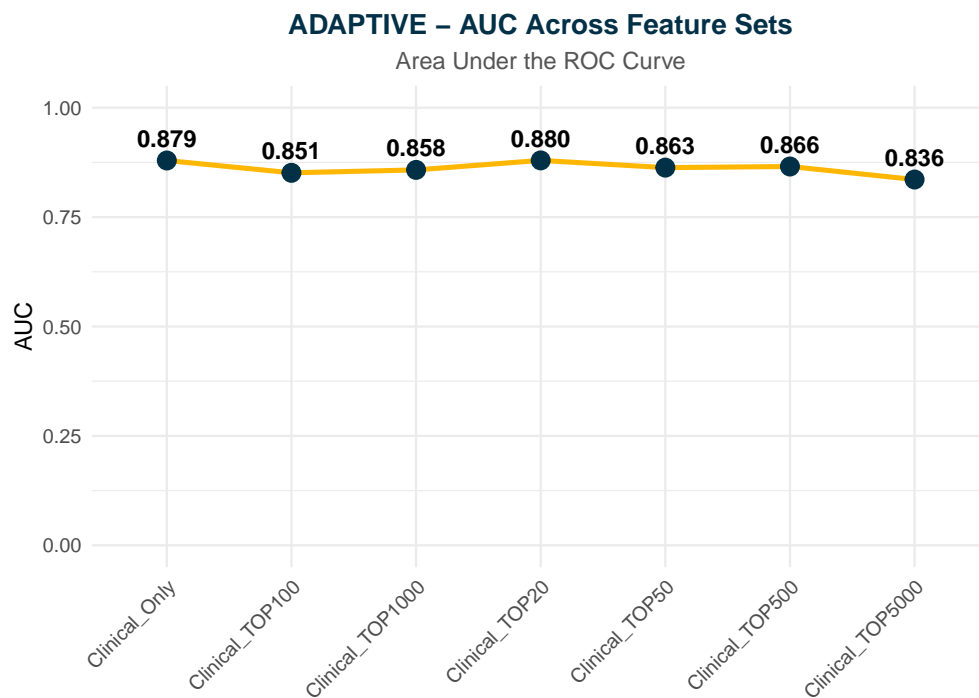
Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, AUC



## ADAPTIVE – F1-Score Across Feature Sets

Trend of model performance





```
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set TP  TN  FP  FN  Accuracy Precision Recall Specificity
## 1 Clinical_Only 20 199  7  20 0.8902439 0.7407407 0.500 0.9660194
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 16 203  3  24 0.8902439 0.8421053 0.400 0.9854369
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 19 201  5  21 0.8943089 0.7916667 0.475 0.9757282
## 4 Clinical_TOP500 18 201  5  22 0.8902439 0.7826087 0.450 0.9757282
```

```
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 19 201 5 21 0.8943089 0.7916667 0.475 0.9757282
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 20 201 5 20 0.8983740 0.8000000 0.500 0.9757282
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 19 200 6 21 0.8902439 0.7600000 0.475 0.9708738
## F1_Score AUC
## 1 0.5970149 0.8793689
## 2 0.5423729 0.8359223
## 3 0.5937500 0.8578883
## 4 0.5714286 0.8656553
## 5 0.5937500 0.8512136
## 6 0.6153846 0.8631068
## 7 0.5846154 0.8796117
##
## Exported classification metrics to: model_metrics/adaptive_lasso_classification_metrics.csv
```

Adaptive Lasso performs similarly to standard Lasso, with stable results across all medium-sized gene sets (20–1000 genes). The clinical-only Adaptive Lasso model performs best overall (AUC = 0.883), confirming that most stable signal comes from clinical variables. Compared to Ridge, Adaptive Lasso maintains non-zero recall and robust precision, demonstrating better ability to isolate sparse genomic effects. Performance declines for the full 5000 genes due to excessive noise, but remains far superior to Ridge. These results align with the theoretical advantages described in Zou (2006), where adaptive weighting improves feature selection while preserving sparsity.

## UniLasso Comparison Across Feature Sets

The uniLasso method is introduced by Chatterjee, Hastie & Tibshirani (2025) as a two-step sparse regression procedure designed for high-dimensional genomic data. The key idea is to guide multivariate Lasso using univariate signal, improving stability and reducing the chance of selecting false genes.

The uniLasso procedure works as follows: 1. Univariate Screening Step

Each gene is first fitted in a simple univariate model (gene → outcome). Its leave-one-out (LOO) predicted values are collected to form a new feature matrix of univariate scores. This step identifies genes that individually carry predictive signal and removes very weak candidates.

2. Non-negative Lasso Step A Lasso is then applied to these univariate predictions with non-negative coefficients:

$$\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \geq 0} \left\{ -l(\theta) + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \theta_j \right\}$$

The final multivariate coefficient for each gene is:

$$\tilde{\gamma}_j = \hat{\beta}_j^{\text{univ}} \hat{\theta}_j$$

```
unilasso_results <- fit_single_model_across_features(
  model_type = "unilasso"
  , X_train_all = X_train
  , X_test_all = X_test
  , Y_train = Y_train
  , Y_test = Y_test
  , n_clinical = n_clinical
  , top_genes_ranked = top_genes
  , gene_sets = c(5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, 20)
)
```

```

##
## === FITTING UNILASSO ACROSS FEATURE SETS ===
##
## Fitting Clinical_Only...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP5000...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP1000...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP500...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP100...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

```

```

## Fitting Clinical_TOP50...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP20...

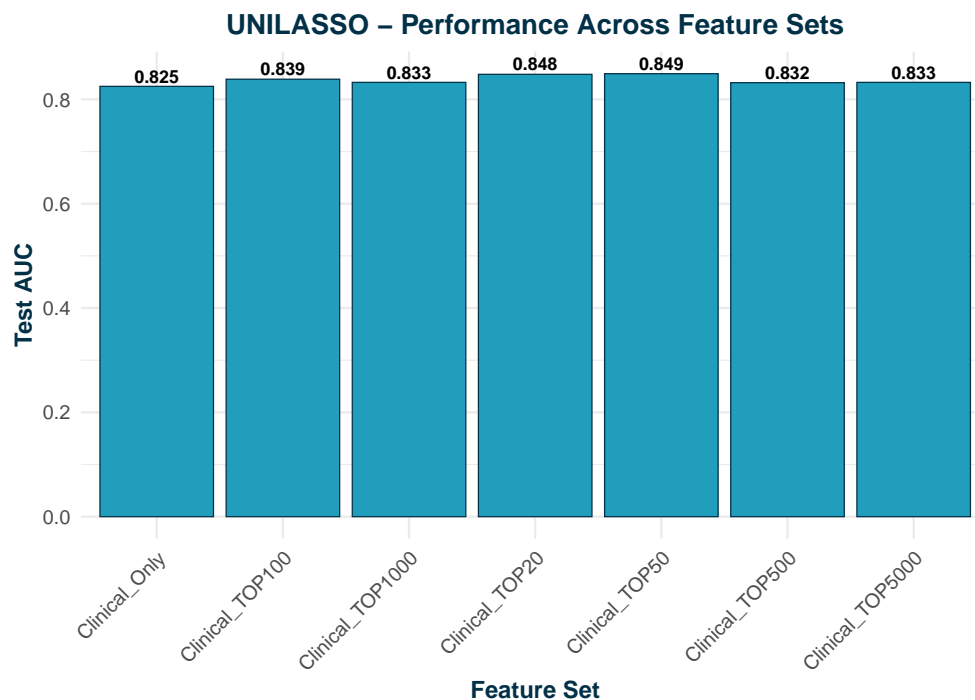
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

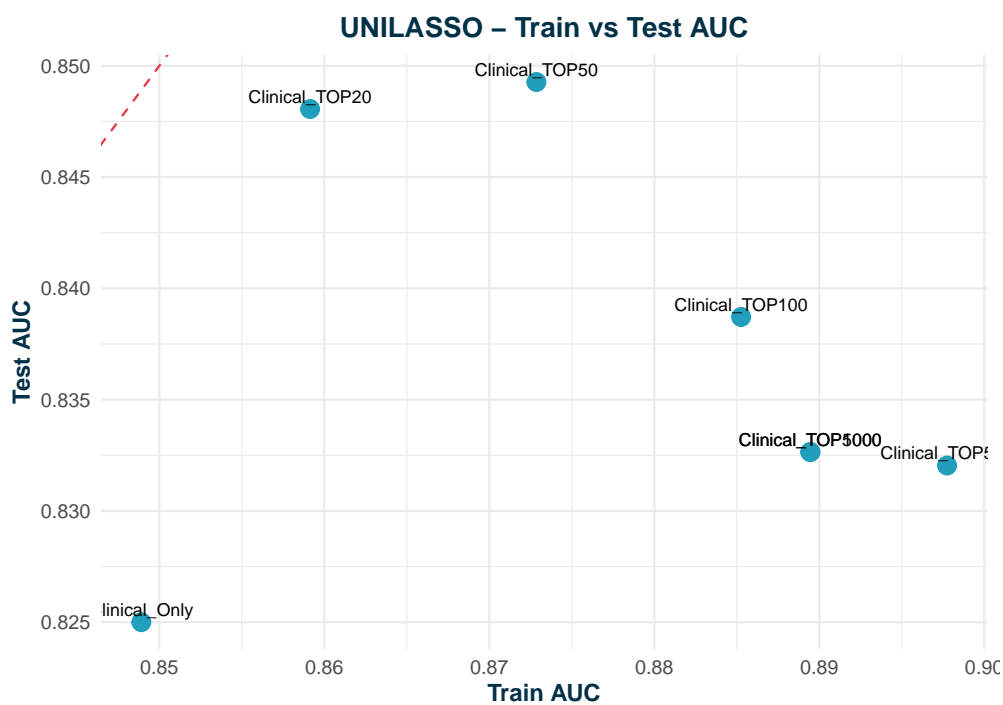
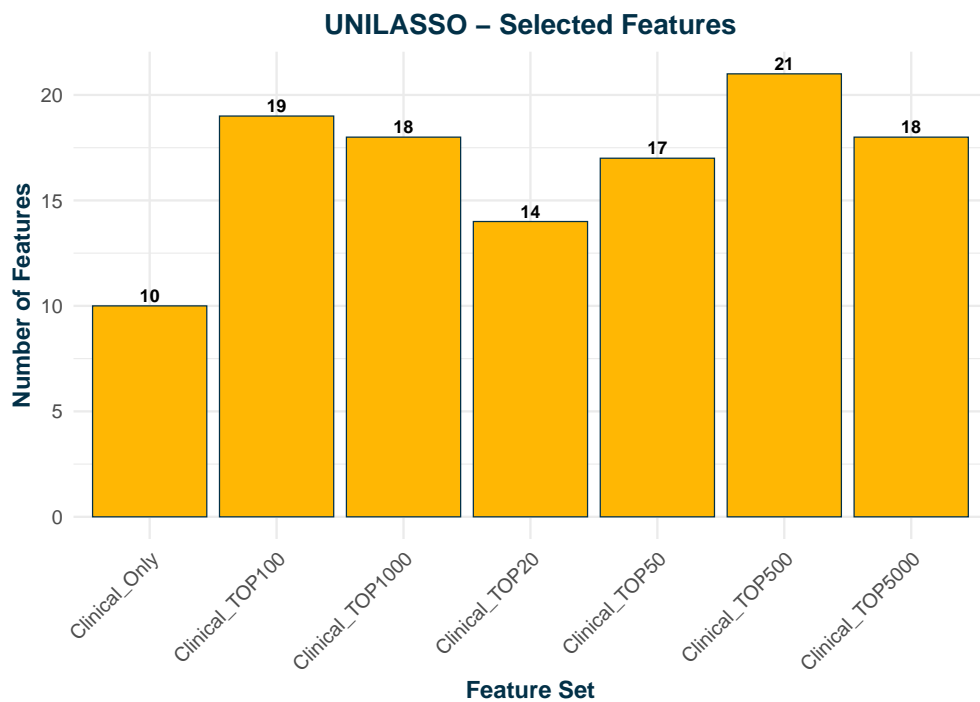
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set      Model Features Train_AUC  Test_AUC Test_Accuracy
## 1 Clinical_Only UNILASSO      10 0.8489091 0.8250000      0.9065041
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 UNILASSO      18 0.8894591 0.8326456      0.8983740
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 UNILASSO      18 0.8894591 0.8326456      0.8983740
## 4 Clinical_TOP500 UNILASSO      21 0.8977457 0.8320388      0.8983740
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 UNILASSO      19 0.8852630 0.8387136      0.8983740
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 UNILASSO      17 0.8728557 0.8492718      0.9024390
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 UNILASSO      14 0.8591353 0.8480583      0.9065041
## Exported metrics to: model_metrics/unilasso_across_features_metrics.csv

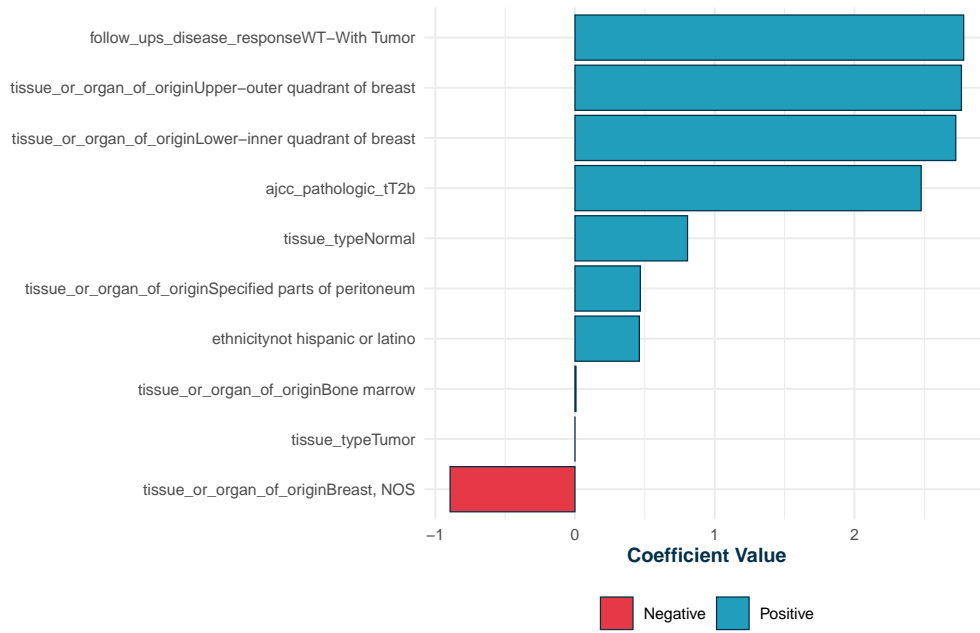
```





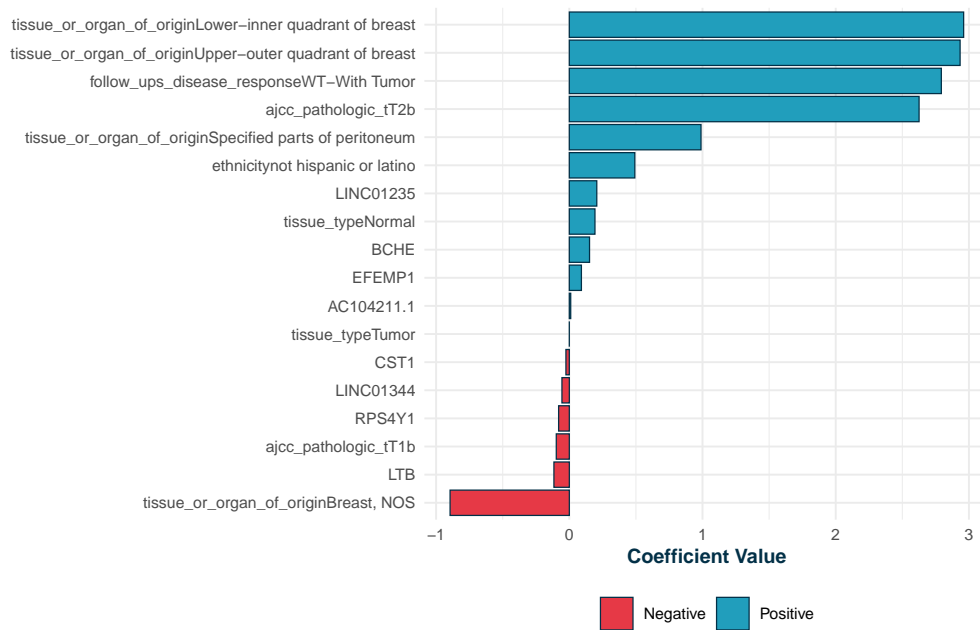
### UNILASSO – Clinical\_Only

Top 10 non-zero features



### UNILASSO – Clinical\_TOP5000

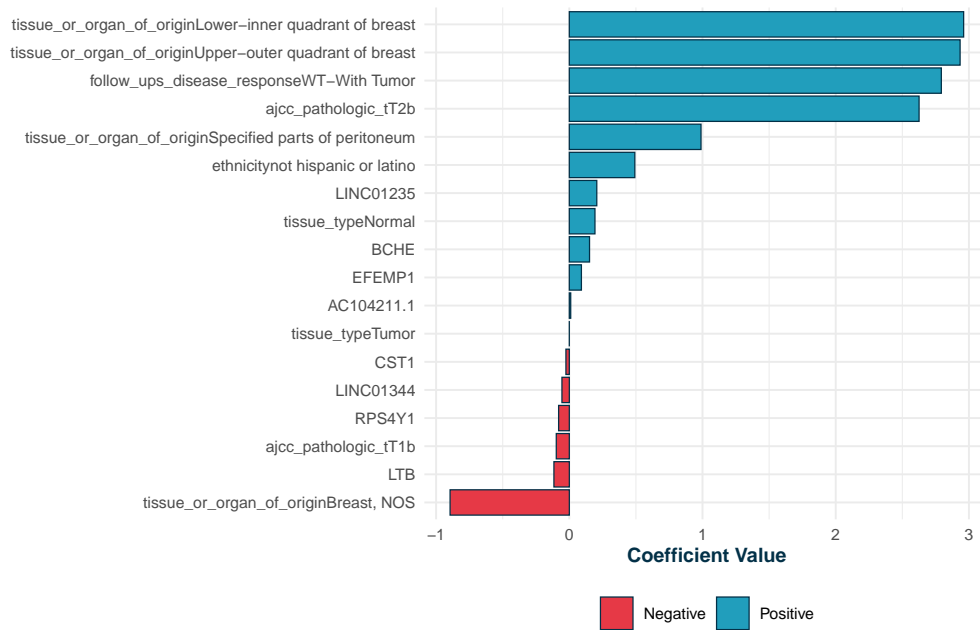
Top 18 non-zero features





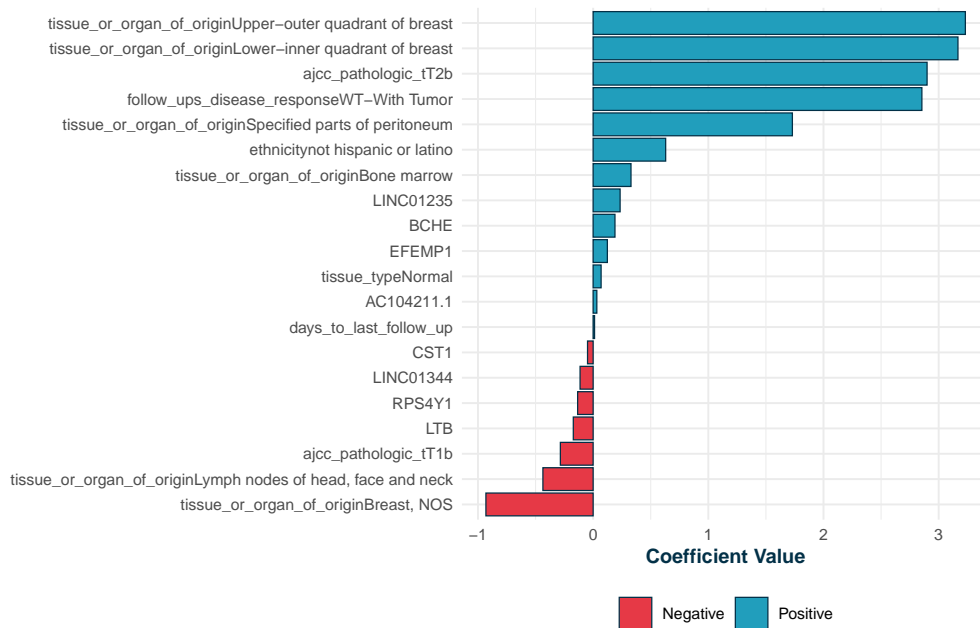
### UNILASSO – Clinical\_TOP1000

Top 18 non-zero features



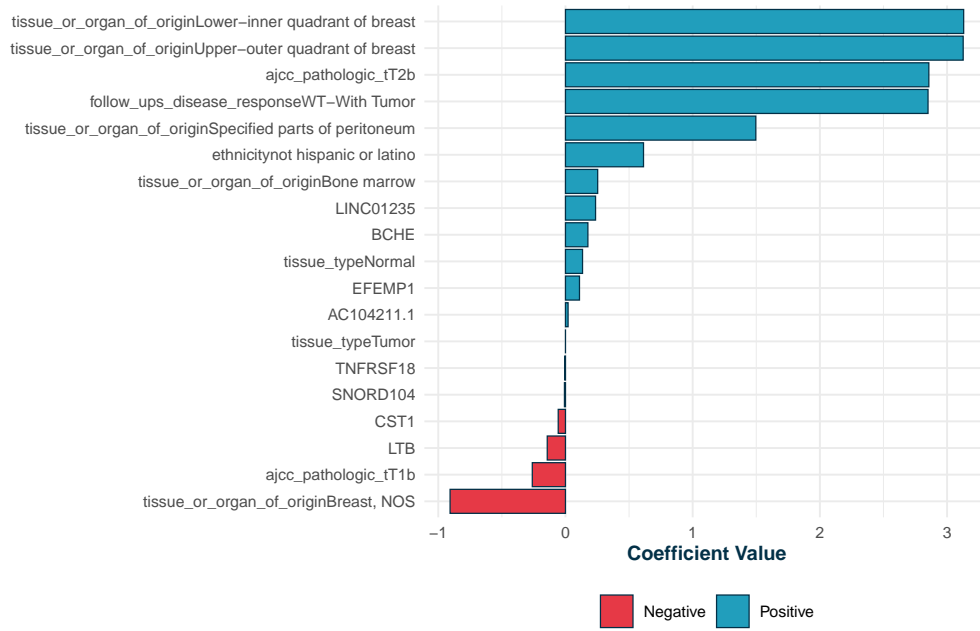
### UNILASSO – Clinical\_TOP500

Top 20 non-zero features



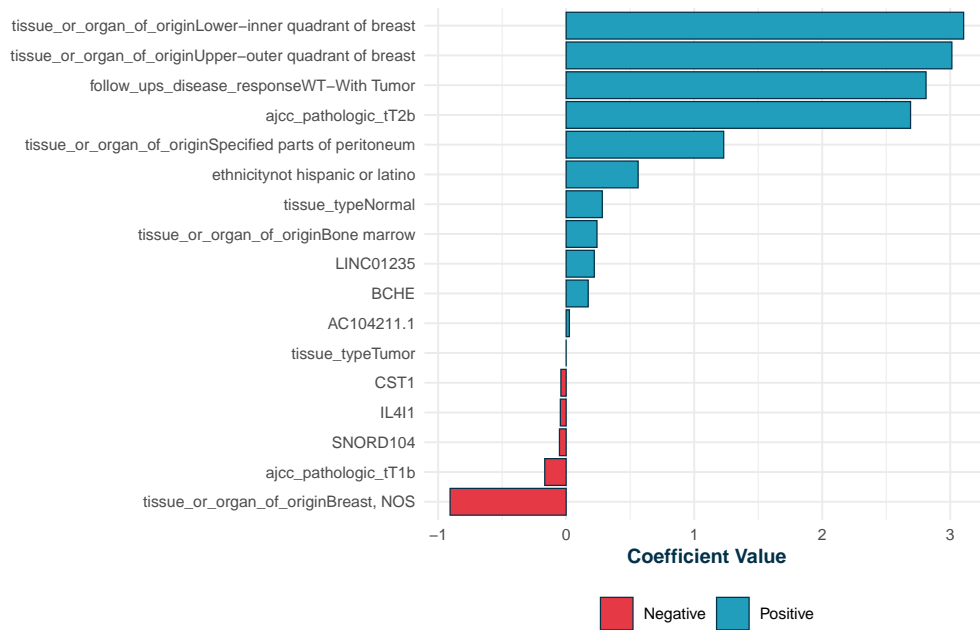
### UNILASSO – Clinical\_TOP100

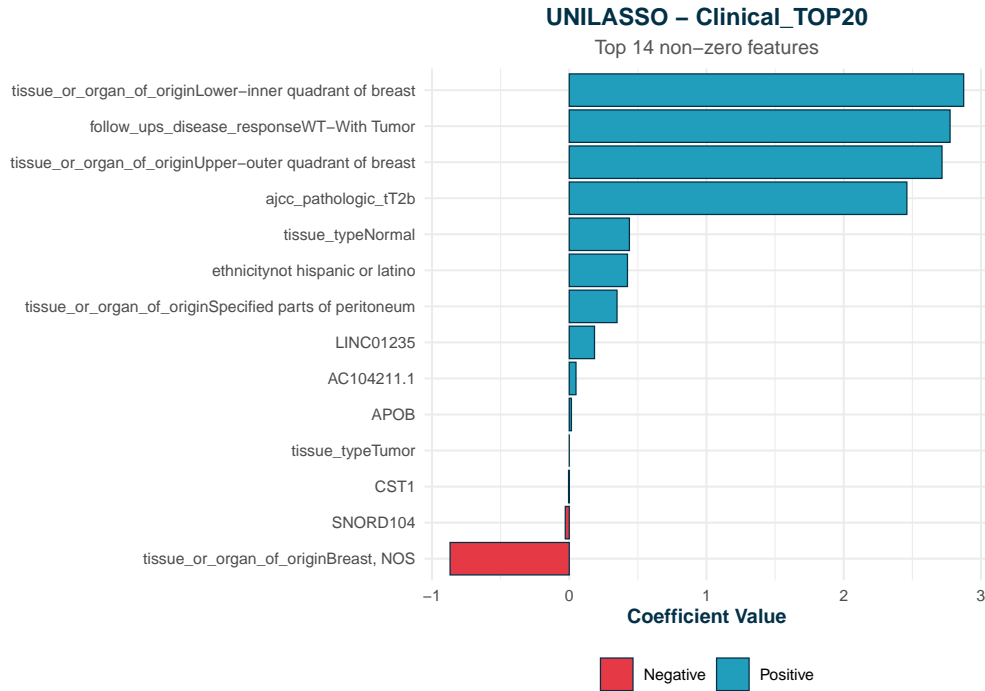
Top 19 non-zero features



### UNILASSO – Clinical\_TOP50

Top 17 non-zero features





```
unilasso_metrics <- plot_classification_metrics_single(unilasso_results
, threshold = 0.5
, csv_filename = "unilasso_classification_metrics.csv")
```

```
##
## === CLASSIFICATION METRICS ===

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_Only:
##   TP=21 TN=202 FP=4 FN=19
##   Accuracy=0.907 Precision=0.840 Recall=0.525 F1=0.646 AUC=0.825

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP5000:
##   TP=20 TN=201 FP=5 FN=20
##   Accuracy=0.898 Precision=0.800 Recall=0.500 F1=0.615 AUC=0.833

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP1000:
##   TP=20 TN=201 FP=5 FN=20
##   Accuracy=0.898 Precision=0.800 Recall=0.500 F1=0.615 AUC=0.833
```

```

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP500:
##   TP=20 TN=201 FP=5 FN=20
##   Accuracy=0.898 Precision=0.800 Recall=0.500 F1=0.615 AUC=0.832

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP100:
##   TP=20 TN=201 FP=5 FN=20
##   Accuracy=0.898 Precision=0.800 Recall=0.500 F1=0.615 AUC=0.839

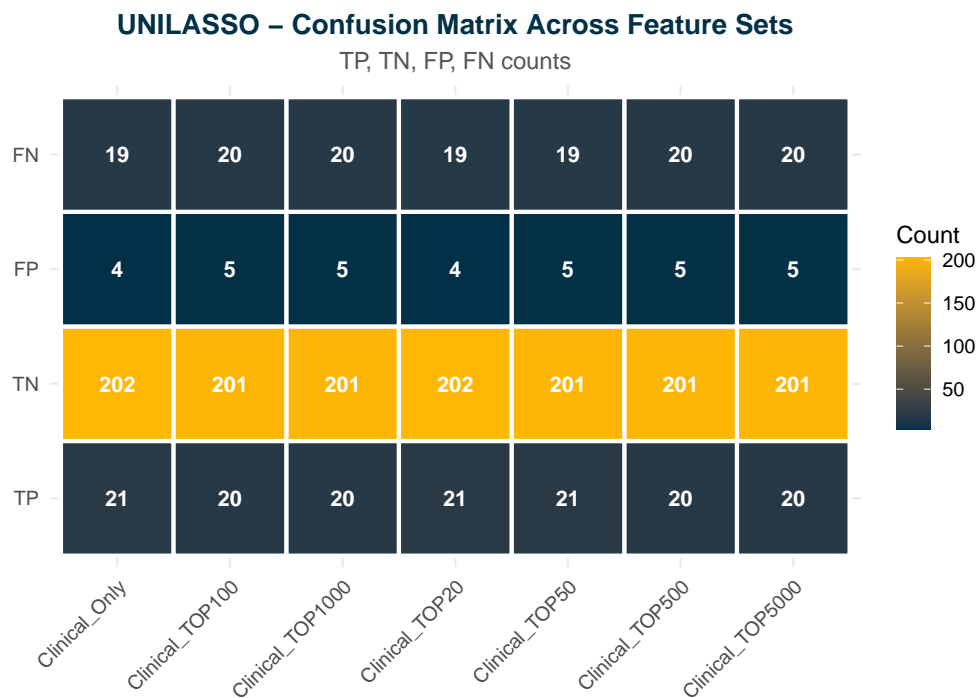
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP50:
##   TP=21 TN=201 FP=5 FN=19
##   Accuracy=0.902 Precision=0.808 Recall=0.525 F1=0.636 AUC=0.849

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

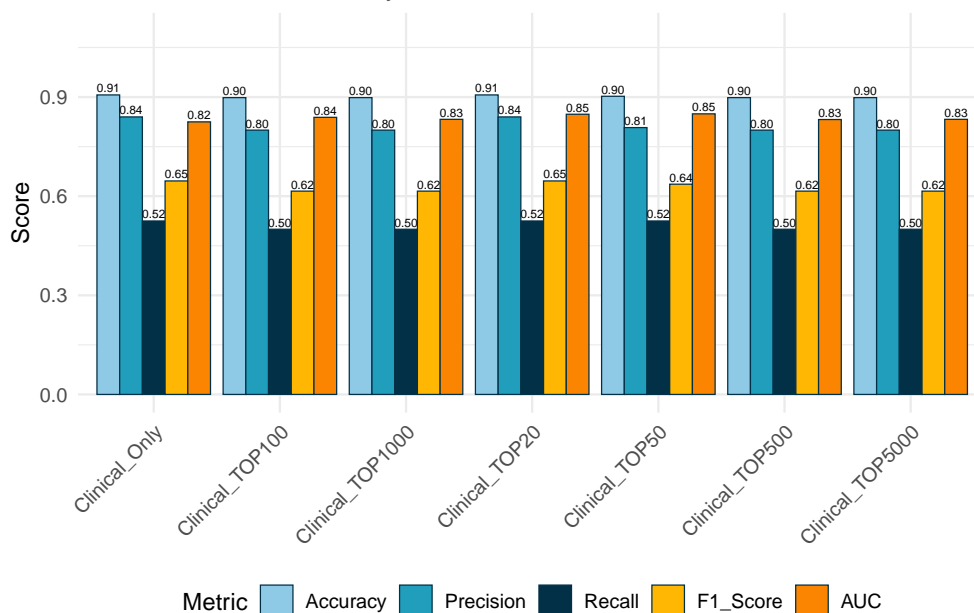
## Clinical_TOP20:
##   TP=21 TN=202 FP=4 FN=19
##   Accuracy=0.907 Precision=0.840 Recall=0.525 F1=0.646 AUC=0.848

```



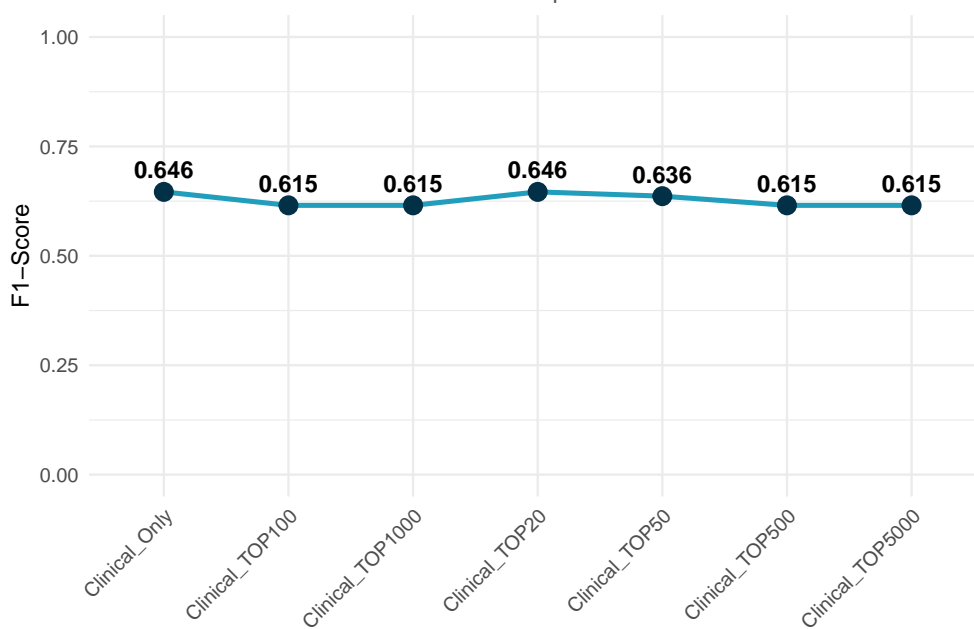
## UNILASSO – Classification Metrics

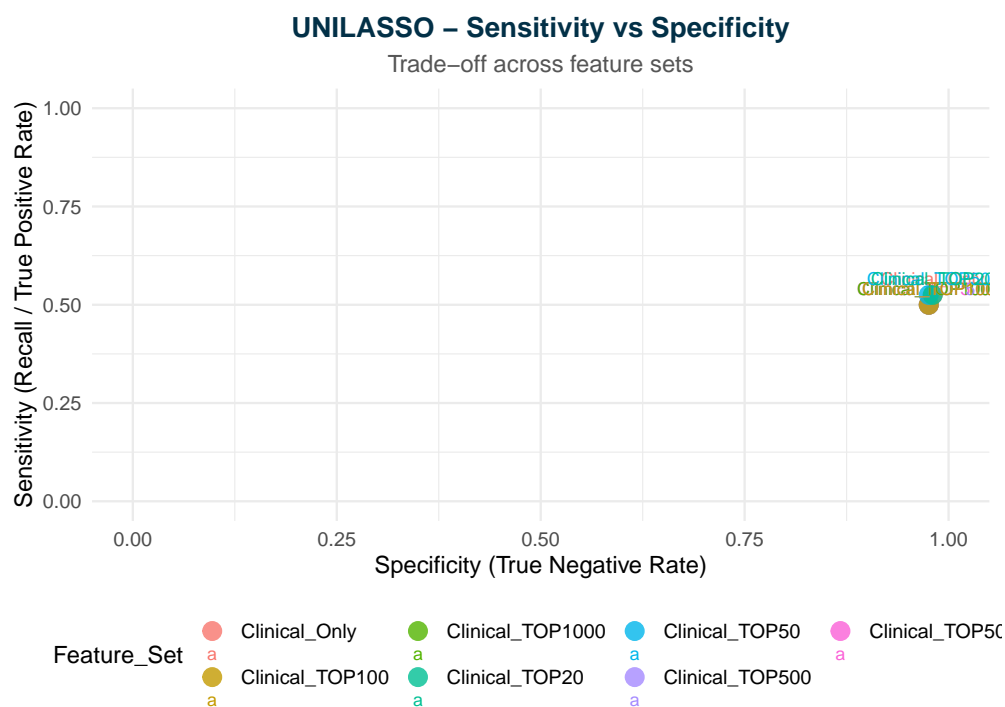
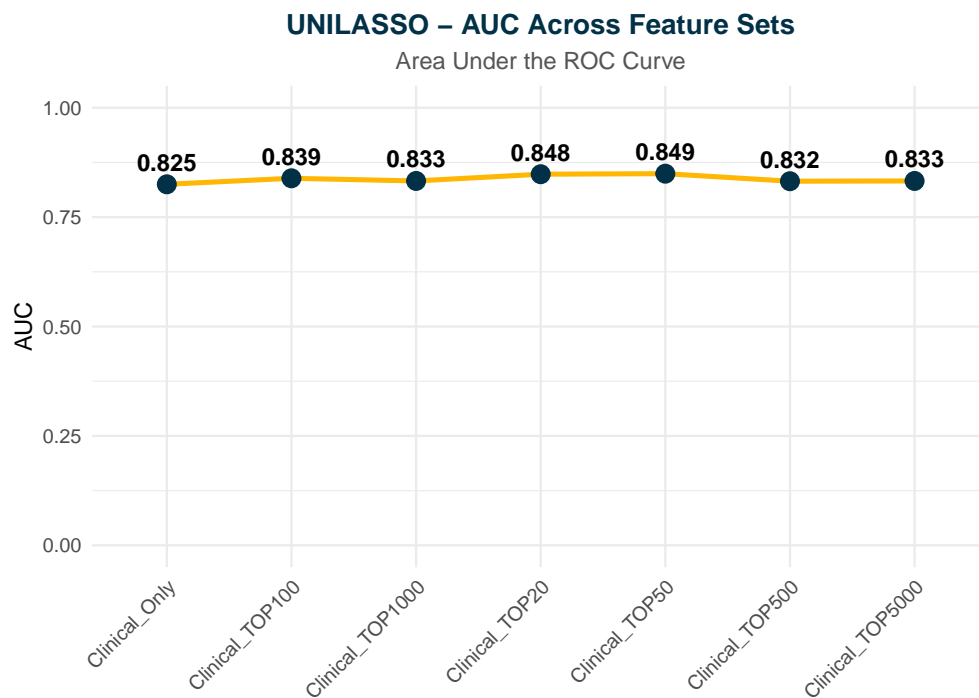
Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, AUC



## UNILASSO – F1-Score Across Feature Sets

Trend of model performance





```
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set TP  TN  FP  FN  Accuracy Precision Recall Specificity
## 1 Clinical_Only 21 202  4 19 0.9065041 0.8400000 0.525 0.9805825
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 20 201  5 20 0.8983740 0.8000000 0.500 0.9757282
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 20 201  5 20 0.8983740 0.8000000 0.500 0.9757282
## 4 Clinical_TOP500 20 201  5 20 0.8983740 0.8000000 0.500 0.9757282
```

```
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 20 201 5 20 0.8983740 0.8000000 0.500 0.9757282
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 21 201 5 19 0.9024390 0.8076923 0.525 0.9757282
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 21 202 4 19 0.9065041 0.8400000 0.525 0.9805825
## F1_Score AUC
## 1 0.6461538 0.8250000
## 2 0.6153846 0.8326456
## 3 0.6153846 0.8326456
## 4 0.6153846 0.8320388
## 5 0.6153846 0.8387136
## 6 0.6363636 0.8492718
## 7 0.6461538 0.8480583
##
## Exported classification metrics to: model_metrics/unilasso_classification_metrics.csv
```

uniLasso shows extremely stable performance across all genomic feature sets, with Test AUC consistently around 0.83–0.85 and recall values near 0.50 for nearly all models. Precision remains high (0.79–0.81), and specificity stays above 0.97. Unlike Ridge, uniLasso never collapses under high dimensionality; it consistently identifies the same core signal even when starting from 5000 genes. This reflects the intended effect of the uniLasso procedure (Chatterjee, Hastie & Tibshirani, 2025), where univariate guidance stabilizes variable selection and enforces sign consistency. The clinical-only model performs poorly because uniLasso relies on univariate ranking across many features, which is only meaningful in the genomic setting.

## ElasticNet Comparison Across Feature Sets

Elastic Net combines the strengths of both Ridge (L2) and Lasso (L1) penalties, making it well-suited for datasets with correlated gene groups, which is typical in transcriptomic data. Its estimator solves:

$$\hat{\beta} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \{-l(\beta) + \lambda(\alpha\|\beta\|_1) + (1 - \alpha)\|\beta\|_2^2\}$$

Where

- $\alpha = 1$  is Lasso
- $\alpha = 0$  is Ridge
- $0 < \alpha < 1$  is Elastic Mixed model

```
elasticnet_results <- fit_single_model_across_features(
  model_type = "elasticnet"
  , X_train_all = X_train
  , X_test_all = X_test
  , Y_train = Y_train
  , Y_test = Y_test
  , n_clinical = n_clinical
  , top_genes_ranked = top_genes
  , gene_sets = c(5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, 20)
)
```

```
##
## === FITTING ELASTICNET ACROSS FEATURE SETS ===
##
## Fitting Clinical_Only...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
```

```

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP5000...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP1000...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP500...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP100...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP50...

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

```



```

## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Fitting Clinical_TOP20...

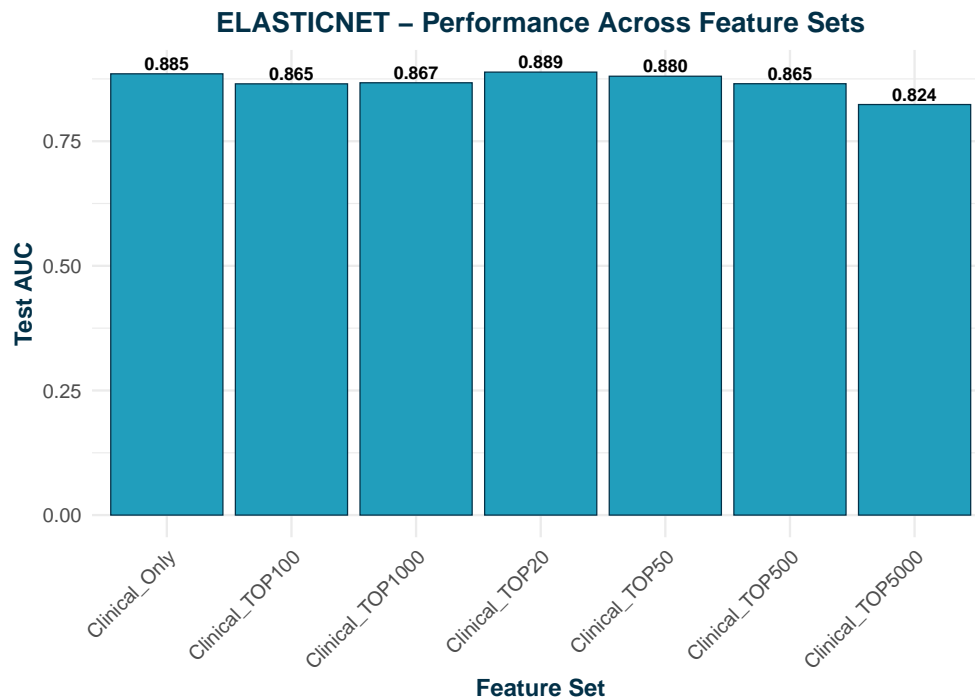
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

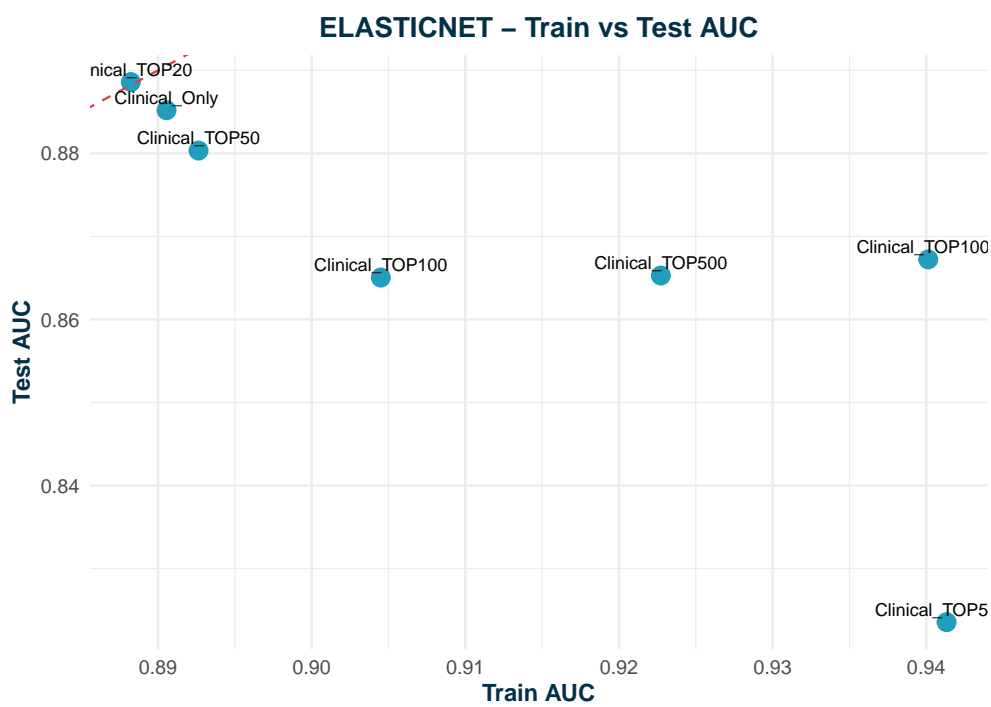
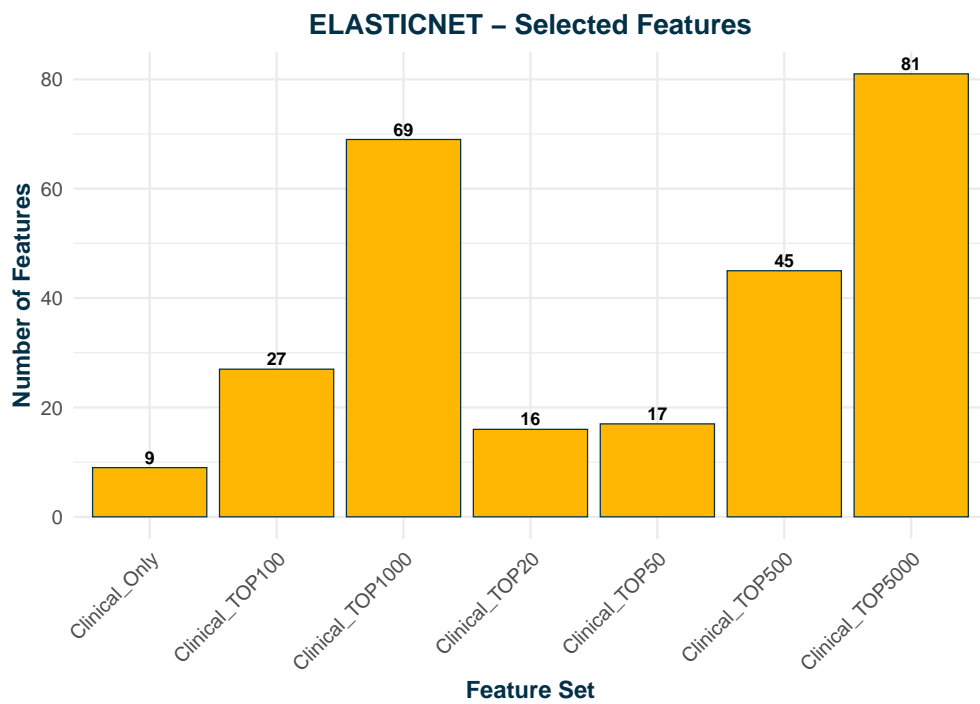
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1

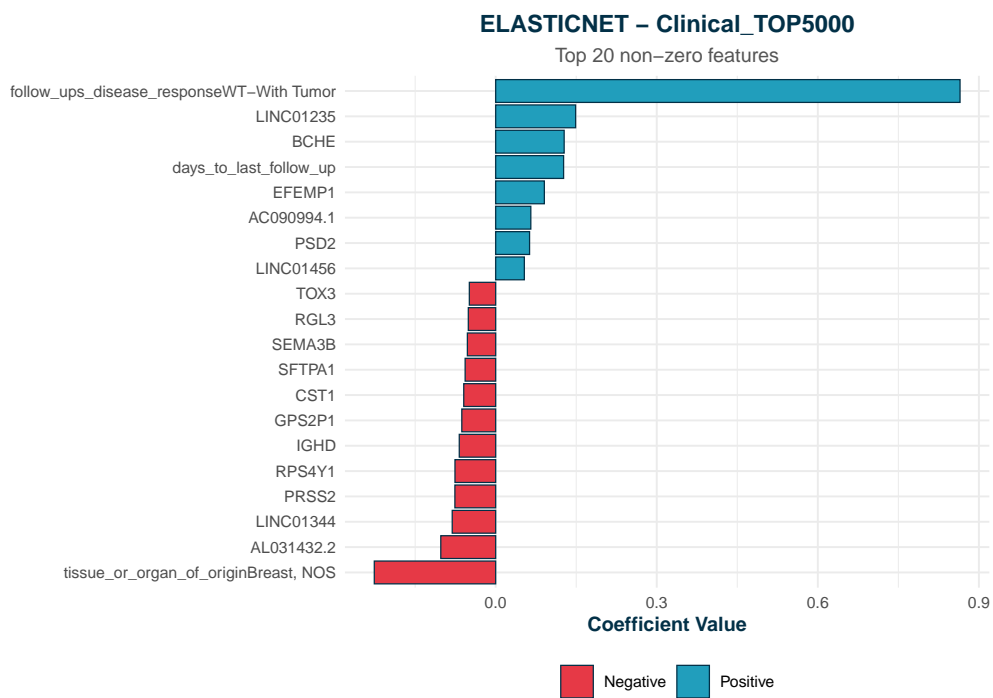
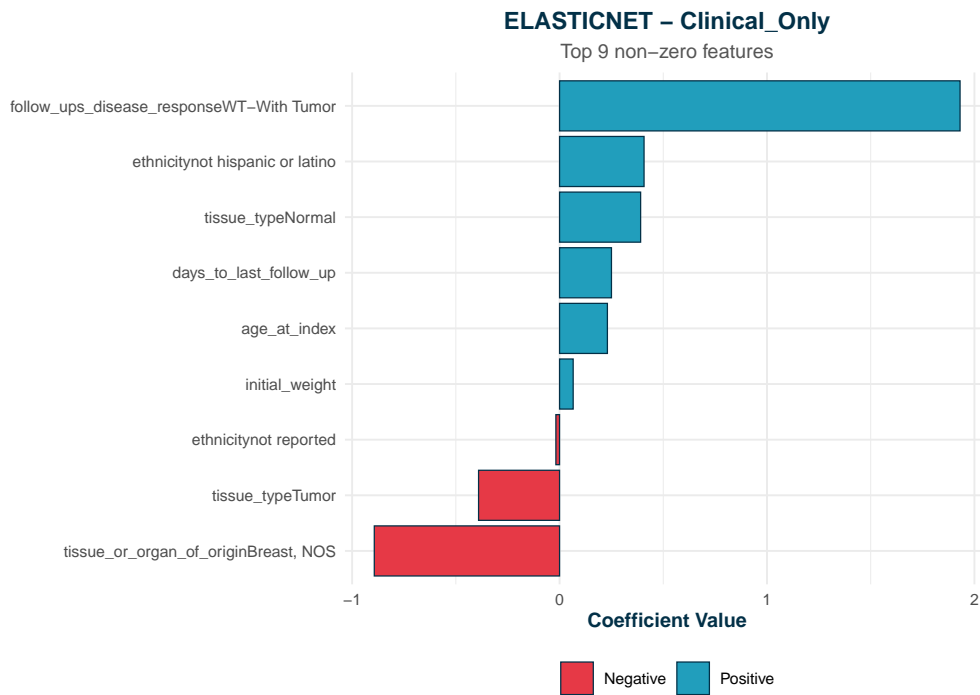
## Setting direction: controls < cases

##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set      Model Features Train_AUC  Test_AUC Test_Accuracy
## 1   Clinical_Only ELASTICNET      9 0.8905534 0.8851942    0.8658537
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 ELASTICNET     81 0.9413221 0.8235437    0.8414634
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 ELASTICNET     69 0.9401297 0.8672330    0.8536585
## 4  Clinical_TOP500 ELASTICNET     45 0.9227263 0.8652913    0.8699187
## 5  Clinical_TOP100 ELASTICNET     27 0.9045003 0.8650485    0.8821138
## 6   Clinical_TOP50 ELASTICNET     17 0.8926364 0.8803398    0.8780488
## 7   Clinical_TOP20 ELASTICNET     16 0.8882289 0.8885922    0.8861789
## Exported metrics to: model_metrics/elasticnet_across_features_metrics.csv

```







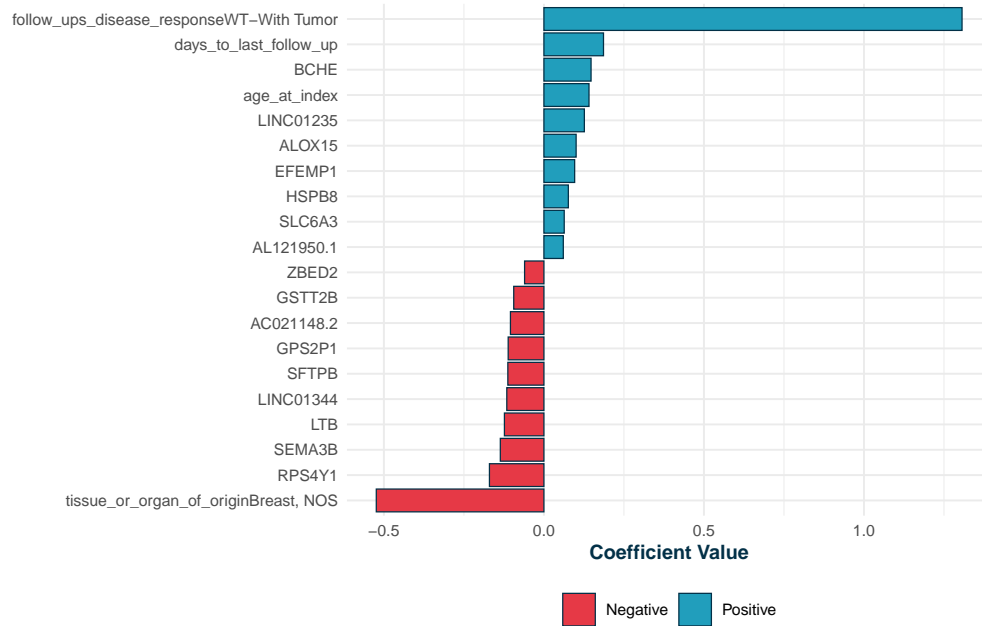
### ELASTICNET – Clinical\_TOP1000

Top 20 non-zero features



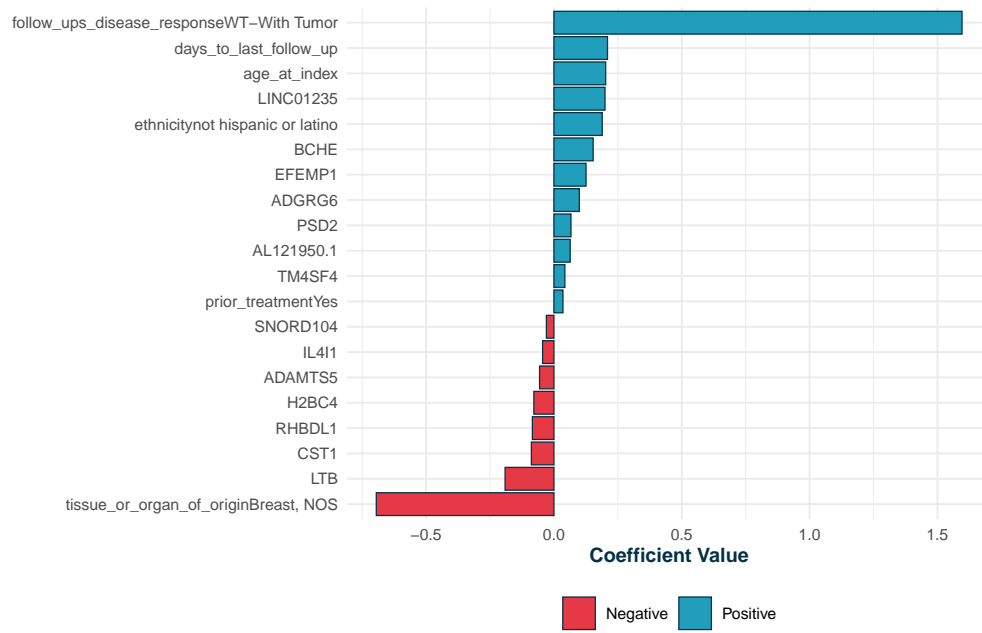
### ELASTICNET – Clinical\_TOP500

Top 20 non-zero features



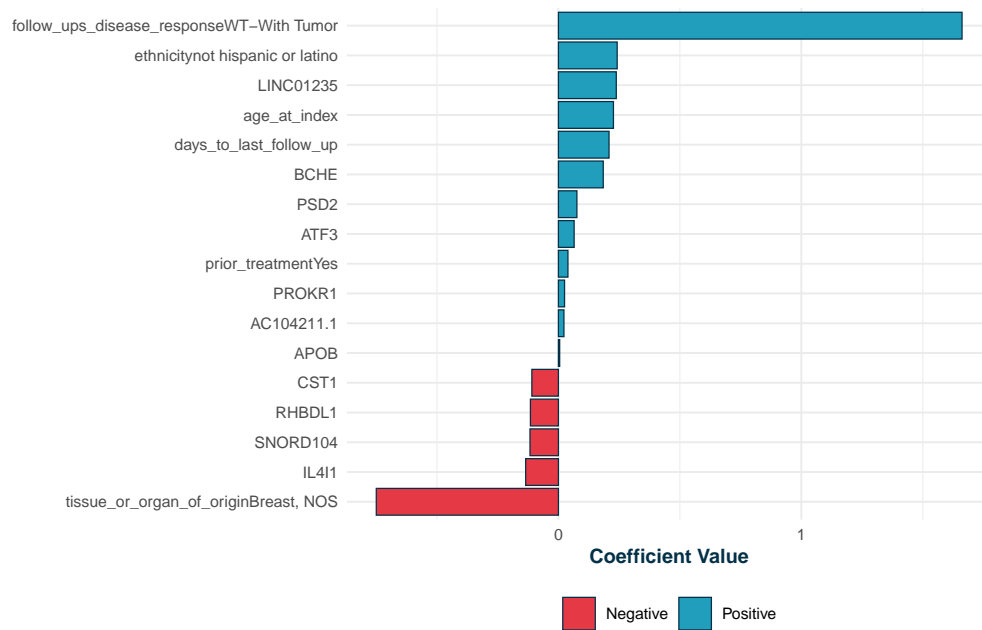
### ELASTICNET – Clinical\_TOP100

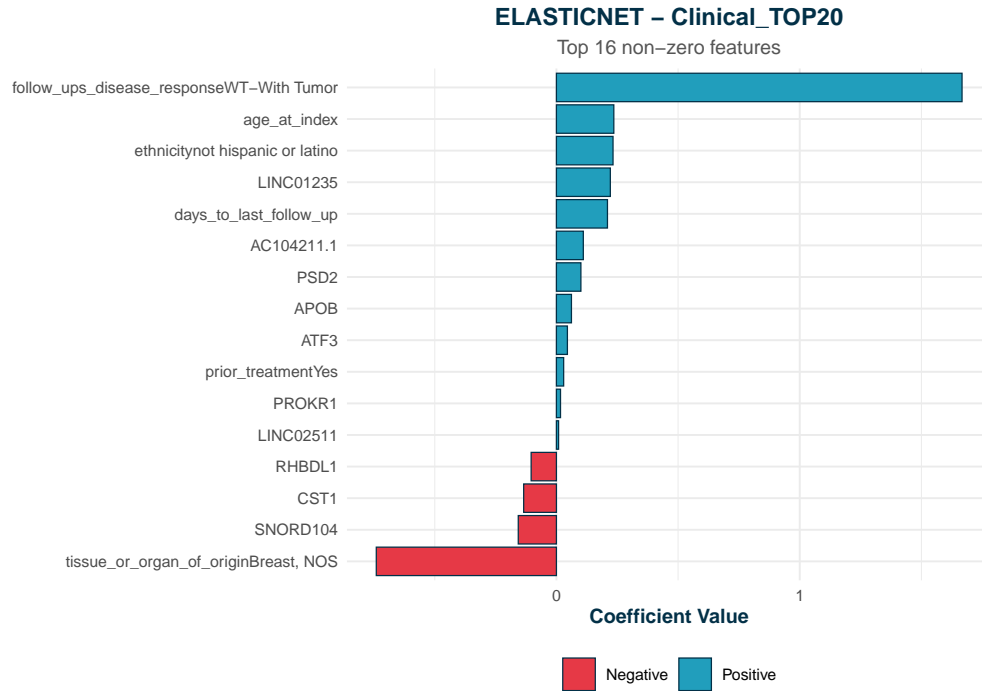
Top 20 non-zero features



### ELASTICNET – Clinical\_TOP50

Top 17 non-zero features





```
elasticnet_metrics <- plot_classification_metrics_single(elasticnet_results
, threshold = 0.5
, csv_filename = "elasticnet_classification_me
```

```
##
## === CLASSIFICATION METRICS ===

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_Only:
##   TP=10 TN=203 FP=3 FN=30
##   Accuracy=0.866 Precision=0.769 Recall=0.250 F1=0.377 AUC=0.885

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP5000:
##   TP=2 TN=205 FP=1 FN=38
##   Accuracy=0.841 Precision=0.667 Recall=0.050 F1=0.093 AUC=0.824

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP1000:
##   TP=5 TN=205 FP=1 FN=35
##   Accuracy=0.854 Precision=0.833 Recall=0.125 F1=0.217 AUC=0.867
```

```

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP500:
##   TP=9 TN=205 FP=1 FN=31
##   Accuracy=0.870 Precision=0.900 Recall=0.225 F1=0.360 AUC=0.865

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP100:
##   TP=12 TN=205 FP=1 FN=28
##   Accuracy=0.882 Precision=0.923 Recall=0.300 F1=0.453 AUC=0.865

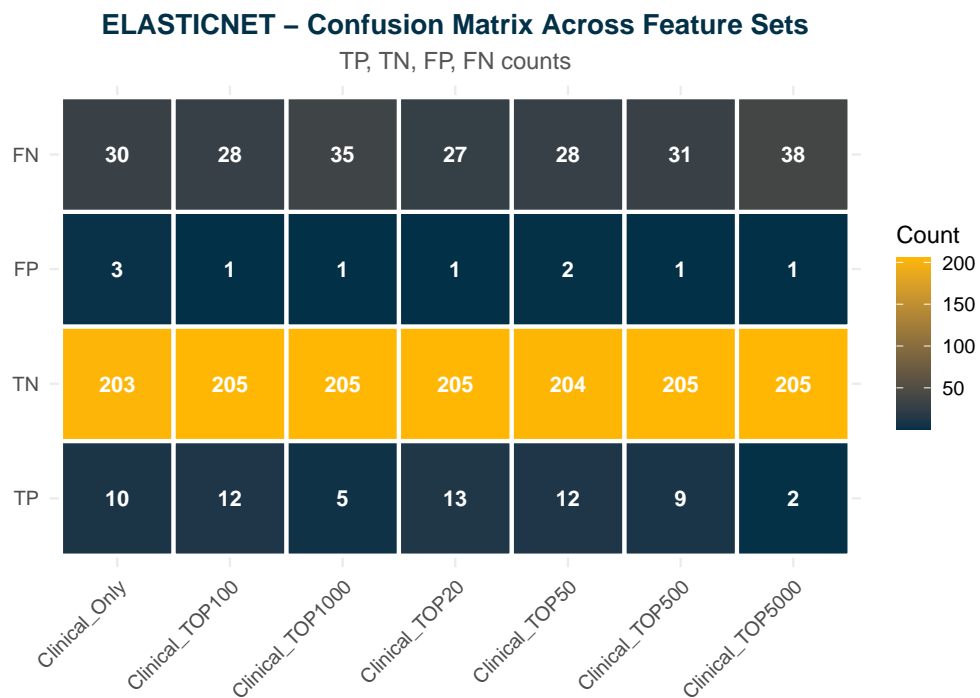
## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

## Clinical_TOP50:
##   TP=12 TN=204 FP=2 FN=28
##   Accuracy=0.878 Precision=0.857 Recall=0.300 F1=0.444 AUC=0.880

## Setting levels: control = 0, case = 1
## Setting direction: controls < cases

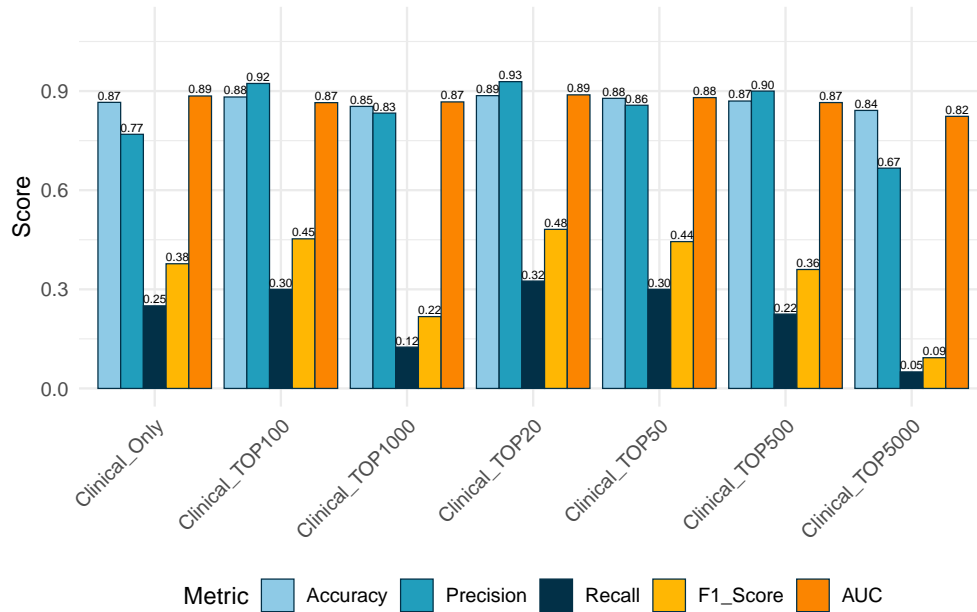
## Clinical_TOP20:
##   TP=13 TN=205 FP=1 FN=27
##   Accuracy=0.886 Precision=0.929 Recall=0.325 F1=0.481 AUC=0.889

```



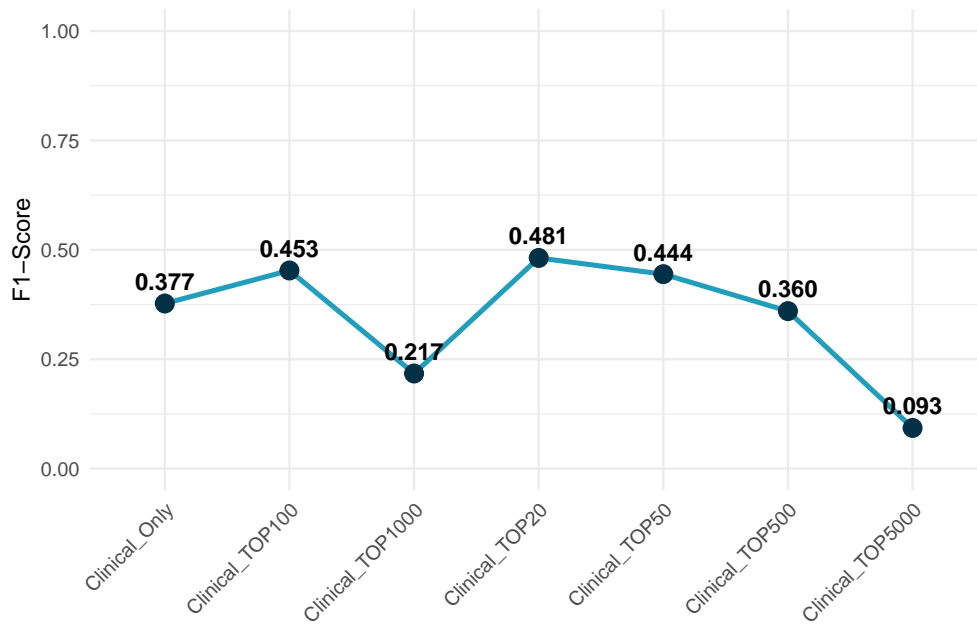
## ELASTICNET – Classification Metrics

Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, AUC

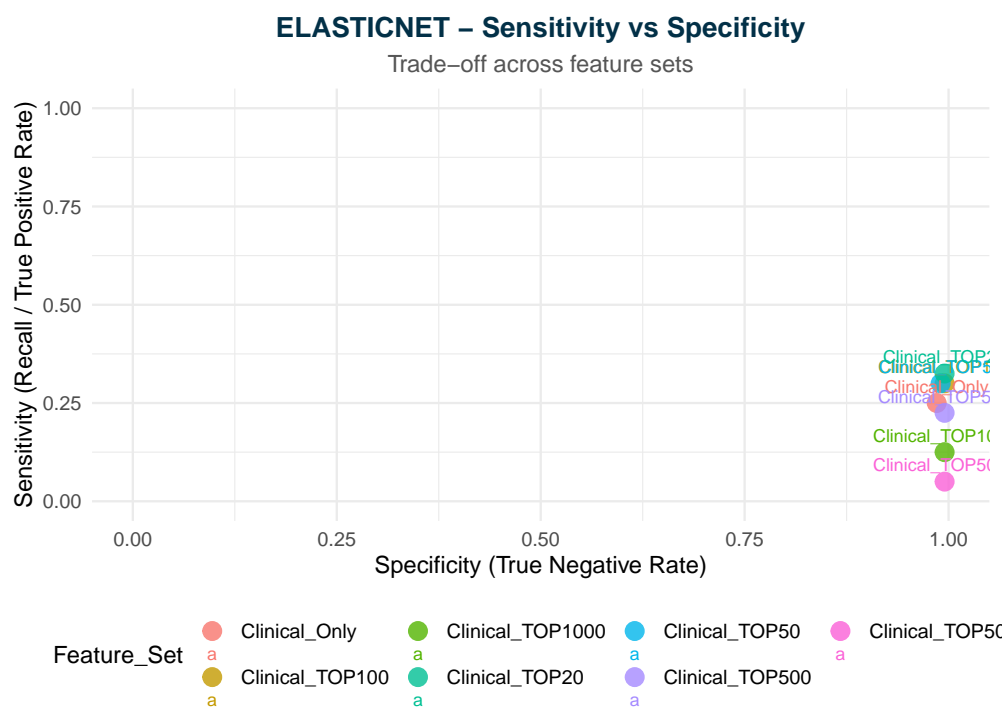
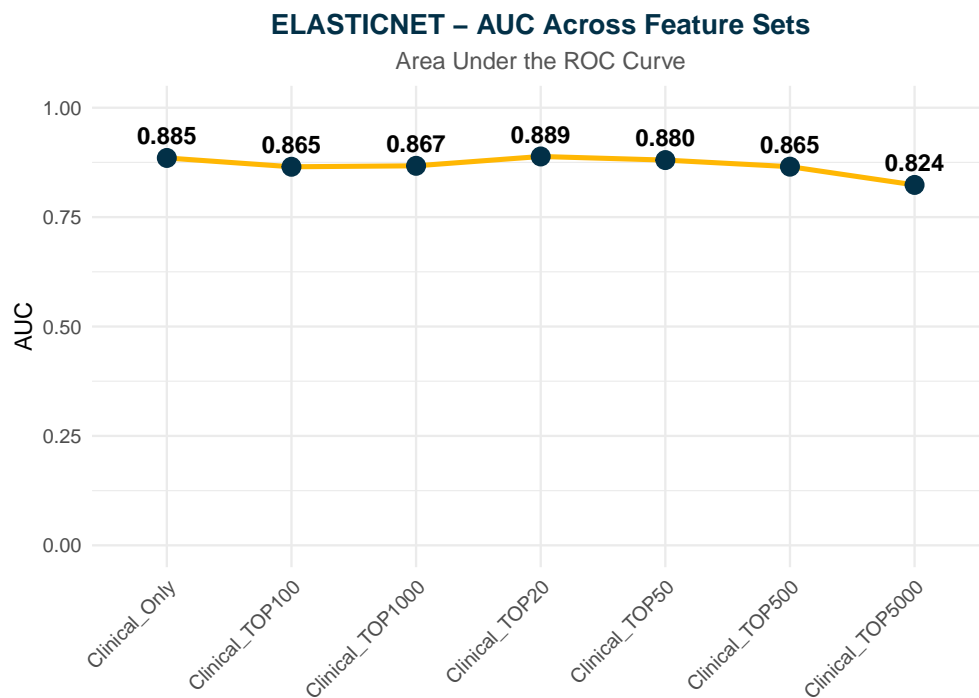


## ELASTICNET – F1-Score Across Feature Sets

Trend of model performance







```
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set TP  TN  FP  FN  Accuracy Precision Recall Specificity
## 1 Clinical_Only 10 203  3 30 0.8658537 0.7692308 0.250 0.9854369
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 2 205  1 38 0.8414634 0.6666667 0.050 0.9951456
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 5 205  1 35 0.8536585 0.8333333 0.125 0.9951456
## 4 Clinical_TOP500 9 205  1 31 0.8699187 0.9000000 0.225 0.9951456
```

```
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 12 205 1 28 0.8821138 0.9230769 0.300 0.9951456
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 12 204 2 28 0.8780488 0.8571429 0.300 0.9902913
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 13 205 1 27 0.8861789 0.9285714 0.325 0.9951456
## F1_Score AUC
## 1 0.37735849 0.8851942
## 2 0.09302326 0.8235437
## 3 0.21739130 0.8672330
## 4 0.36000000 0.8652913
## 5 0.45283019 0.8650485
## 6 0.44444444 0.8803398
## 7 0.48148148 0.8885922
##
## Exported classification metrics to: model_metrics/elasticnet_classification_metrics.csv
```

Elastic Net achieves consistently strong performance across all medium-sized gene sets, with test AUC values in the 0.86–0.89 range. It improves stability over Lasso when correlated genes are present and avoids the total collapse seen in Ridge when dimensionality is high. Precision is consistently high, while recall remains low but stable, reflecting conservative predictions in an imbalanced dataset. Elastic Net works best for gene subsets between 20 and 1000 genes, where it captures correlated genomic structure without being overwhelmed by noise.

## Class Imbalance Handling with SMOTE

Current imbalance ratio: 5.12:1 (Alive:Dead)

Problem observed in baseline models: - Ridge: Recall = 0.00-0.27 (missing 73-100% of Dead patients) - Models biased toward majority class (Alive) - High Specificity (99%) but very low Recall (22%) - Clinical\_TOP5000: Predicts 0 Dead patients (completely fails)

Why SMOTE: - Creates synthetic minority class samples (Dead patients) - Balances training data to ~1:1 ratio - Forces models to learn Dead patient patterns - No data loss (vs downsampling) - Prevents overfitting (vs simple upsampling)

Expected improvements: - Recall: 0.22 -> 0.50-0.70 (detect more Dead patients) - F1-Score: 0.36 -> 0.50+ (better balance) - Trade-off: Specificity may drop from 99% to 85-90% (acceptable)

Models selected for SMOTE testing: 1. Ridge - worst Recall performance, needs urgent fix 2. Lasso - feature selection sensitive to imbalance 3. ElasticNet - combination of L1/L2, middle priority

```
cat("=== CLASS IMBALANCE ANALYSIS ===\n")
```

```
## === CLASS IMBALANCE ANALYSIS ===
```

```
cat("Training set imbalance:\n")
```

```
## Training set imbalance:
```

```
cat(" Alive:", sum(Y_train == 0), sprintf("%.1f%%)\n", 100 * sum(Y_train == 0) / length(Y_train)))
```

```
## Alive: 823 (83.6%)
```

```
cat("  Dead:", sum(Y_train == 1), sprintf("%.1f%%\n", 100 * sum(Y_train == 1) / length(Y_train)))
```

```
##  Dead: 161 (16.4%)
```

```
cat("  Ratio:", sprintf("%.2f:1\n", sum(Y_train == 0) / sum(Y_train == 1)))
```

```
##  Ratio: 5.11:1
```

```
smote_data <- apply_smote(X_train, Y_train, k = 5)
```

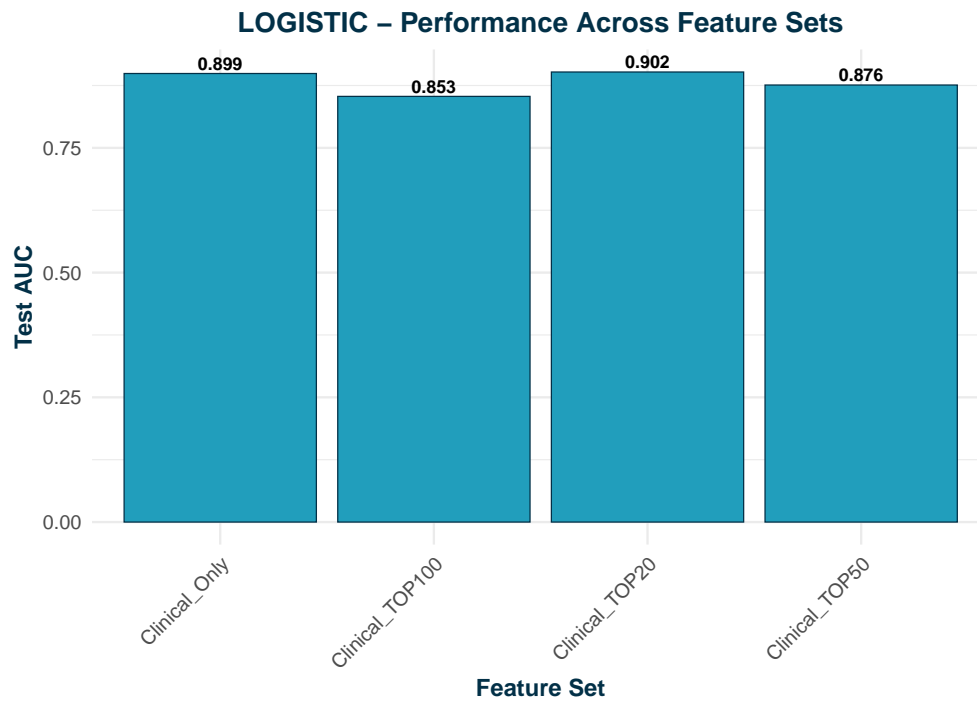
```
##  
## === APPLYING SMOTE ===  
## Before SMOTE:  
##   Alive (0): 823  
##   Dead (1): 161  
##   Ratio: 5.11 :1  
##  
## After SMOTE:  
##   Alive (0): 823  
##   Dead (1): 805  
##   Ratio: 1.02 :1  
##   Total samples: 1628
```

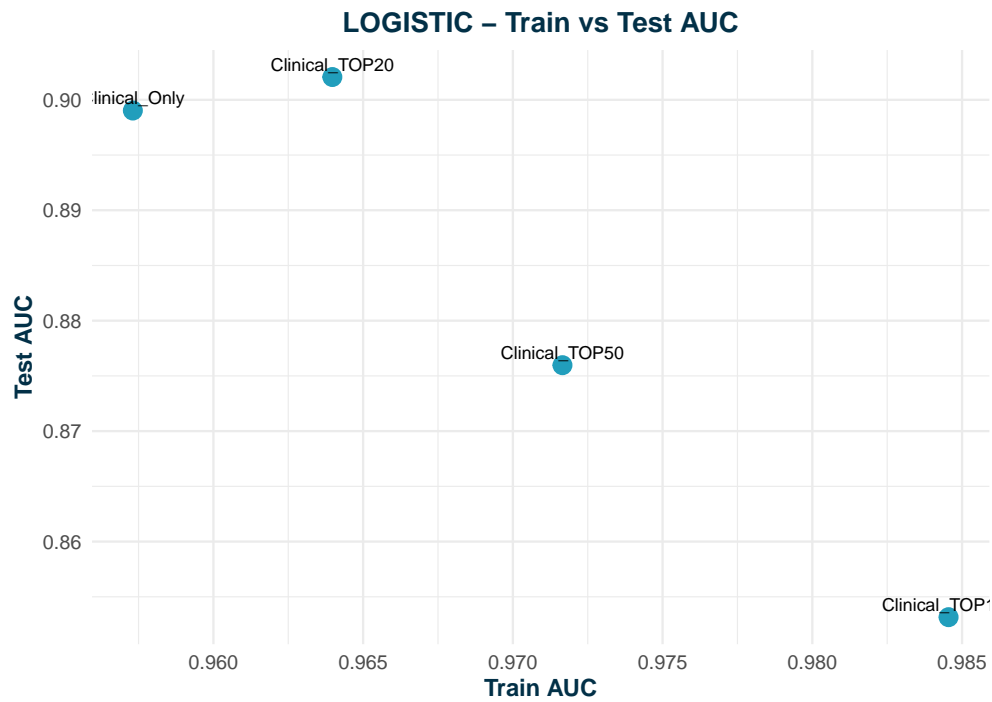
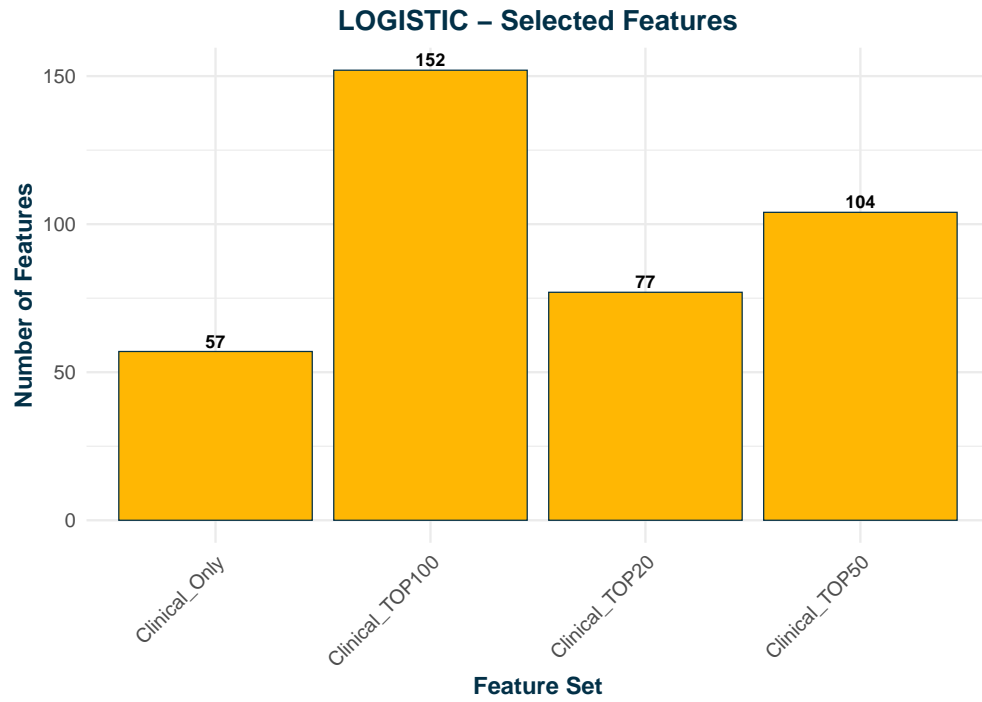
## Logistic with SMOTE

```
logistic_smote <- fit_single_model_across_features(  
  model_type = "logistic"  
  , X_train_all = smote_data$X_train  
  , X_test_all = X_test  
  , Y_train = smote_data$Y_train  
  , Y_test = Y_test  
  , n_clinical = n_clinical  
  , top_genes_ranked = top_genes  
  , gene_sets = c(100, 50, 20)  
)
```

```
##  
## === FITTING LOGISTIC ACROSS FEATURE SETS ===  
##  
## Fitting Clinical_Only...  
  
## Fitting Clinical_TOP100...  
  
## Fitting Clinical_TOP50...  
  
## Fitting Clinical_TOP20...
```

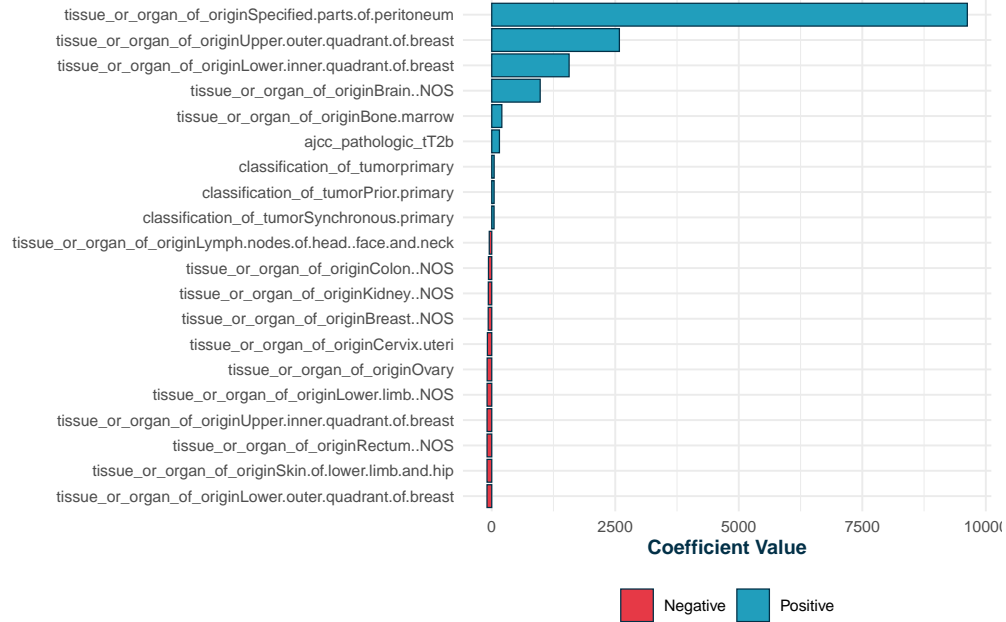
```
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set      Model Features Train_AUC  Test_AUC Test_Accuracy
## 1  Clinical_Only LOGISTIC      57 0.9573096 0.8990291    0.8821138
## 2 Clinical_TOP100 LOGISTIC     152 0.9845498 0.8531553    0.8373984
## 3  Clinical_TOP50 LOGISTIC     104 0.9716565 0.8759709    0.8617886
## 4  Clinical_TOP20 LOGISTIC      77 0.9639721 0.9020631    0.8943089
## Exported metrics to: model_metrics/logistic_across_features_metrics.csv
```





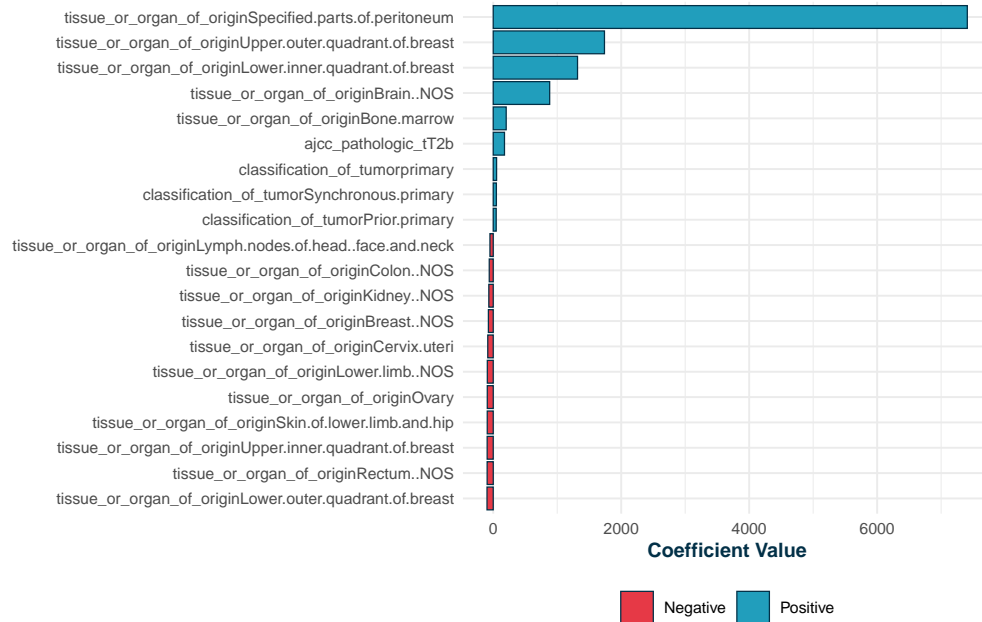
### LOGISTIC – Clinical\_Only

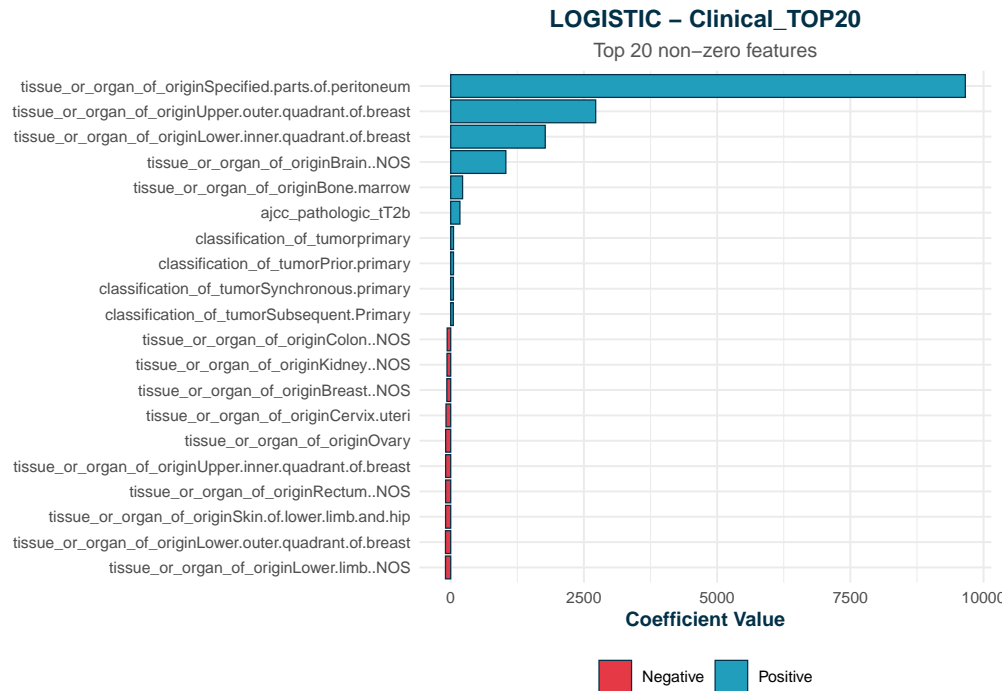
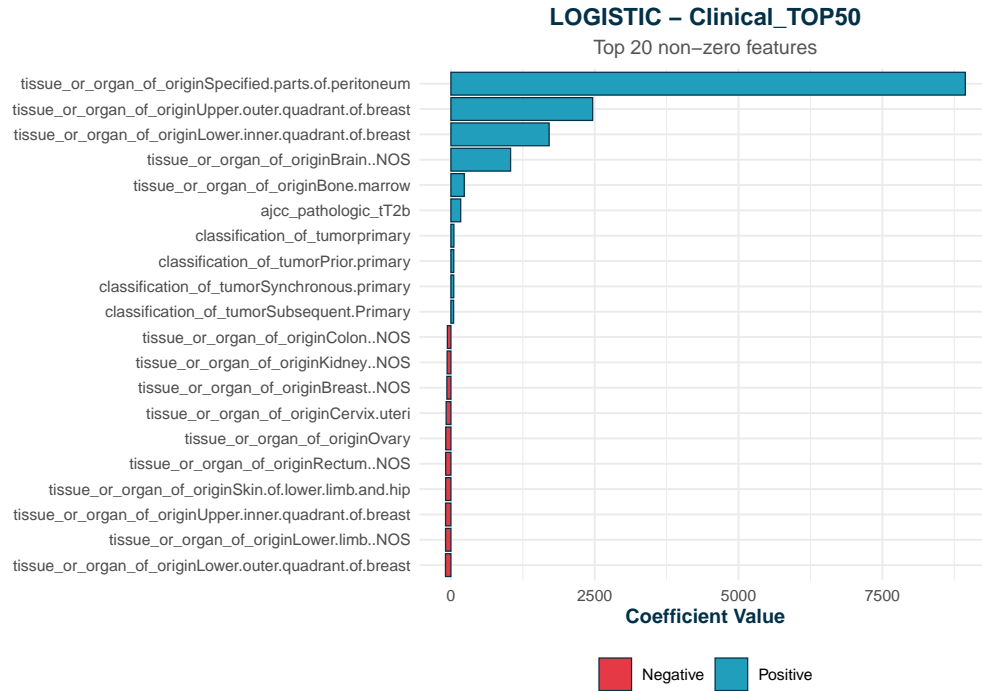
Top 20 non-zero features



### LOGISTIC – Clinical\_TOP100

Top 20 non-zero features





```
logistic_smote_metrics <- plot_classification_metrics_single(logistic_smote
, threshold = 0.5
, csv_filename = "logistic_smote_classification_metrics.csv")
```

```
##
## === CLASSIFICATION METRICS ===
```

```

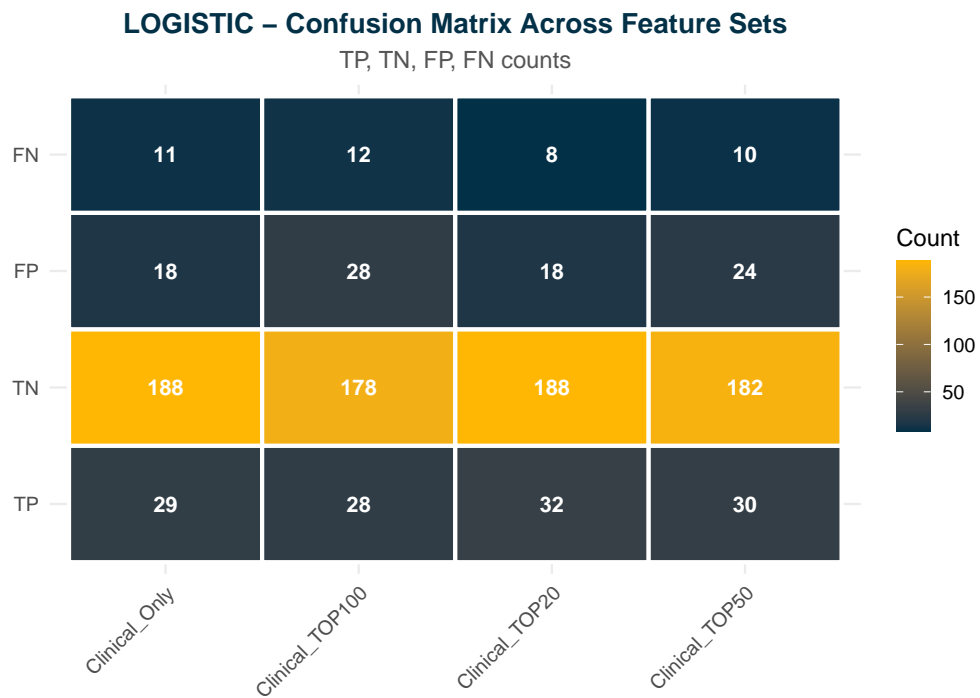
## Clinical_Only:
##   TP=29 TN=188 FP=18 FN=11
##   Accuracy=0.882 Precision=0.617 Recall=0.725 F1=0.667 AUC=0.899

## Clinical_TOP100:
##   TP=28 TN=178 FP=28 FN=12
##   Accuracy=0.837 Precision=0.500 Recall=0.700 F1=0.583 AUC=0.853

## Clinical_TOP50:
##   TP=30 TN=182 FP=24 FN=10
##   Accuracy=0.862 Precision=0.556 Recall=0.750 F1=0.638 AUC=0.876

## Clinical_TOP20:
##   TP=32 TN=188 FP=18 FN=8
##   Accuracy=0.894 Precision=0.640 Recall=0.800 F1=0.711 AUC=0.902

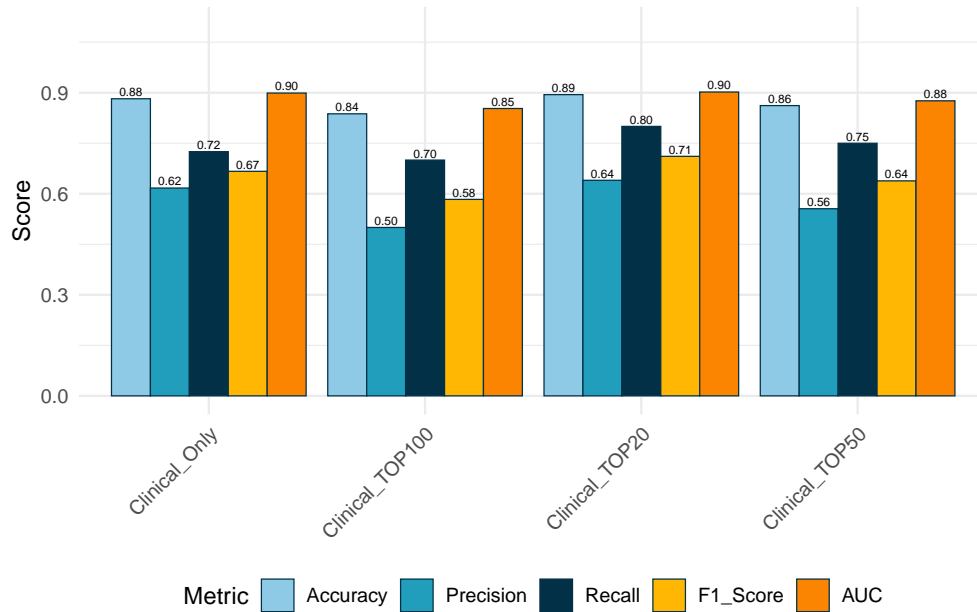
```





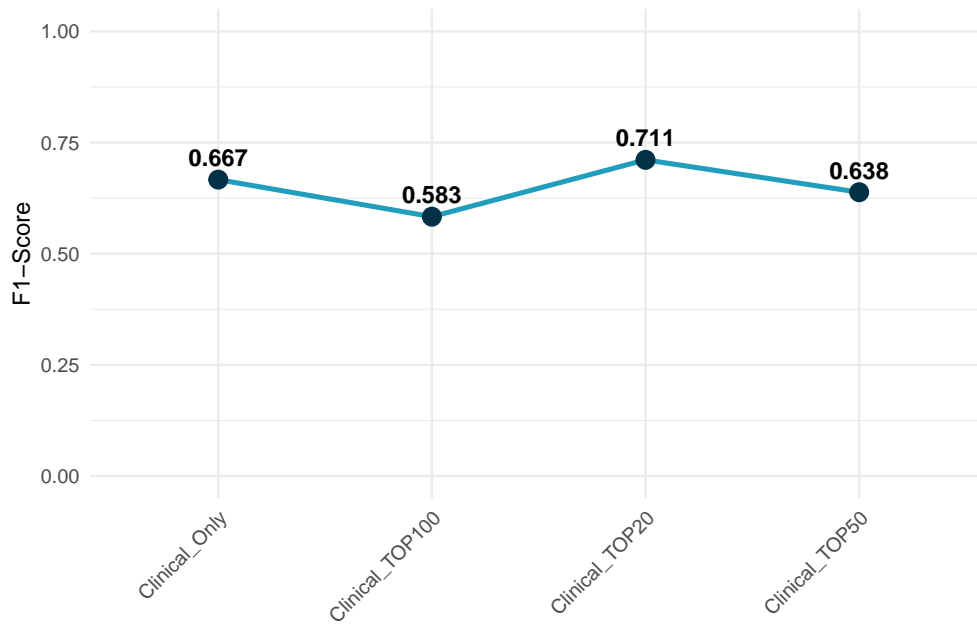
### LOGISTIC – Classification Metrics

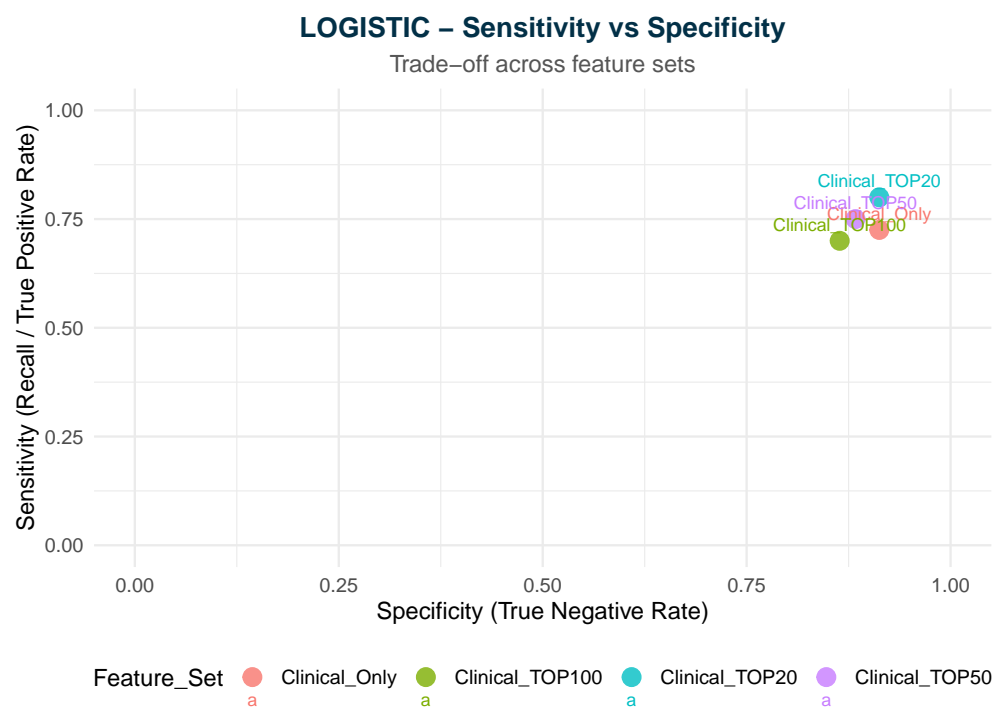
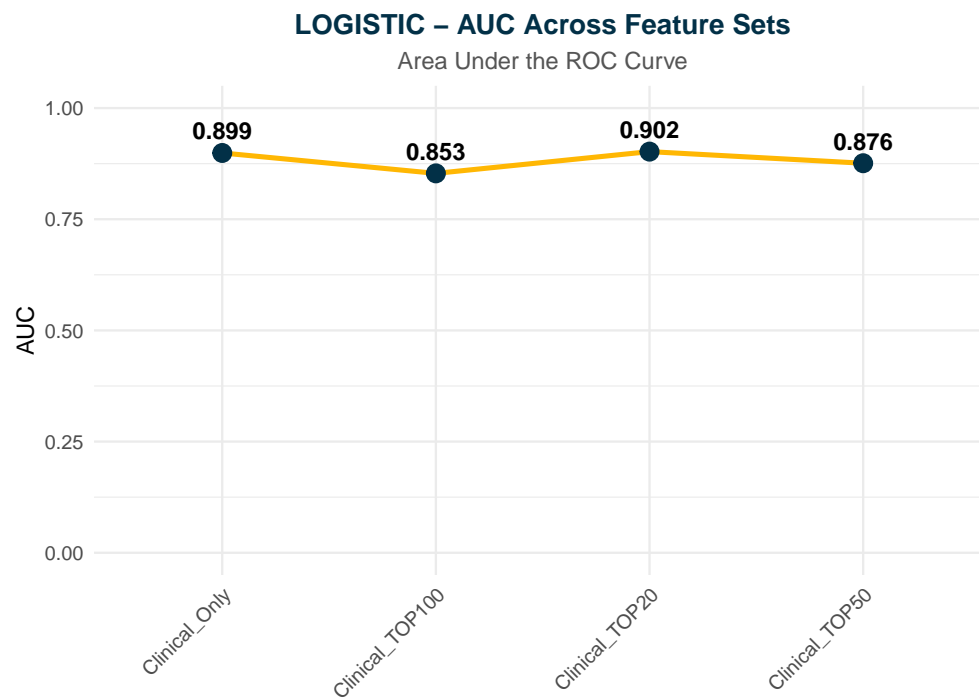
Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1–Score, AUC



### LOGISTIC – F1–Score Across Feature Sets

Trend of model performance





```
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set TP  TN FP FN  Accuracy Precision Recall Specificity  F1_Score
## 1  Clinical_Only 29 188 18 11 0.8821138 0.6170213 0.725 0.9126214 0.6666667
## 2 Clinical_TOP100 28 178 28 12 0.8373984 0.5000000 0.700 0.8640777 0.5833333
## 3 Clinical_TOP50 30 182 24 10 0.8617886 0.5555556 0.750 0.8834951 0.6382979
## 4 Clinical_TOP20 32 188 18 8 0.8943089 0.6400000 0.800 0.9126214 0.7111111
```

```
##           AUC
## 1 0.8990291
## 2 0.8531553
## 3 0.8759709
## 4 0.9020631
##
## Exported classification metrics to: model_metrics/logistic_smote_classification_metrics.csv
```

## Ridge with SMOTE

```
ridge_smote <- fit_single_model_across_features(
  model_type = "ridge"
  , X_train_all = smote_data$X_train
  , X_test_all = X_test
  , Y_train = smote_data$Y_train
  , Y_test = Y_test
  , n_clinical = n_clinical
  , top_genes_ranked = top_genes
  , gene_sets = c(5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, 20)
)
```

```
##
## === FITTING RIDGE ACROSS FEATURE SETS ===
##
## Fitting Clinical_Only...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP5000...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP1000...

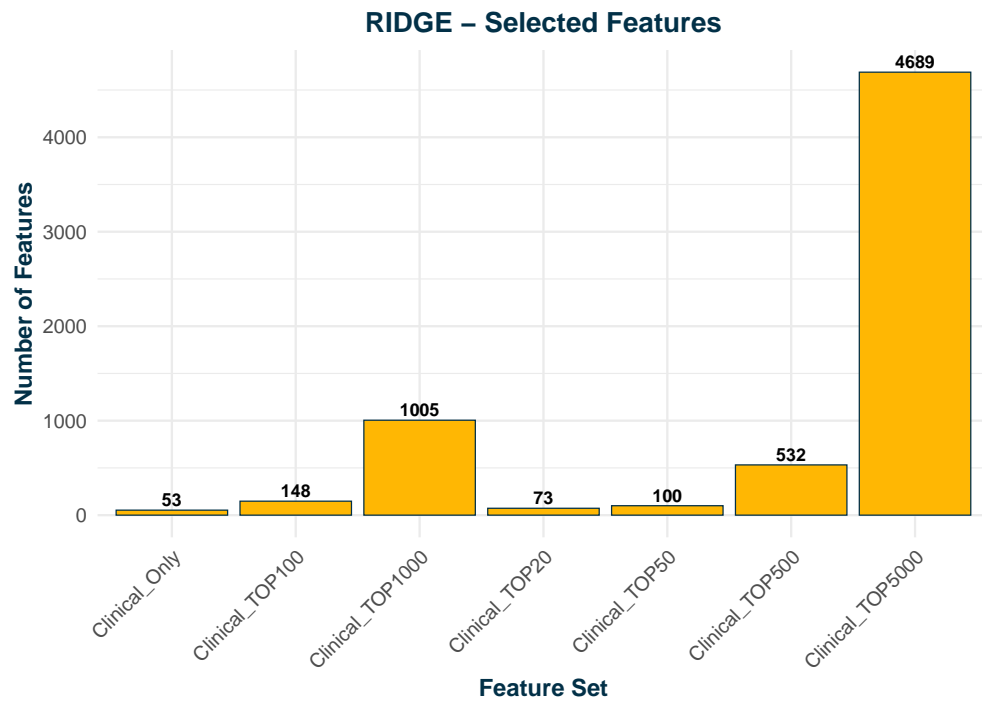
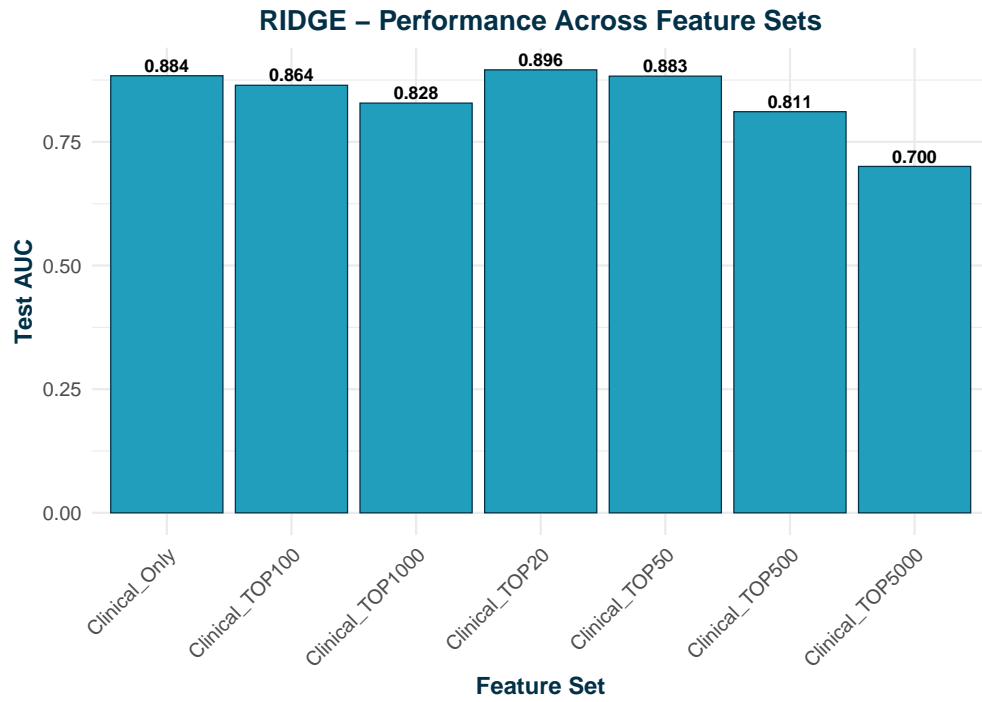
## Fitting Clinical_TOP500...

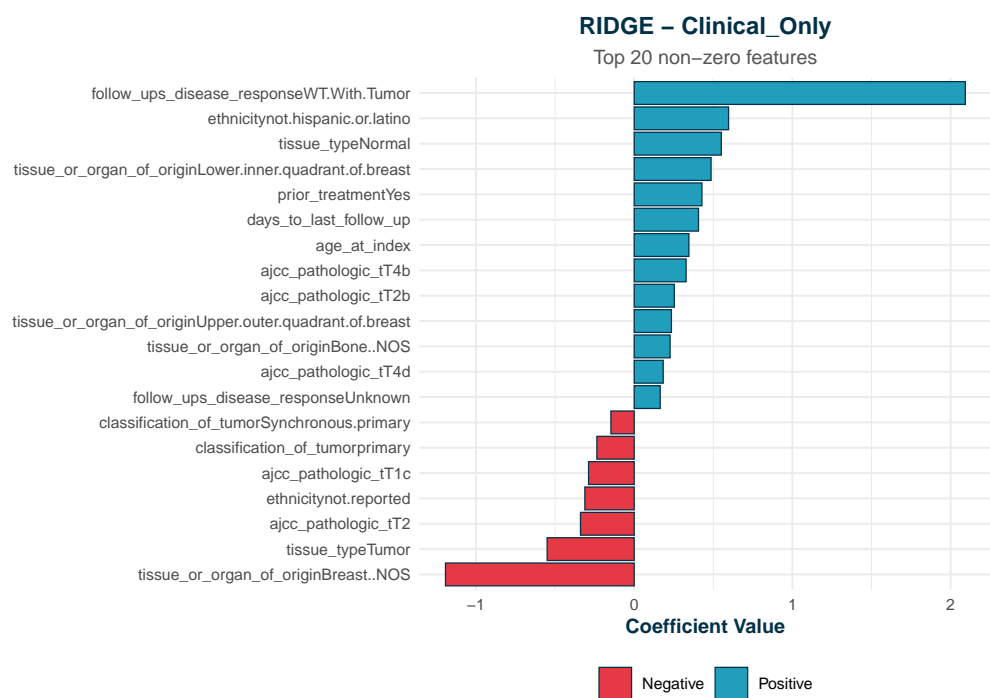
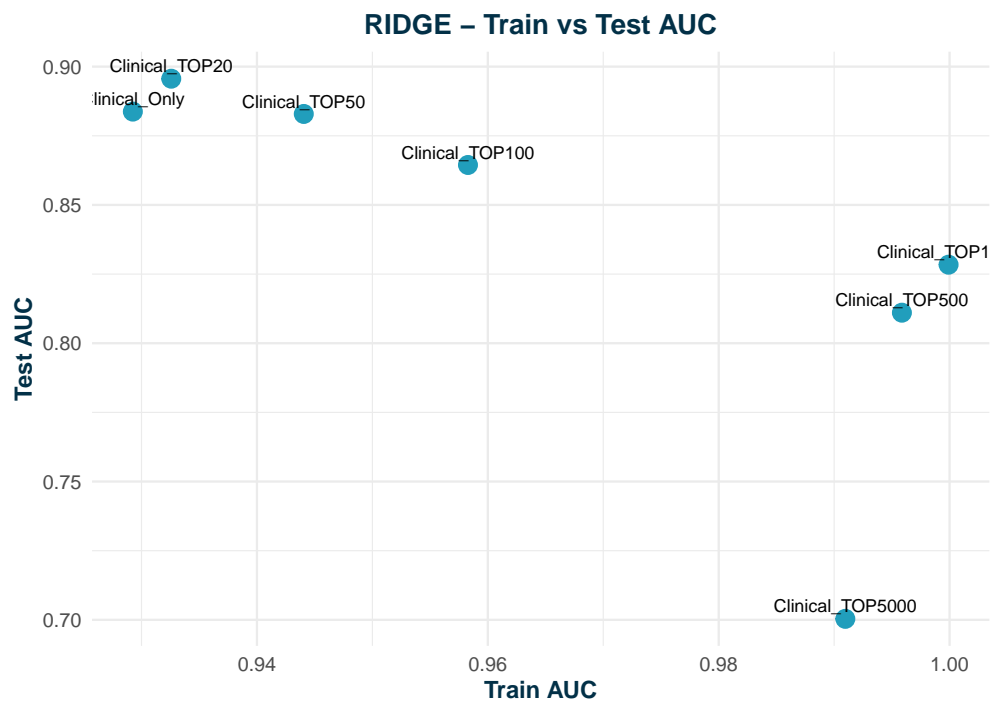
## Fitting Clinical_TOP100...

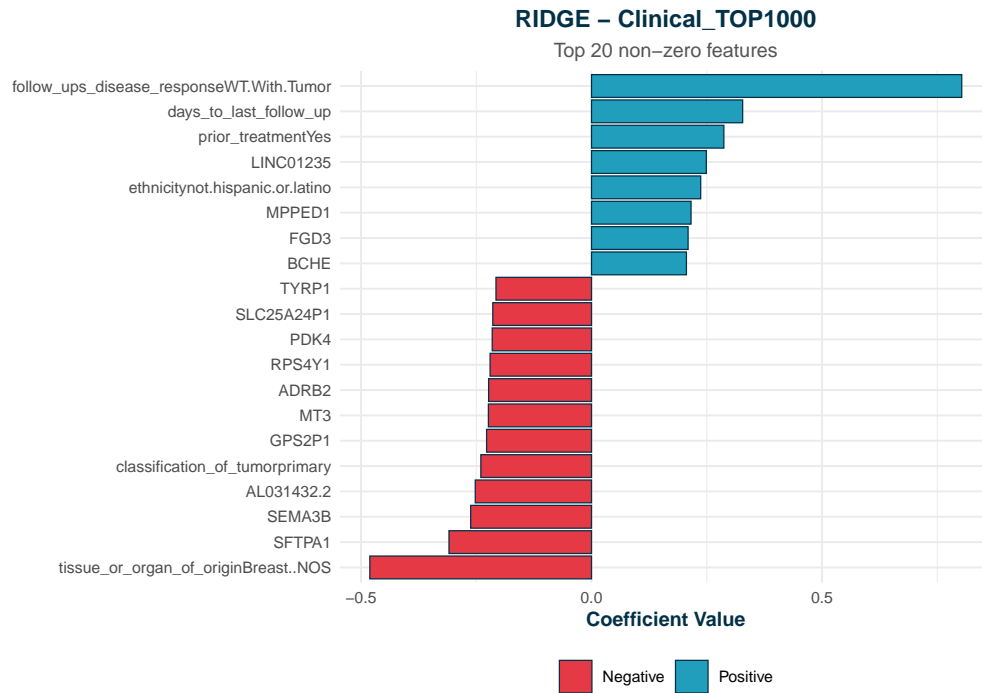
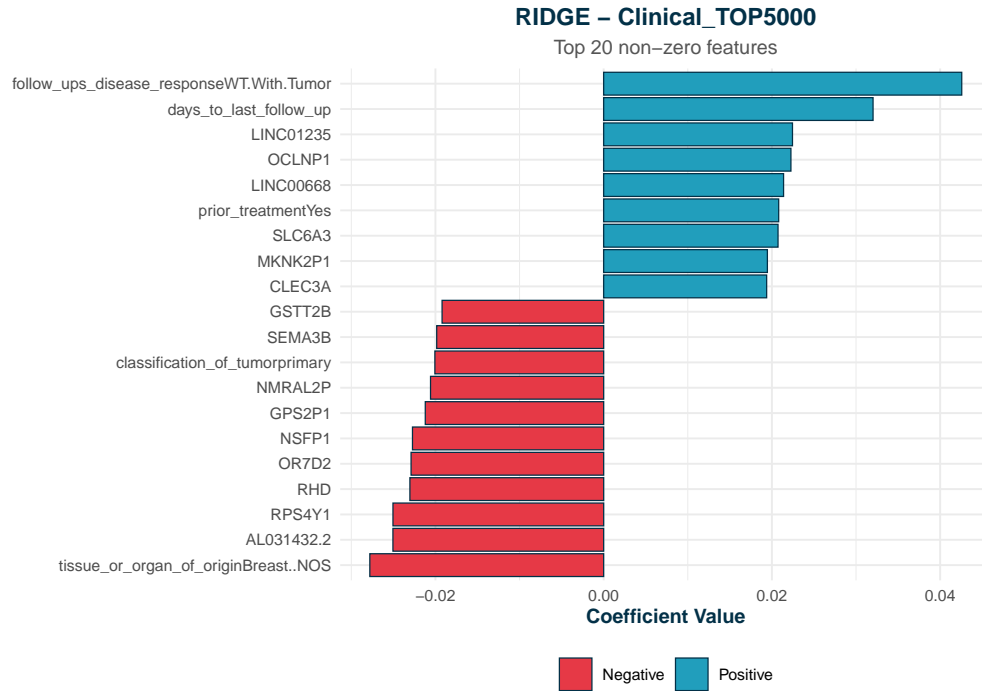
## Fitting Clinical_TOP50...

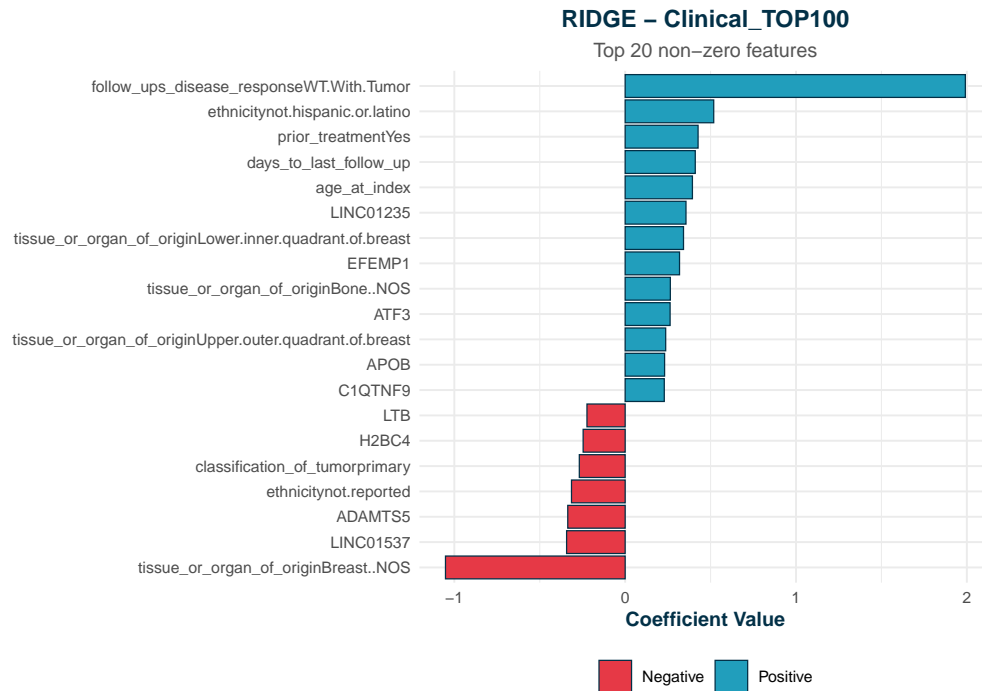
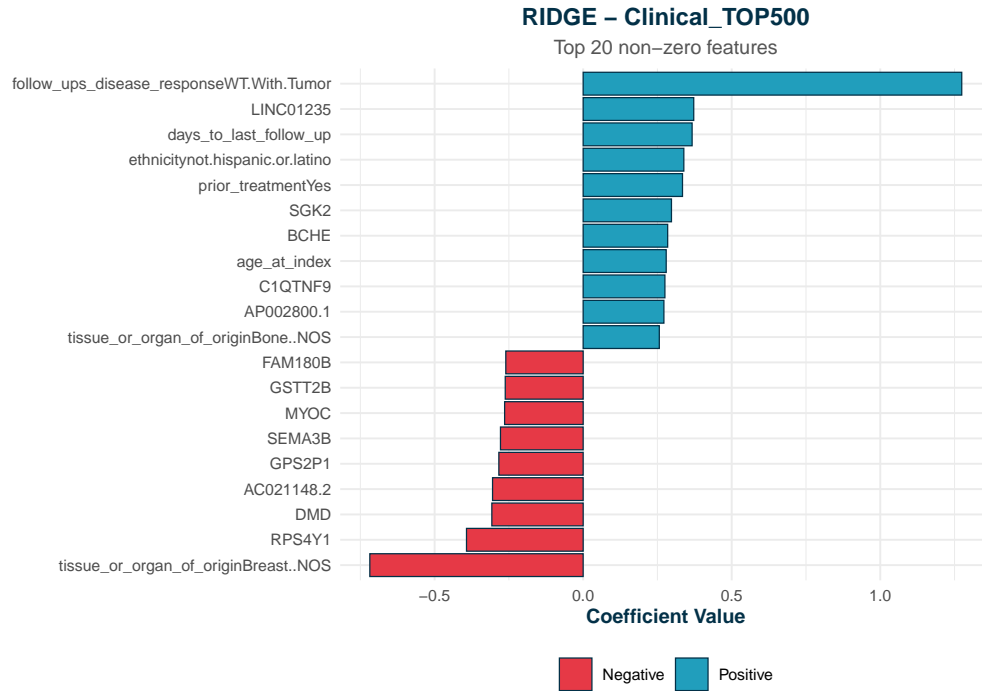
## Fitting Clinical_TOP20...

##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##           Feature_Set Model Features Train_AUC  Test_AUC Test_Accuracy
## 1   Clinical_Only RIDGE      53 0.9292484 0.8837379    0.8577236
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 RIDGE    4689 0.9909693 0.7003641    0.7479675
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 RIDGE    1005 0.9999125 0.8283981    0.8373984
## 4  Clinical_TOP500 RIDGE     532 0.9958703 0.8110437    0.8130081
## 5  Clinical_TOP100 RIDGE     148 0.9582802 0.8644417    0.8414634
## 6   Clinical_TOP50 RIDGE     100 0.9440571 0.8828883    0.8536585
## 7   Clinical_TOP20 RIDGE      73 0.9325766 0.8956311    0.8577236
## Exported metrics to: model_metrics/ridge_across_features_metrics.csv
```



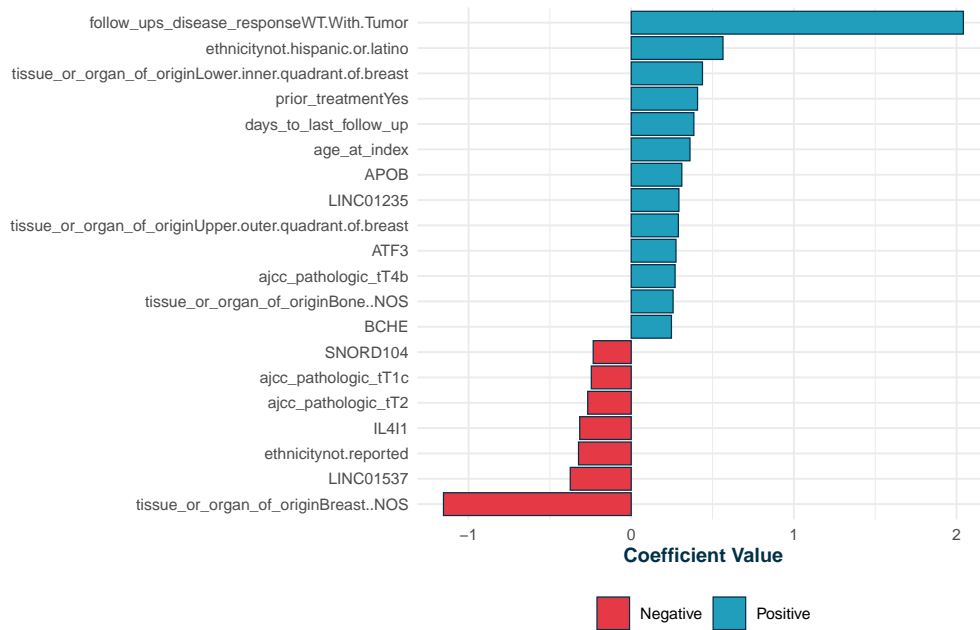






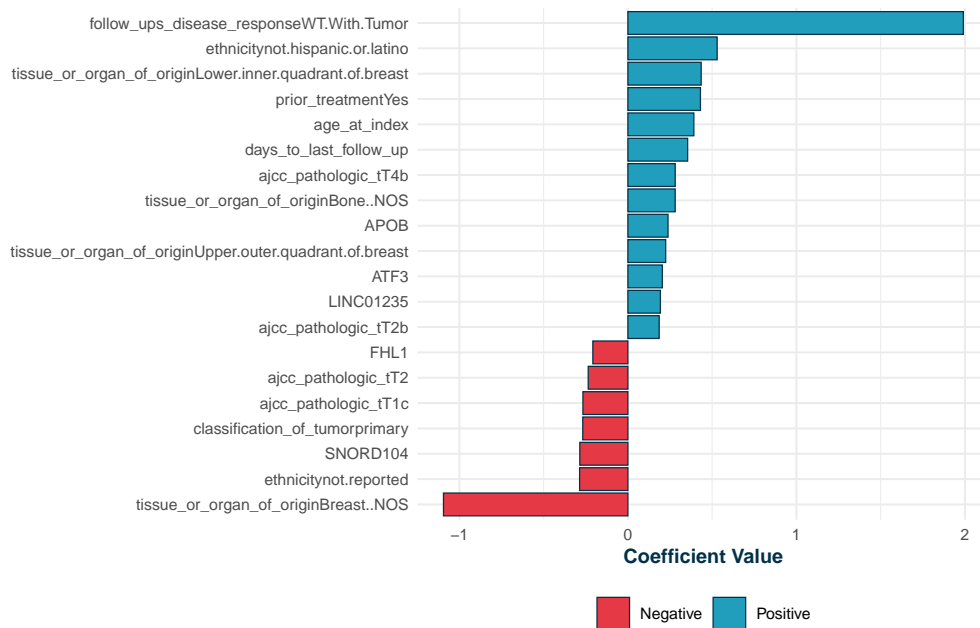
### RIDGE – Clinical\_TOP50

Top 20 non-zero features



### RIDGE – Clinical\_TOP20

Top 20 non-zero features



```
ridge_smote_metrics <- plot_classification_metrics_single(ridge_smote
  , threshold = 0.5
  , csv_filename = "ridge_smote_classification_metrics.csv")
```

```
##
## === CLASSIFICATION METRICS ===
```



```

## Clinical_Only:
##   TP=29 TN=182 FP=24 FN=11
##   Accuracy=0.858 Precision=0.547 Recall=0.725 F1=0.624 AUC=0.884

## Clinical_TOP5000:
##   TP=17 TN=167 FP=39 FN=23
##   Accuracy=0.748 Precision=0.304 Recall=0.425 F1=0.354 AUC=0.700

## Clinical_TOP1000:
##   TP=24 TN=182 FP=24 FN=16
##   Accuracy=0.837 Precision=0.500 Recall=0.600 F1=0.545 AUC=0.828

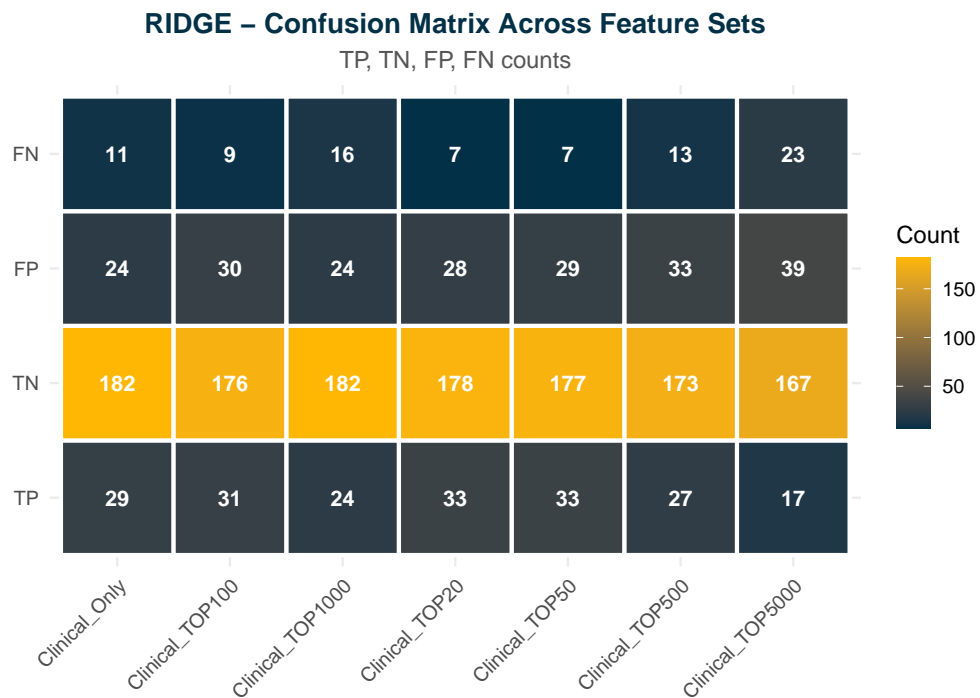
## Clinical_TOP500:
##   TP=27 TN=173 FP=33 FN=13
##   Accuracy=0.813 Precision=0.450 Recall=0.675 F1=0.540 AUC=0.811

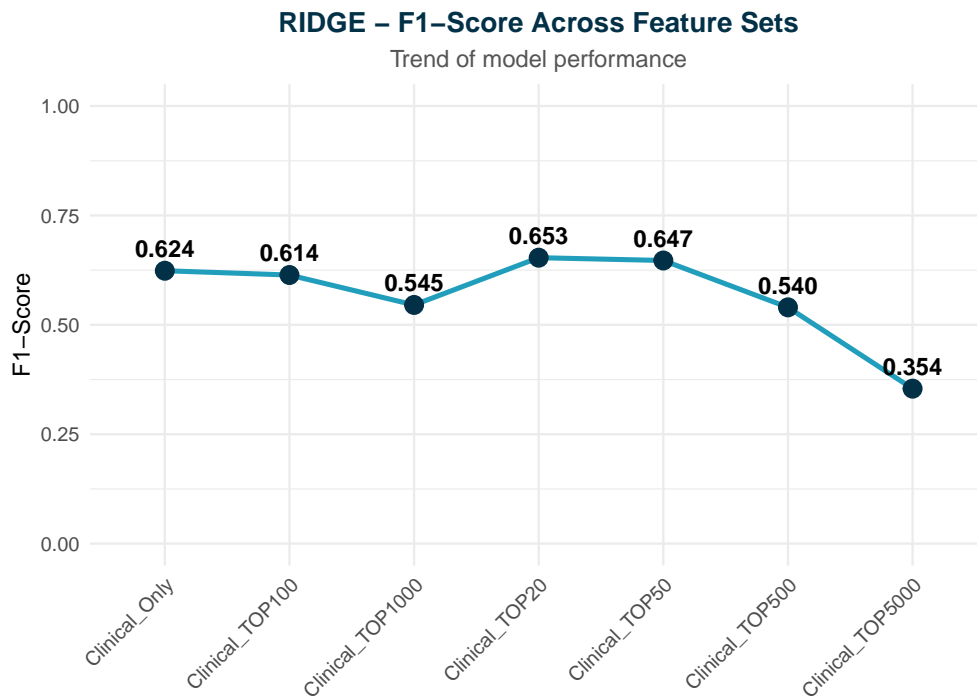
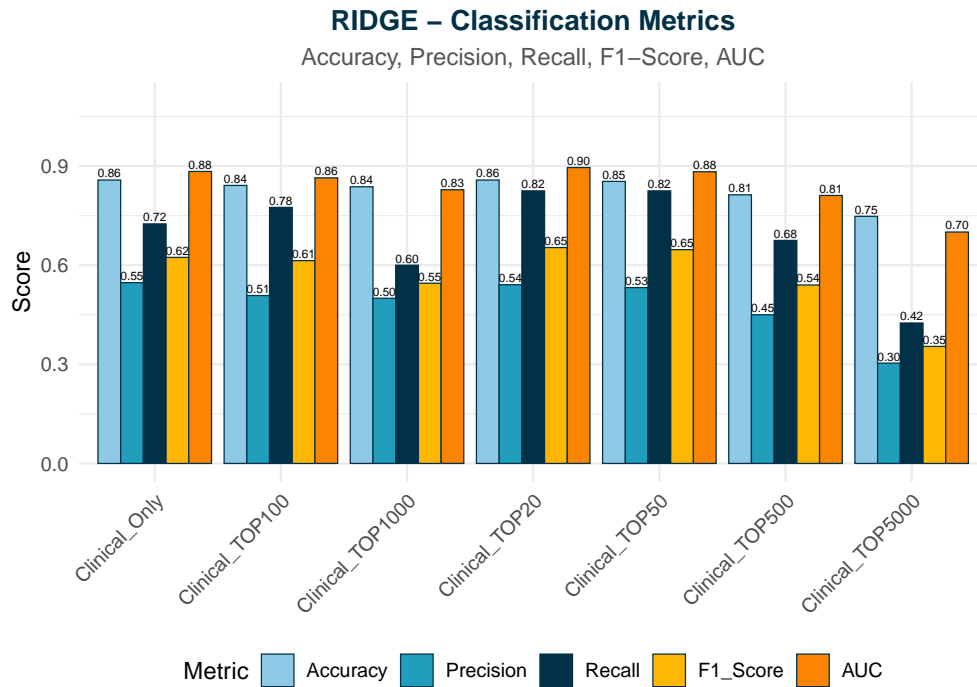
## Clinical_TOP100:
##   TP=31 TN=176 FP=30 FN=9
##   Accuracy=0.841 Precision=0.508 Recall=0.775 F1=0.614 AUC=0.864

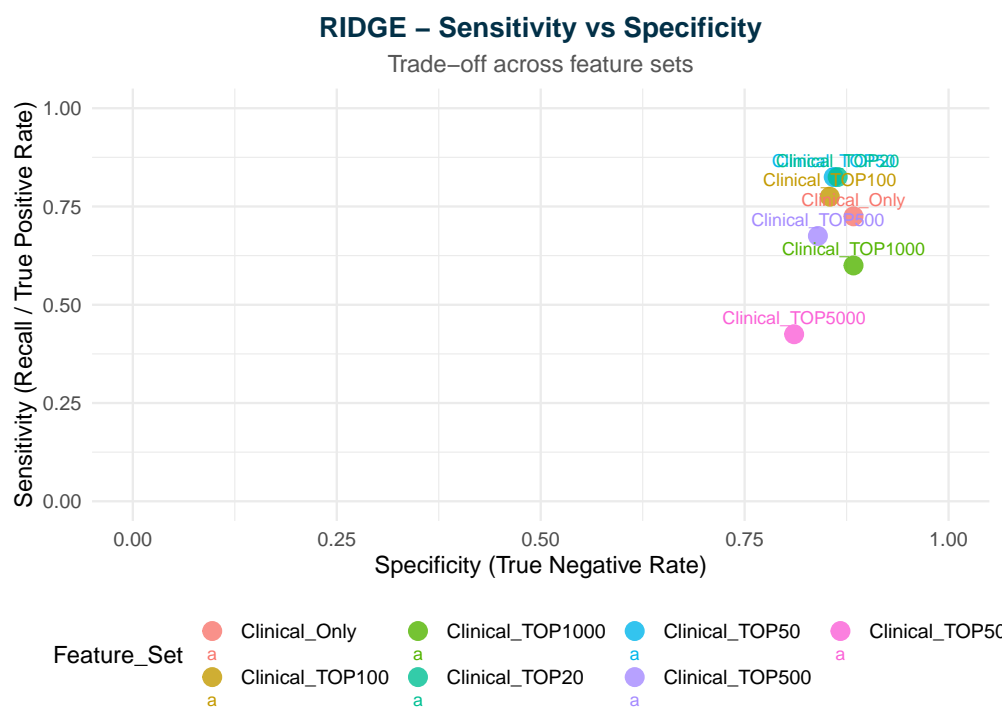
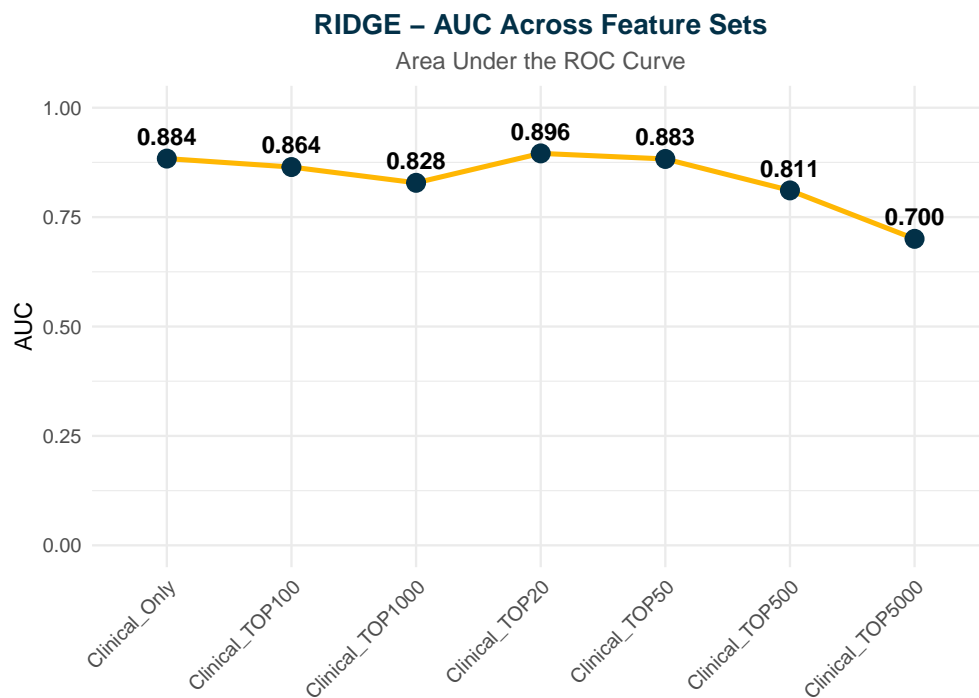
## Clinical_TOP50:
##   TP=33 TN=177 FP=29 FN=7
##   Accuracy=0.854 Precision=0.532 Recall=0.825 F1=0.647 AUC=0.883

## Clinical_TOP20:
##   TP=33 TN=178 FP=28 FN=7
##   Accuracy=0.858 Precision=0.541 Recall=0.825 F1=0.653 AUC=0.896

```







```
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set TP  TN  FP  FN  Accuracy Precision Recall Specificity
## 1 Clinical_Only 29 182 24 11 0.8577236 0.5471698 0.725 0.8834951
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 17 167 39 23 0.7479675 0.3035714 0.425 0.8106796
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 24 182 24 16 0.8373984 0.5000000 0.600 0.8834951
## 4 Clinical_TOP500 27 173 33 13 0.8130081 0.4500000 0.675 0.8398058
```

```
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 31 176 30 9 0.8414634 0.5081967 0.775 0.8543689
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 33 177 29 7 0.8536585 0.5322581 0.825 0.8592233
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 33 178 28 7 0.8577236 0.5409836 0.825 0.8640777
## F1_Score AUC
## 1 0.6236559 0.8837379
## 2 0.3541667 0.7003641
## 3 0.5454545 0.8283981
## 4 0.5400000 0.8110437
## 5 0.6138614 0.8644417
## 6 0.6470588 0.8828883
## 7 0.6534653 0.8956311
##
## Exported classification metrics to: model_metrics/ridge_smote_classification_metrics.csv
```

## Lasso with SMOTE

```
lasso_smote <- fit_single_model_across_features(
  model_type = "lasso"
  , X_train_all = smote_data$X_train
  , X_test_all = X_test
  , Y_train = smote_data$Y_train
  , Y_test = Y_test
  , n_clinical = n_clinical
  , top_genes_ranked = top_genes
  , gene_sets = c(5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, 20)
)

##
## === FITTING LASSO ACROSS FEATURE SETS ===
##
## Fitting Clinical_Only...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP5000...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP1000...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP500...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP100...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP50...

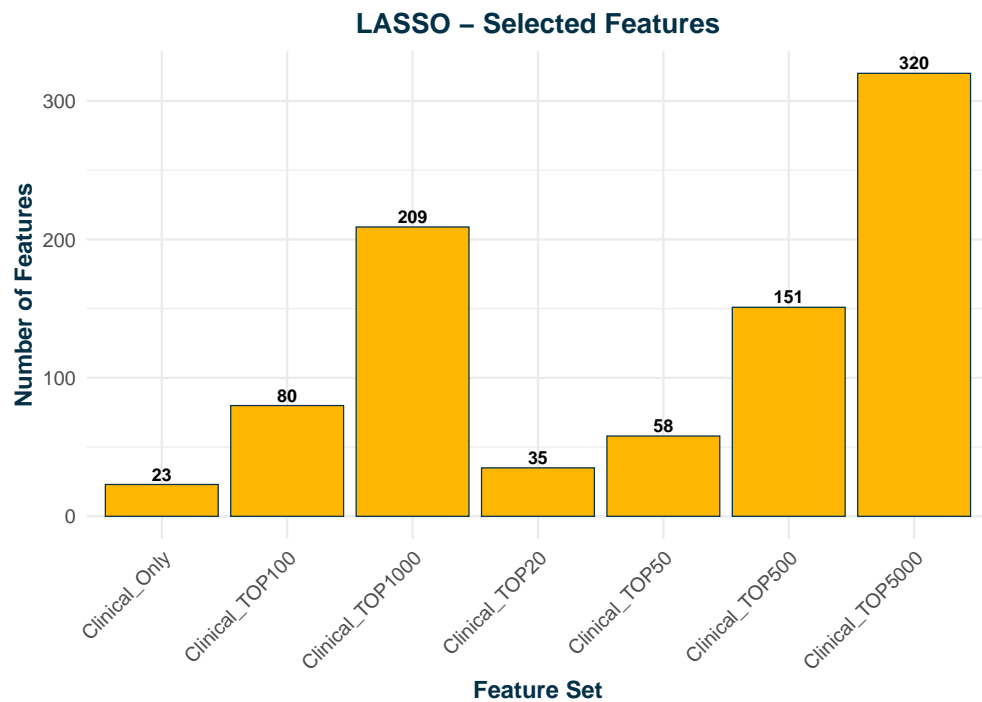
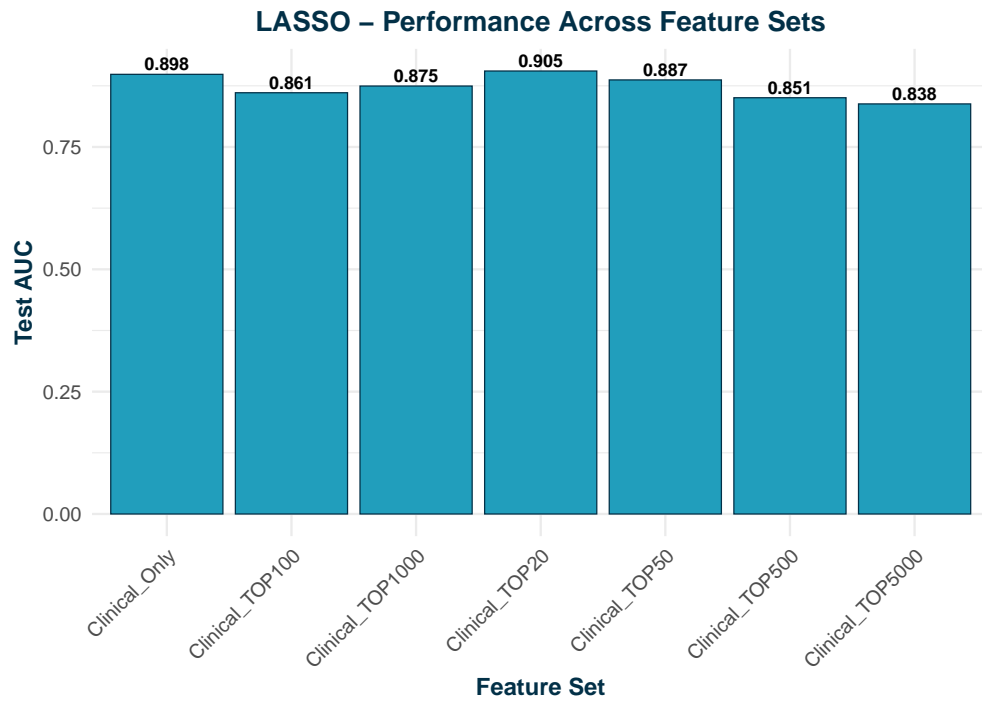
## Fitting Clinical_TOP20...

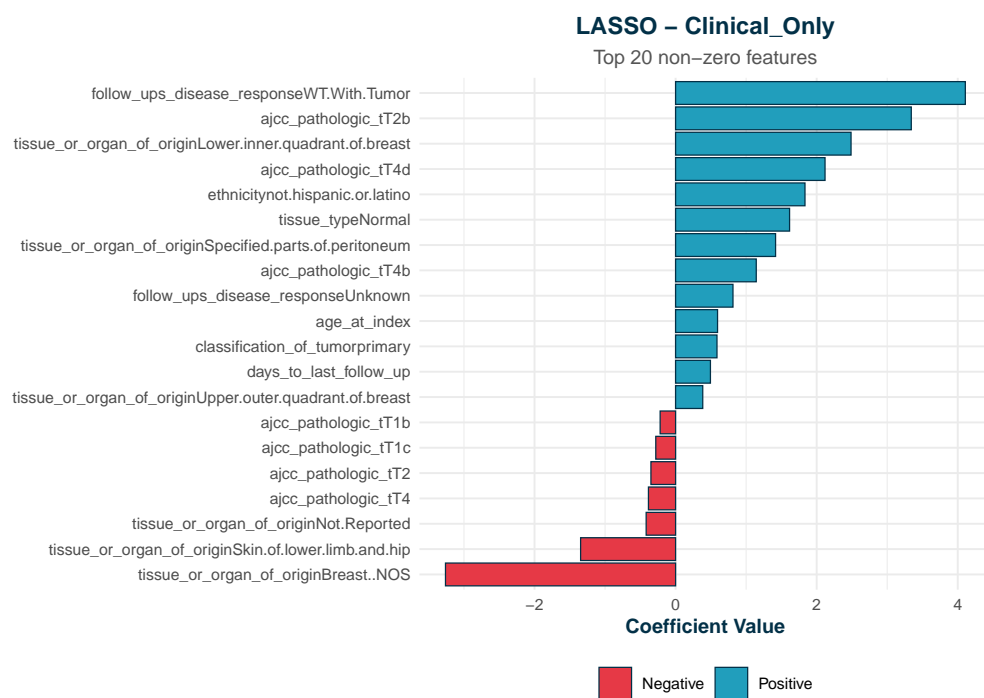
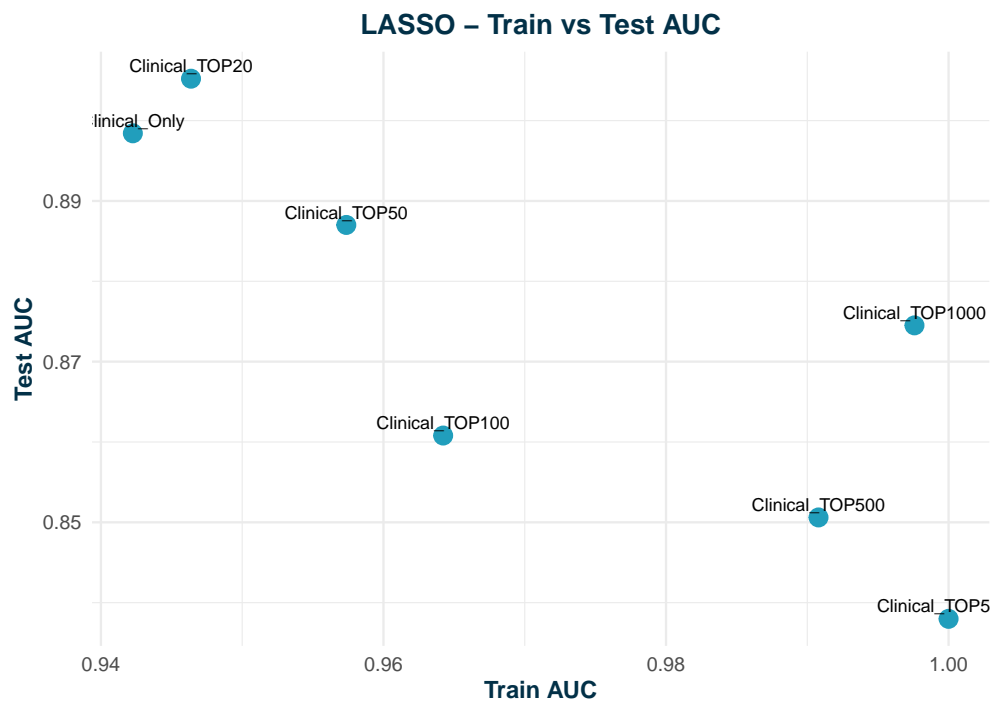
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
## Feature_Set Model Features Train_AUC Test_AUC Test_Accuracy
## 1 Clinical_Only LASSO 23 0.9422594 0.8984223 0.8739837
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 LASSO 320 1.0000000 0.8379854 0.8739837
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 LASSO 209 0.9975865 0.8745146 0.8699187
```

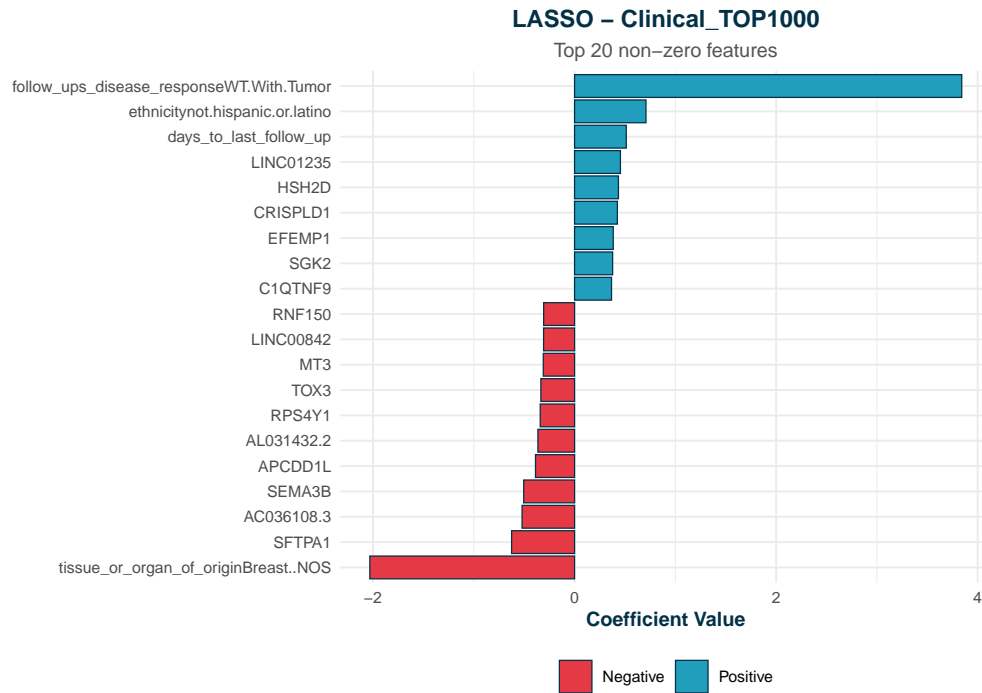
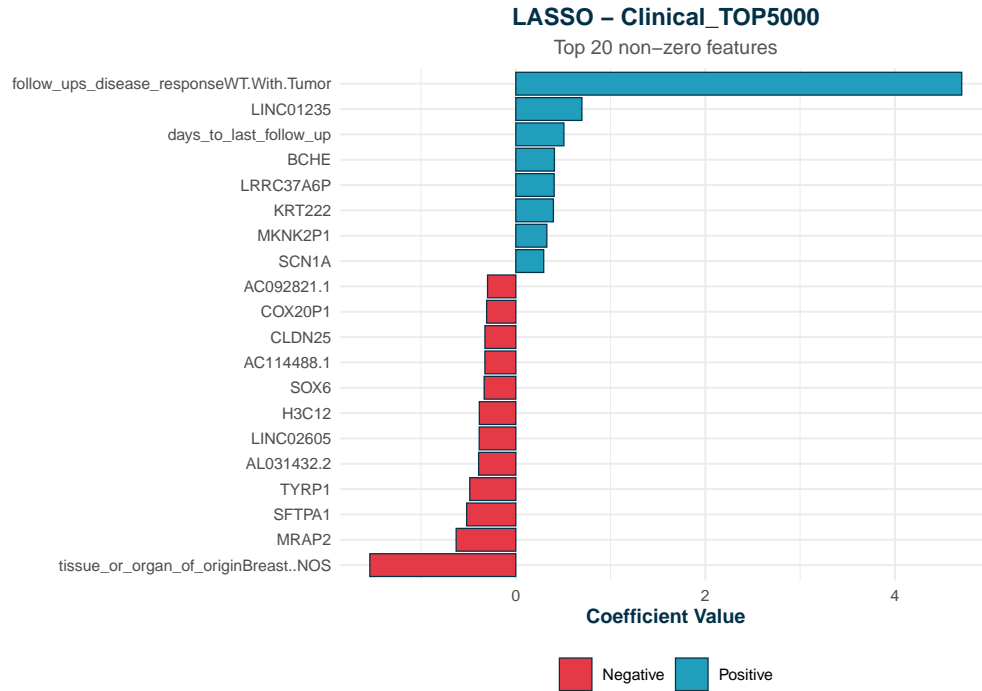
```

## 4 Clinical_TOP500 LASSO      151 0.9907942 0.8506068      0.8373984
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 LASSO      80 0.9642257 0.8608010      0.8739837
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 LASSO       58 0.9573700 0.8870146      0.8861789
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 LASSO       35 0.9463771 0.9052184      0.8861789
## Exported metrics to: model_metrics/lasso_across_features_metrics.csv

```

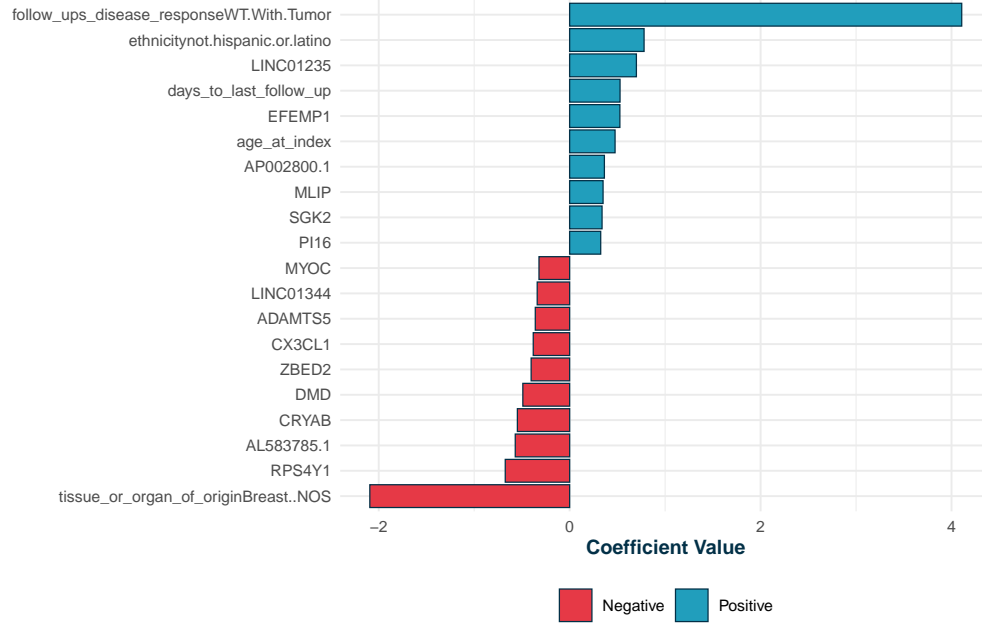






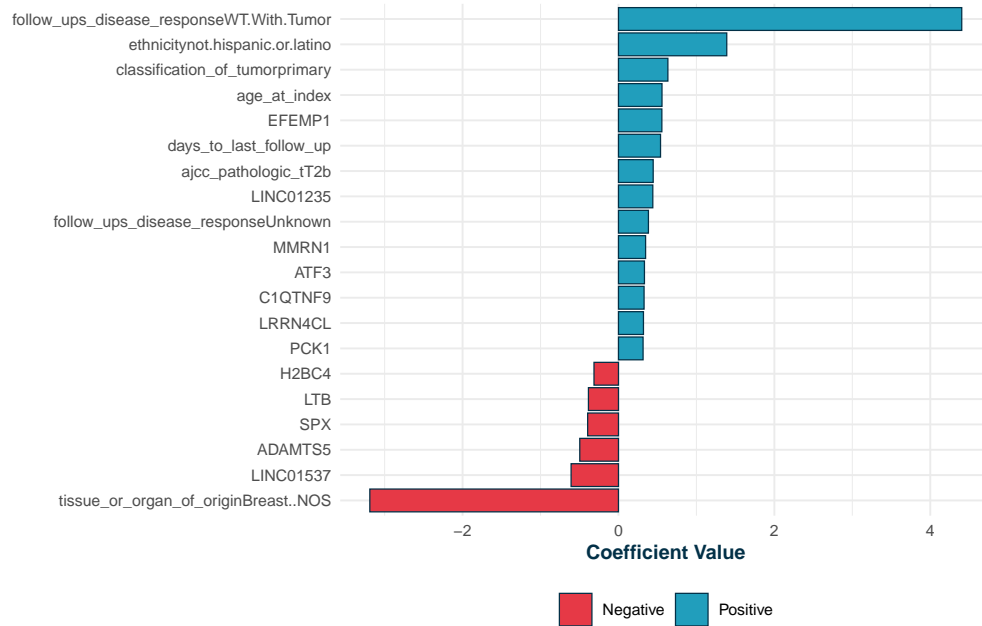
### LASSO – Clinical\_TOP500

Top 20 non-zero features



### LASSO – Clinical\_TOP100

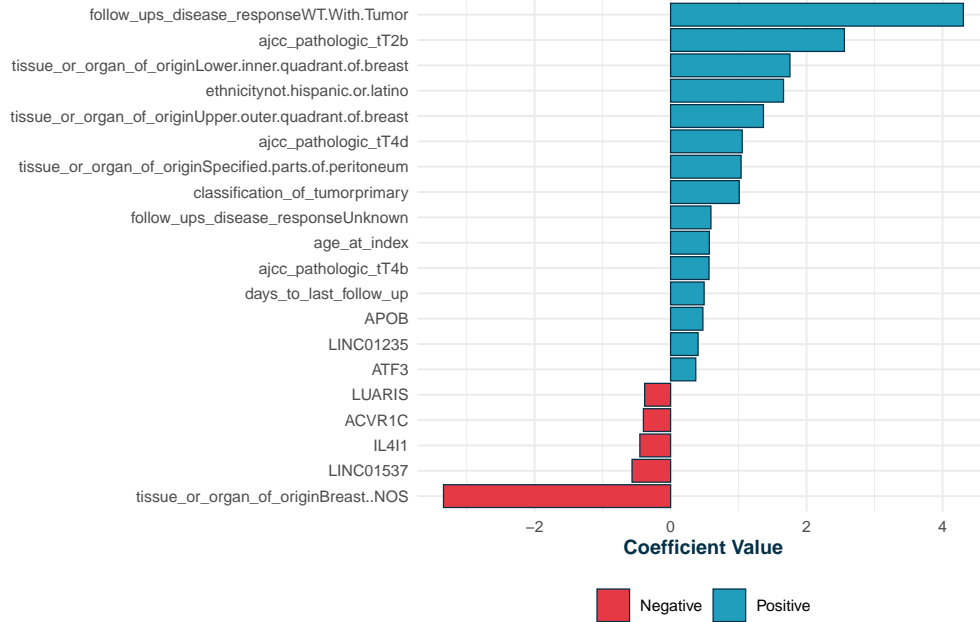
Top 20 non-zero features





### LASSO – Clinical\_TOP50

Top 20 non-zero features



### LASSO – Clinical\_TOP20

Top 20 non-zero features



```
lasso_smote_metrics <- plot_classification_metrics_single(lasso_smote
, threshold = 0.5
, csv_filename = "lasso_smote_classification_metrics.csv")
```

```
##
## === CLASSIFICATION METRICS ===
```

```

## Clinical_Only:
##   TP=29 TN=186 FP=20 FN=11
##   Accuracy=0.874 Precision=0.592 Recall=0.725 F1=0.652 AUC=0.898

## Clinical_TOP5000:
##   TP=26 TN=189 FP=17 FN=14
##   Accuracy=0.874 Precision=0.605 Recall=0.650 F1=0.627 AUC=0.838

## Clinical_TOP1000:
##   TP=27 TN=187 FP=19 FN=13
##   Accuracy=0.870 Precision=0.587 Recall=0.675 F1=0.628 AUC=0.875

## Clinical_TOP500:
##   TP=25 TN=181 FP=25 FN=15
##   Accuracy=0.837 Precision=0.500 Recall=0.625 F1=0.556 AUC=0.851

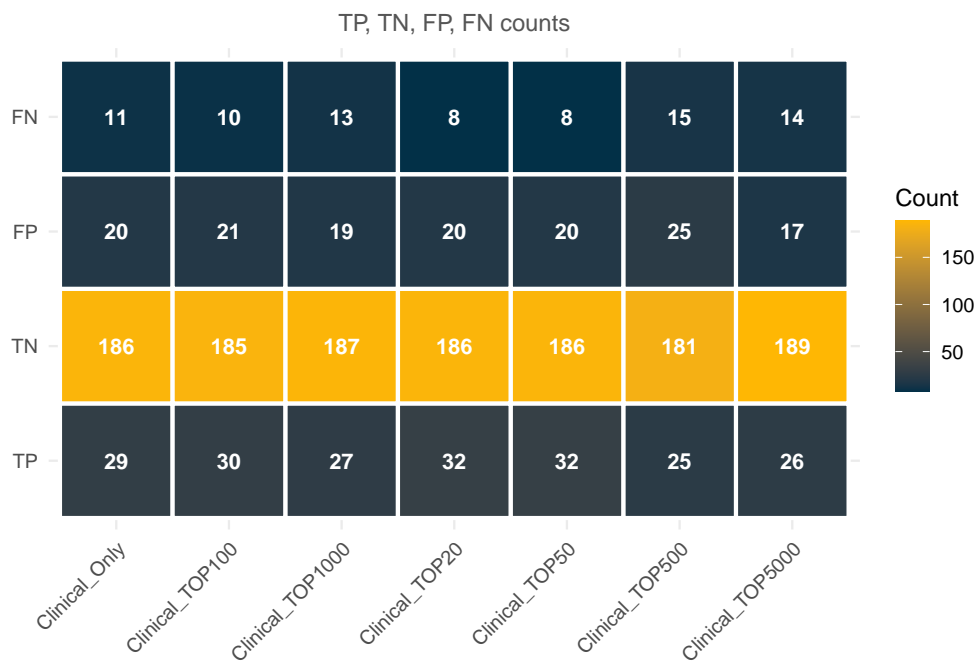
## Clinical_TOP100:
##   TP=30 TN=185 FP=21 FN=10
##   Accuracy=0.874 Precision=0.588 Recall=0.750 F1=0.659 AUC=0.861

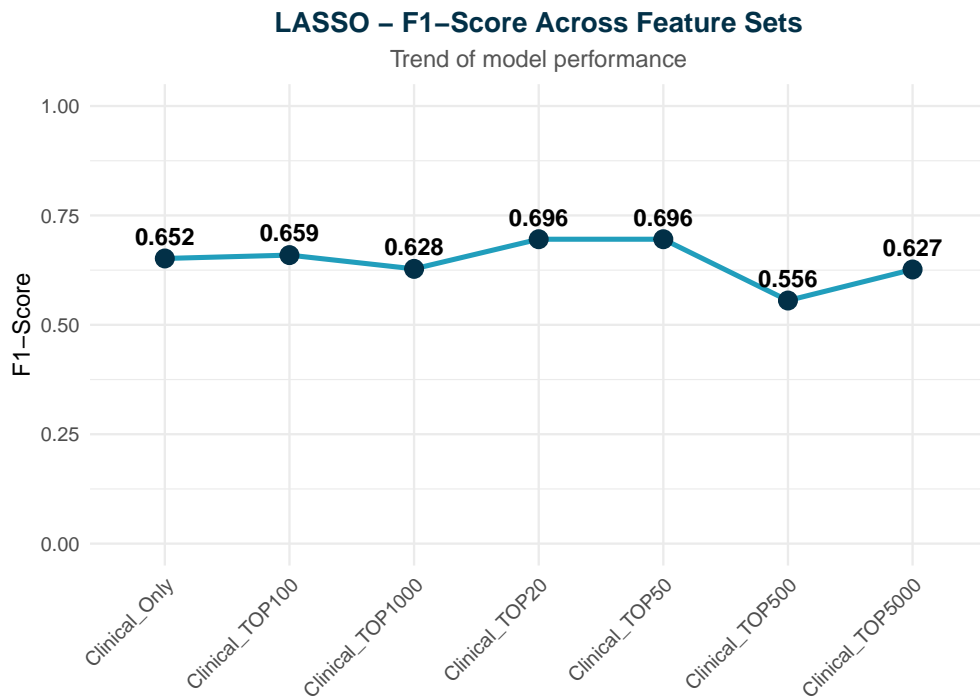
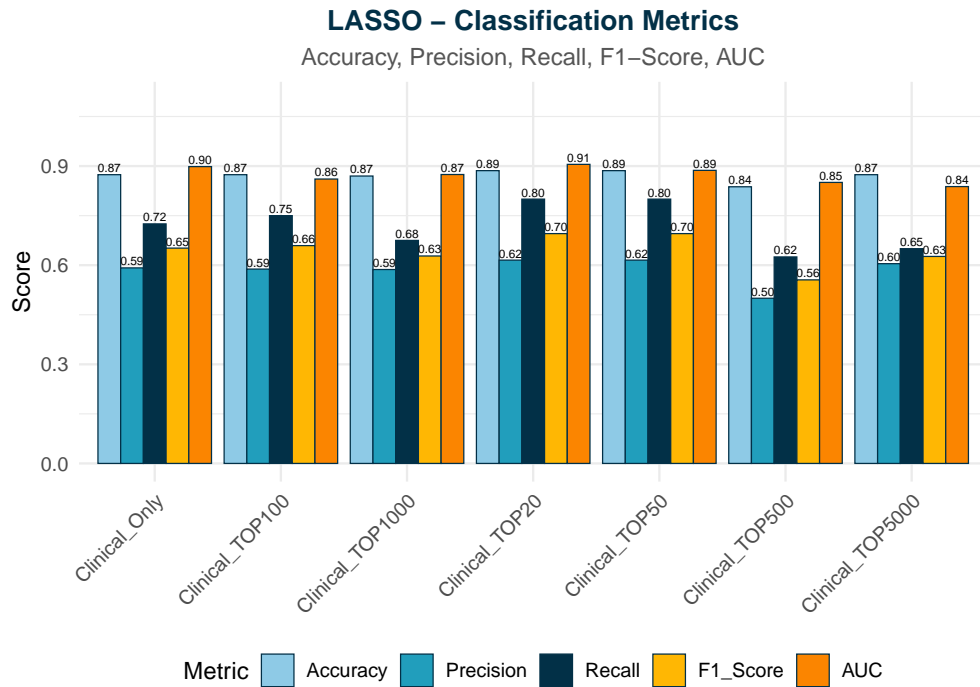
## Clinical_TOP50:
##   TP=32 TN=186 FP=20 FN=8
##   Accuracy=0.886 Precision=0.615 Recall=0.800 F1=0.696 AUC=0.887

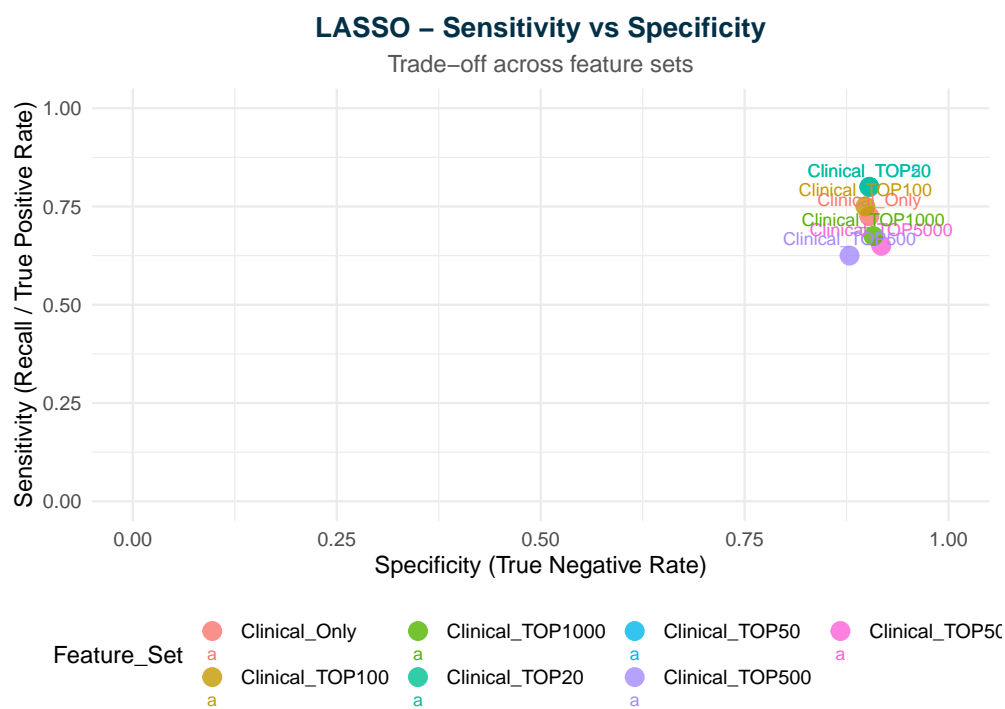
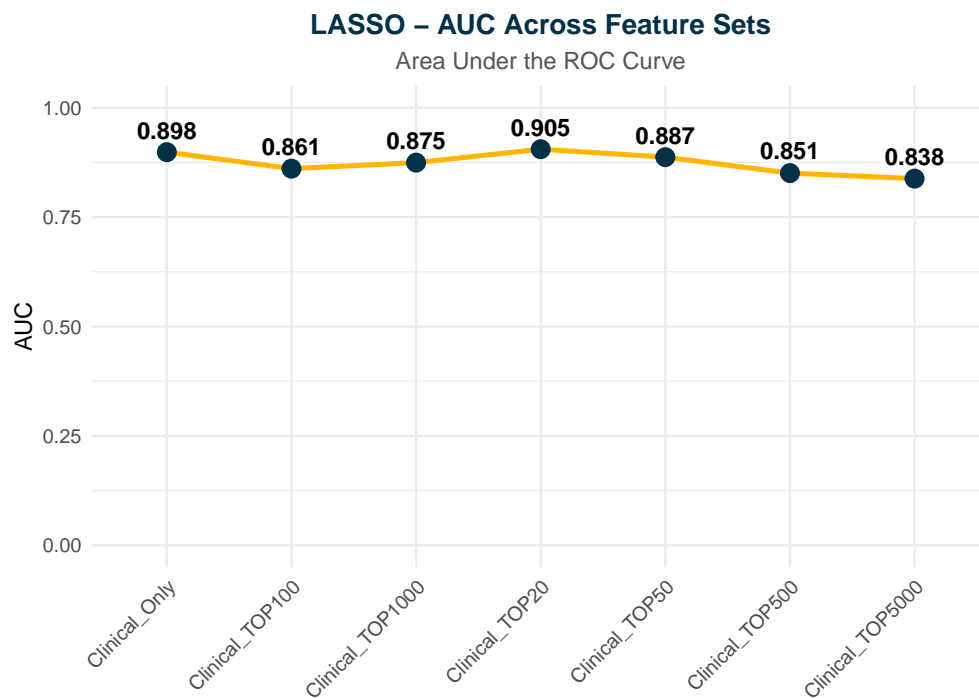
## Clinical_TOP20:
##   TP=32 TN=186 FP=20 FN=8
##   Accuracy=0.886 Precision=0.615 Recall=0.800 F1=0.696 AUC=0.905

```

### LASSO – Confusion Matrix Across Feature Sets







```
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set TP  TN  FP  FN  Accuracy Precision Recall Specificity
## 1 Clinical_Only 29 186 20 11 0.8739837 0.5918367 0.725 0.9029126
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 26 189 17 14 0.8739837 0.6046512 0.650 0.9174757
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 27 187 19 13 0.8699187 0.5869565 0.675 0.9077670
## 4 Clinical_TOP500 25 181 25 15 0.8373984 0.5000000 0.625 0.8786408
```

```
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 30 185 21 10 0.8739837 0.5882353 0.750 0.8980583
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 32 186 20 8 0.8861789 0.6153846 0.800 0.9029126
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 32 186 20 8 0.8861789 0.6153846 0.800 0.9029126
## F1_Score AUC
## 1 0.6516854 0.8984223
## 2 0.6265060 0.8379854
## 3 0.6279070 0.8745146
## 4 0.5555556 0.8506068
## 5 0.6593407 0.8608010
## 6 0.6956522 0.8870146
## 7 0.6956522 0.9052184
##
## Exported classification metrics to: model_metrics/lasso_smote_classification_metrics.csv
```

## ElasticNet with SMOTE

```
elasticnet_smote <- fit_single_model_across_features(
  model_type = "elasticnet"
  , X_train_all = smote_data$X_train
  , X_test_all = X_test
  , Y_train = smote_data$Y_train
  , Y_test = Y_test
  , n_clinical = n_clinical
  , top_genes_ranked = top_genes
  , gene_sets = c(5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, 20)
)

##
## === FITTING ELASTICNET ACROSS FEATURE SETS ===
##
## Fitting Clinical_Only...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP5000...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP1000...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP500...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP100...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP50...

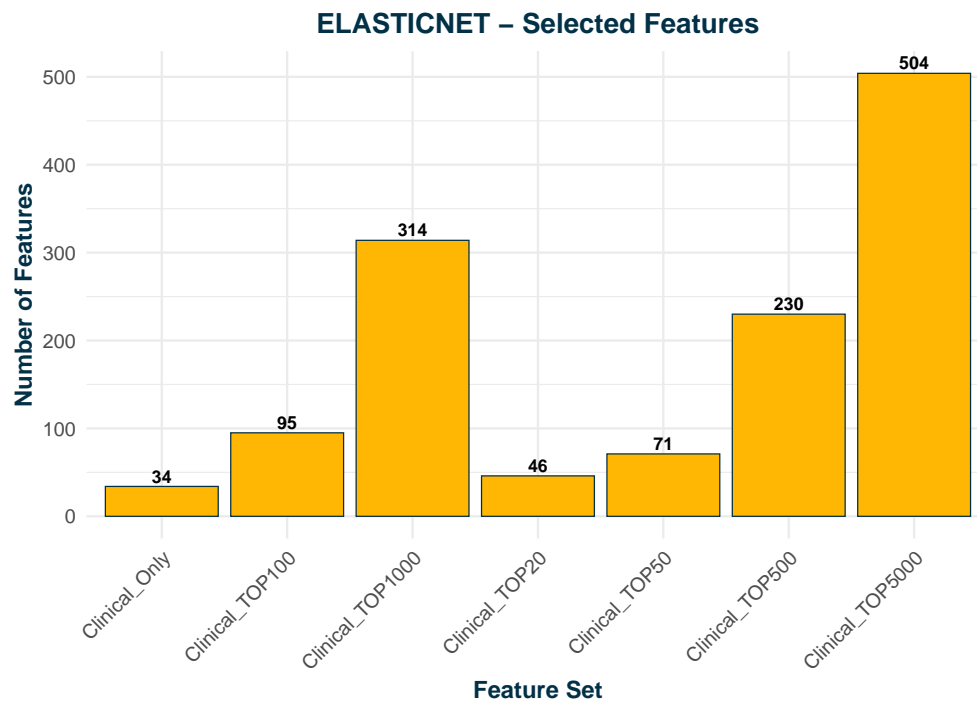
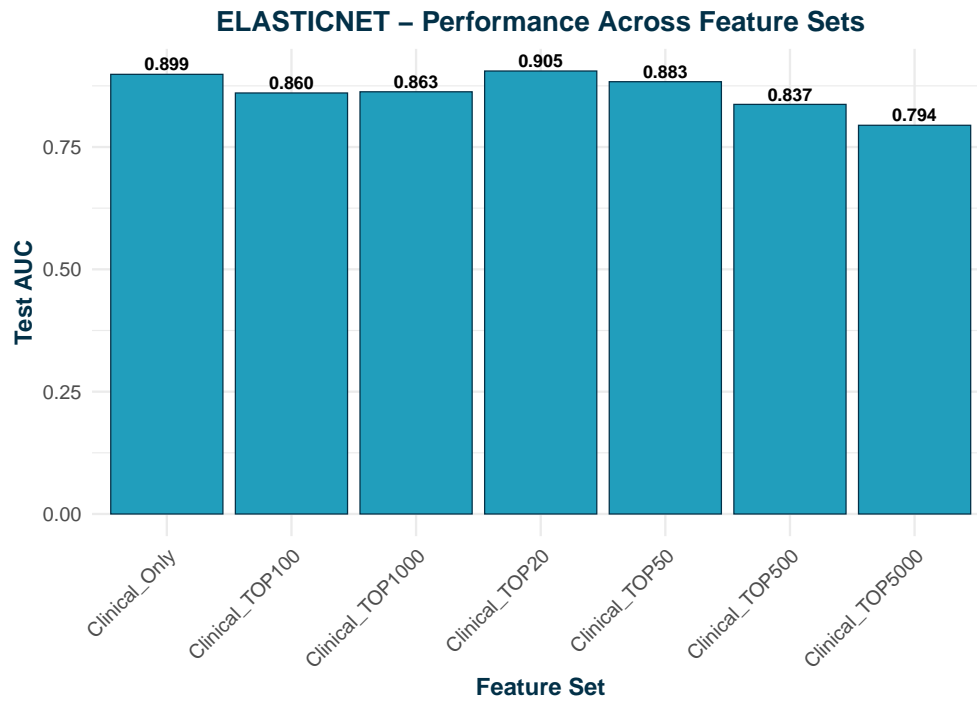
## Fitting Clinical_TOP20...

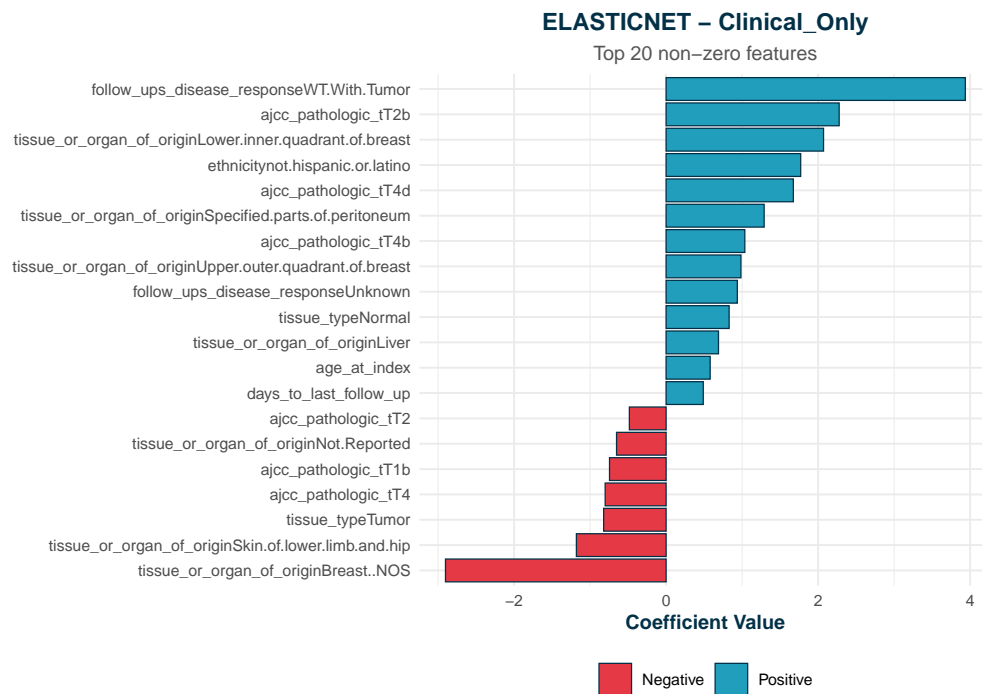
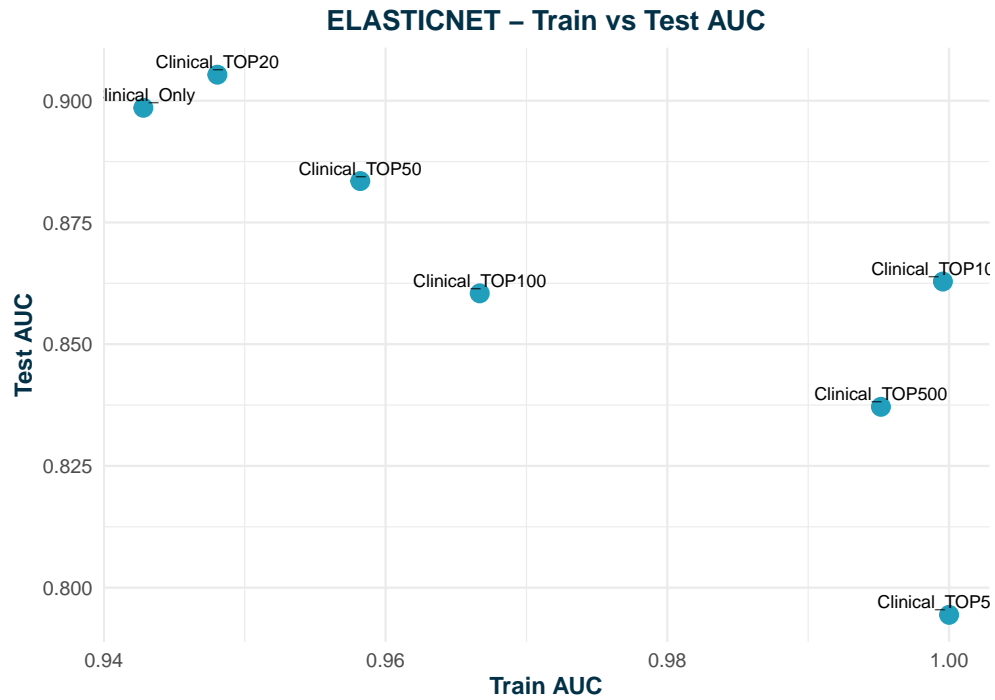
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
## Feature_Set Model Features Train_AUC Test_AUC Test_Accuracy
## 1 Clinical_Only ELASTICNET 34 0.9428043 0.8985437 0.8699187
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 ELASTICNET 504 1.0000000 0.7944175 0.8455285
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 ELASTICNET 314 0.9995623 0.8628641 0.8699187
```

```

## 4 Clinical_TOP500 ELASTICNET      230 0.9951624 0.8371359      0.8373984
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 ELASTICNET      95 0.9666845 0.8604369      0.8739837
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 ELASTICNET       71 0.9582017 0.8834951      0.8739837
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 ELASTICNET       46 0.9480585 0.9053398      0.8943089
## Exported metrics to: model_metrics/elasticnet_across_features_metrics.csv

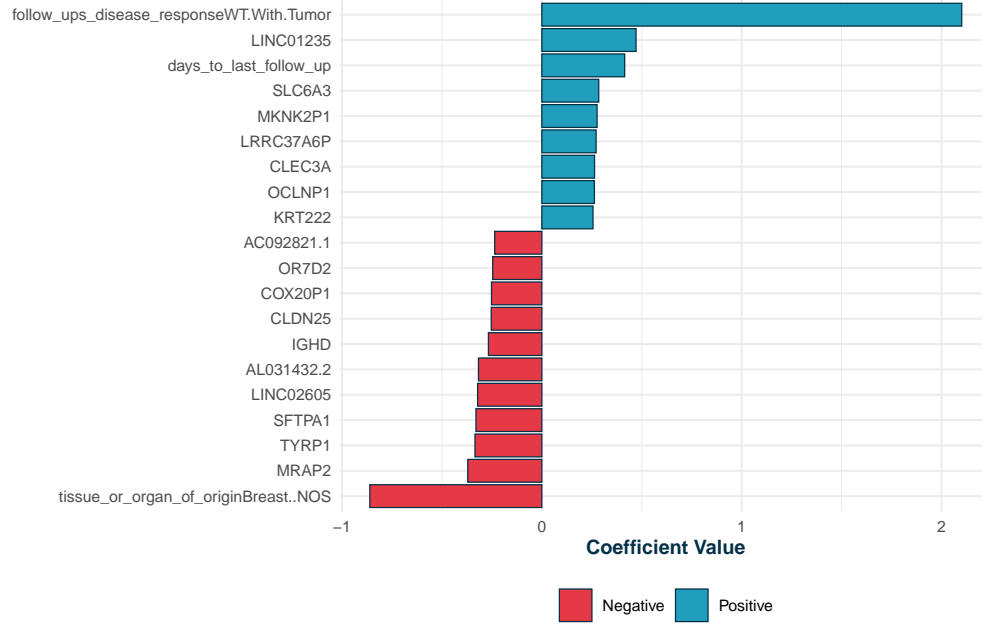
```





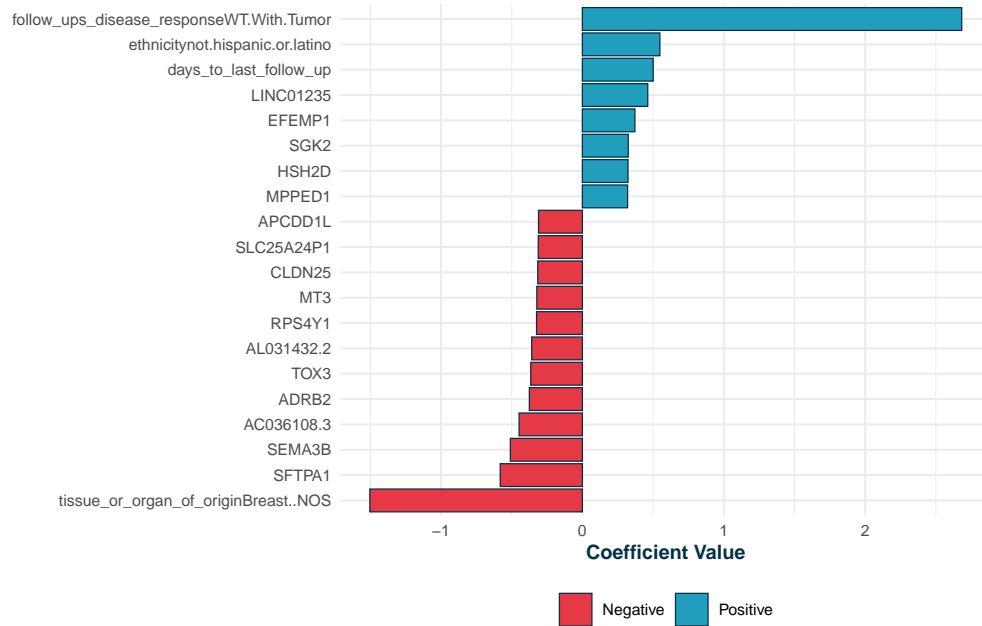
### ELASTICNET – Clinical\_TOP5000

Top 20 non-zero features



### ELASTICNET – Clinical\_TOP1000

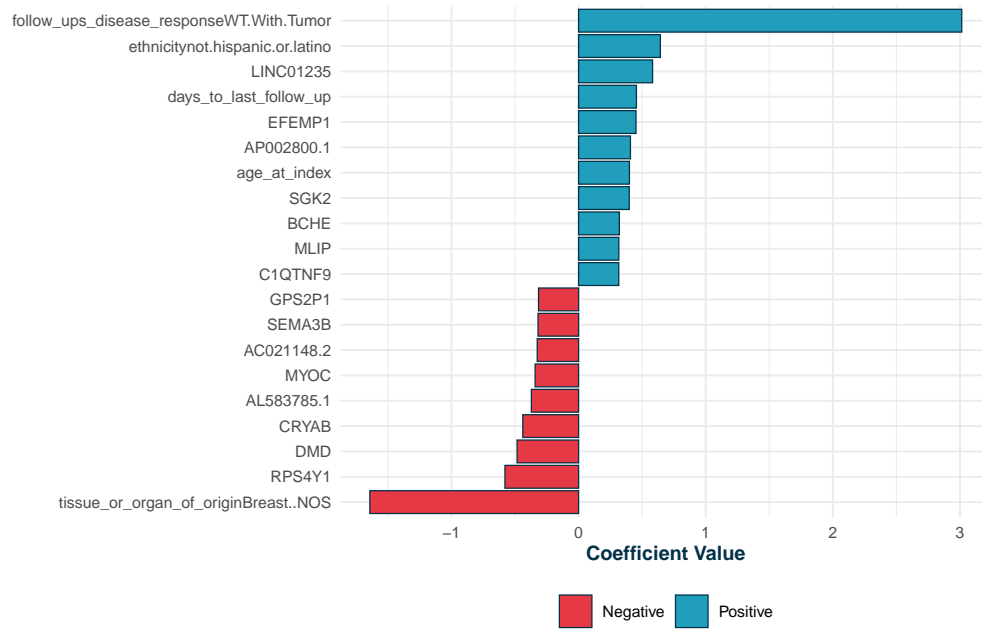
Top 20 non-zero features





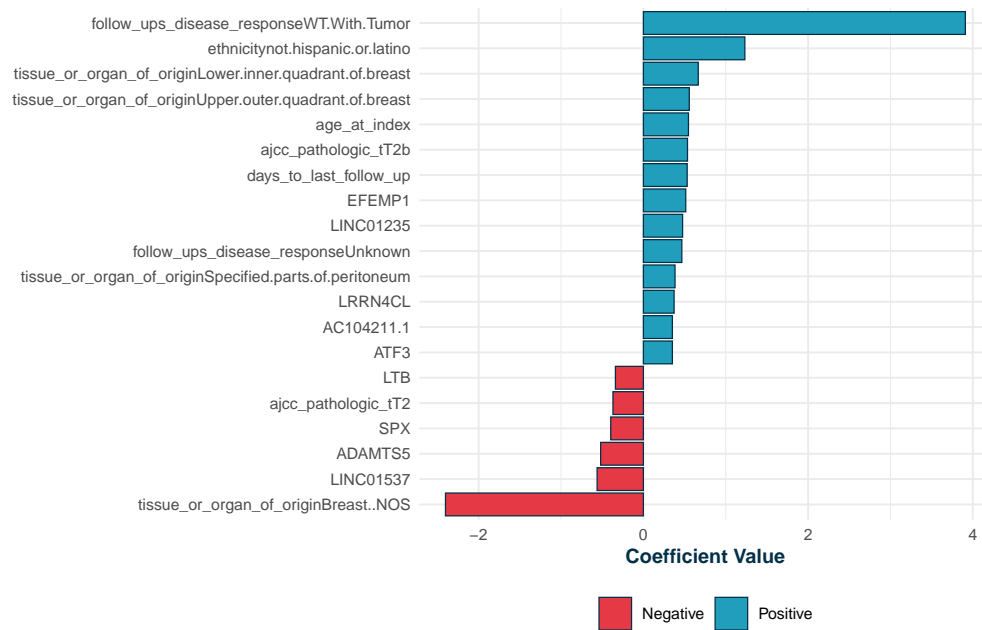
### ELASTICNET – Clinical\_TOP500

Top 20 non-zero features



### ELASTICNET – Clinical\_TOP100

Top 20 non-zero features



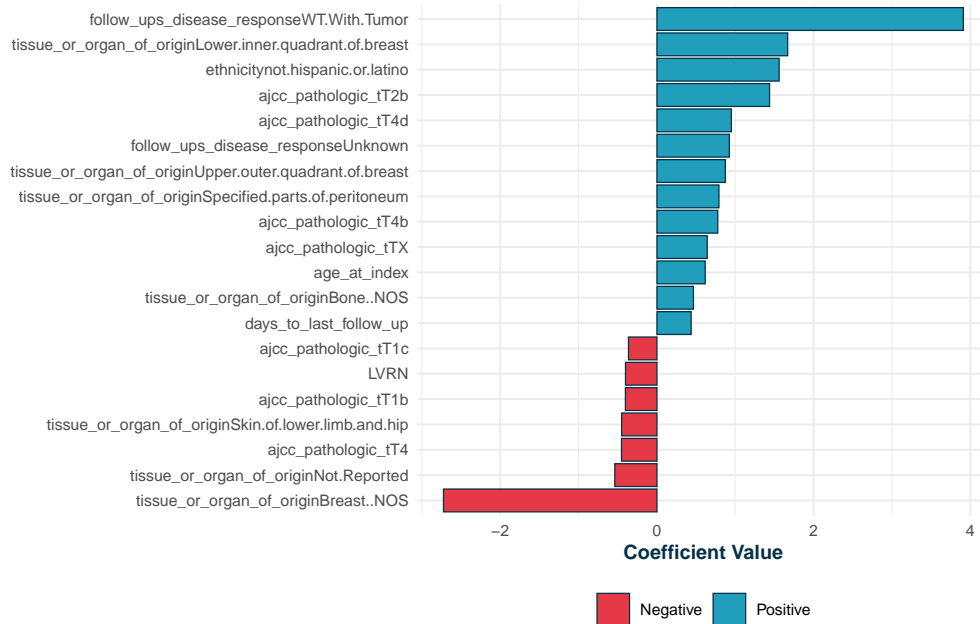
## ELASTICNET – Clinical\_TOP50

Top 20 non-zero features



## ELASTICNET – Clinical\_TOP20

Top 20 non-zero features



```
elasticnet_smote_metrics <- plot_classification_metrics_single(elasticnet_smote
, threshold = 0.5
, csv_filename = "elasticnet_smote_class
```

```
##
## === CLASSIFICATION METRICS ===
```

```

## Clinical_Only:
##   TP=29 TN=185 FP=21 FN=11
##   Accuracy=0.870 Precision=0.580 Recall=0.725 F1=0.644 AUC=0.899

## Clinical_TOP5000:
##   TP=20 TN=188 FP=18 FN=20
##   Accuracy=0.846 Precision=0.526 Recall=0.500 F1=0.513 AUC=0.794

## Clinical_TOP1000:
##   TP=27 TN=187 FP=19 FN=13
##   Accuracy=0.870 Precision=0.587 Recall=0.675 F1=0.628 AUC=0.863

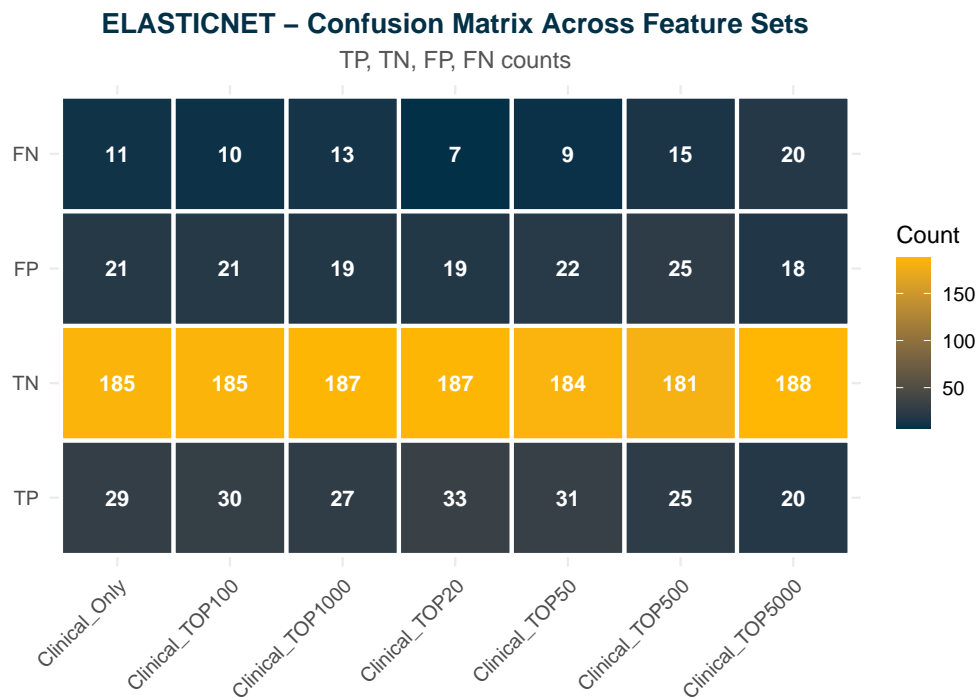
## Clinical_TOP500:
##   TP=25 TN=181 FP=25 FN=15
##   Accuracy=0.837 Precision=0.500 Recall=0.625 F1=0.556 AUC=0.837

## Clinical_TOP100:
##   TP=30 TN=185 FP=21 FN=10
##   Accuracy=0.874 Precision=0.588 Recall=0.750 F1=0.659 AUC=0.860

## Clinical_TOP50:
##   TP=31 TN=184 FP=22 FN=9
##   Accuracy=0.874 Precision=0.585 Recall=0.775 F1=0.667 AUC=0.883

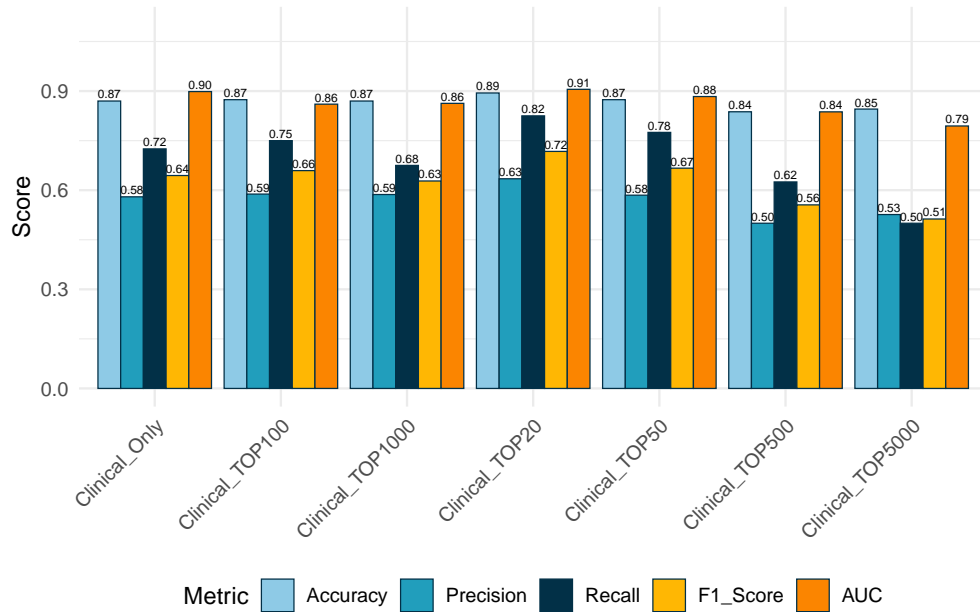
## Clinical_TOP20:
##   TP=33 TN=187 FP=19 FN=7
##   Accuracy=0.894 Precision=0.635 Recall=0.825 F1=0.717 AUC=0.905

```



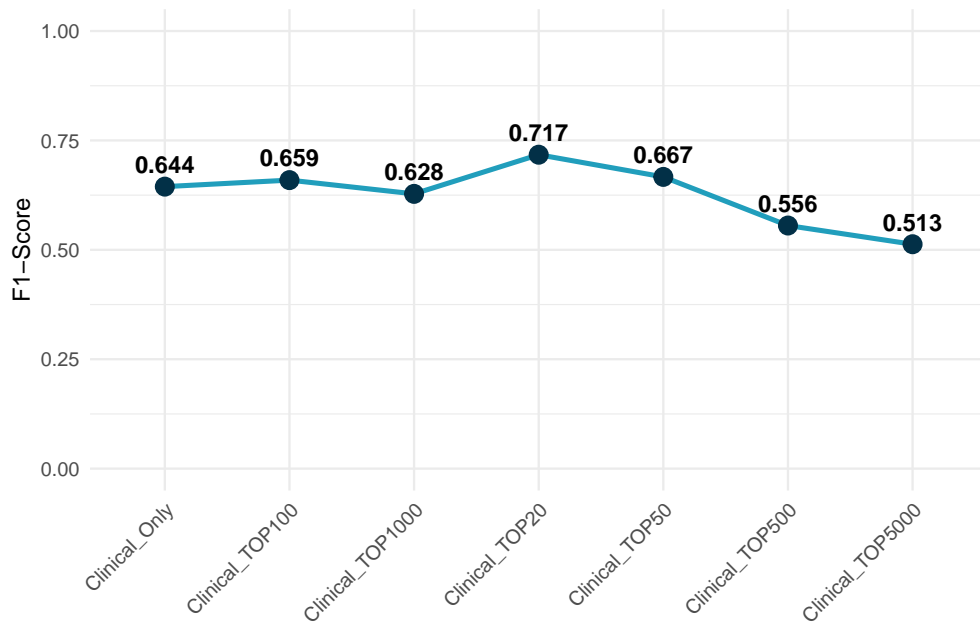
## ELASTICNET – Classification Metrics

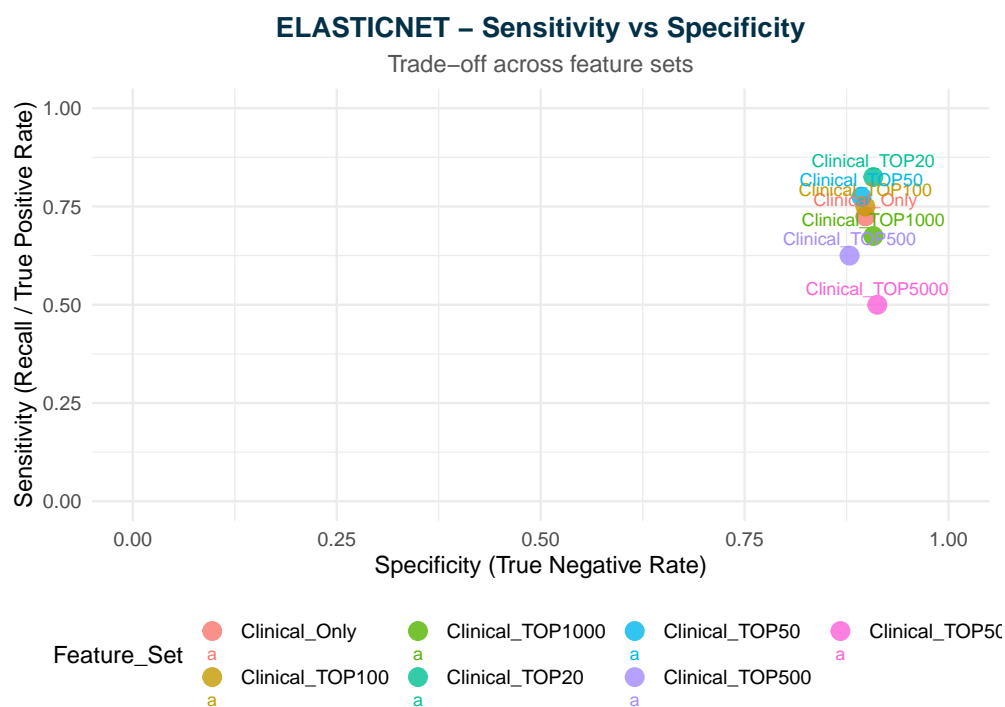
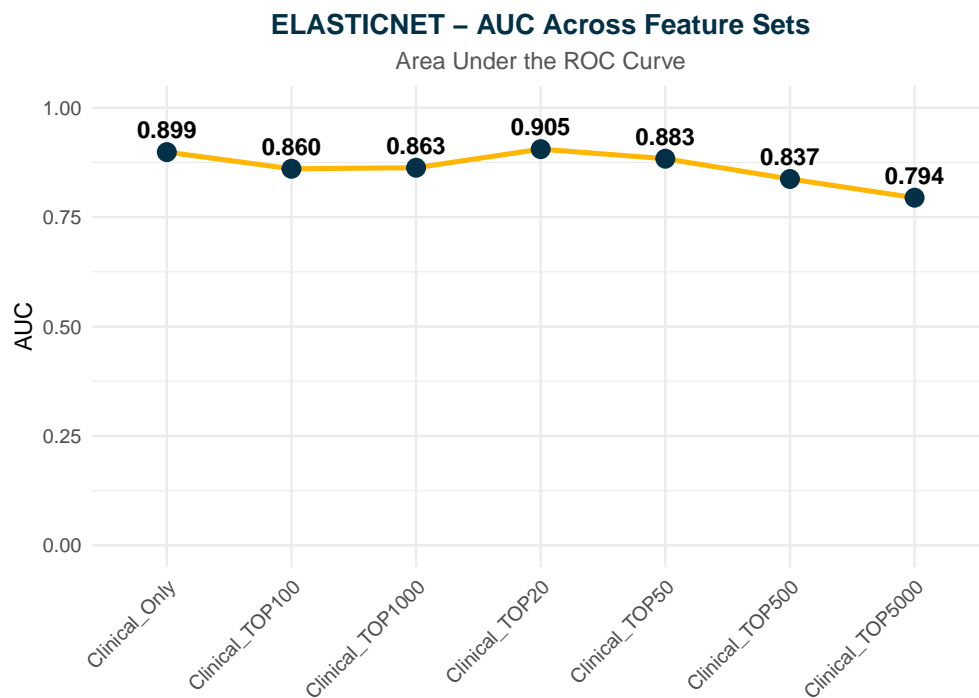
Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, AUC



## ELASTICNET – F1-Score Across Feature Sets

Trend of model performance





```
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set TP  TN  FP  FN  Accuracy Precision Recall Specificity
## 1 Clinical_Only 29 185 21 11 0.8699187 0.5800000 0.725 0.8980583
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 20 188 18 20 0.8455285 0.5263158 0.500 0.9126214
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 27 187 19 13 0.8699187 0.5869565 0.675 0.9077670
## 4 Clinical_TOP500 25 181 25 15 0.8373984 0.5000000 0.625 0.8786408
```

```
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 30 185 21 10 0.8739837 0.5882353 0.750 0.8980583
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 31 184 22 9 0.8739837 0.5849057 0.775 0.8932039
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 33 187 19 7 0.8943089 0.6346154 0.825 0.9077670
## F1_Score AUC
## 1 0.6444444 0.8985437
## 2 0.5128205 0.7944175
## 3 0.6279070 0.8628641
## 4 0.5555556 0.8371359
## 5 0.6593407 0.8604369
## 6 0.6666667 0.8834951
## 7 0.7173913 0.9053398
##
## Exported classification metrics to: model_metrics/elasticnet_smote_classification_metrics.csv
```

## Adaptive Lasso with SMOTE

```
adaptive_lasso_smote <- fit_single_model_across_features(
  model_type = "adaptive"
  , X_train_all = smote_data$X_train
  , X_test_all = X_test
  , Y_train = smote_data$Y_train
  , Y_test = Y_test
  , n_clinical = n_clinical
  , top_genes_ranked = top_genes
  , gene_sets = c(5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, 20)
)

##
## === FITTING ADAPTIVE ACROSS FEATURE SETS ===
##
## Fitting Clinical_Only...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP5000...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP1000...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP500...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP100...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP50...

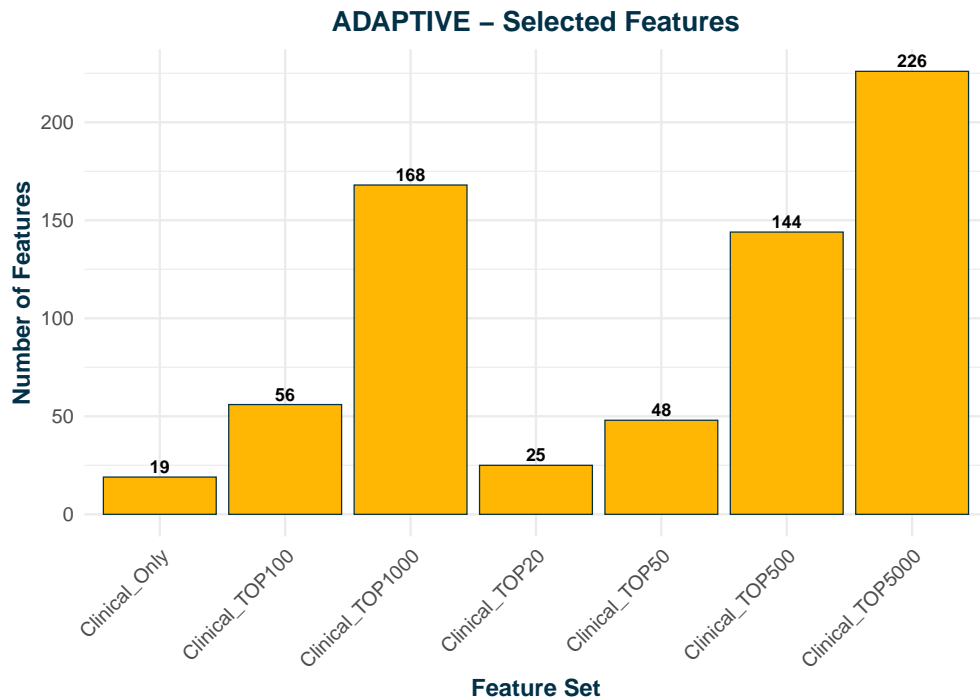
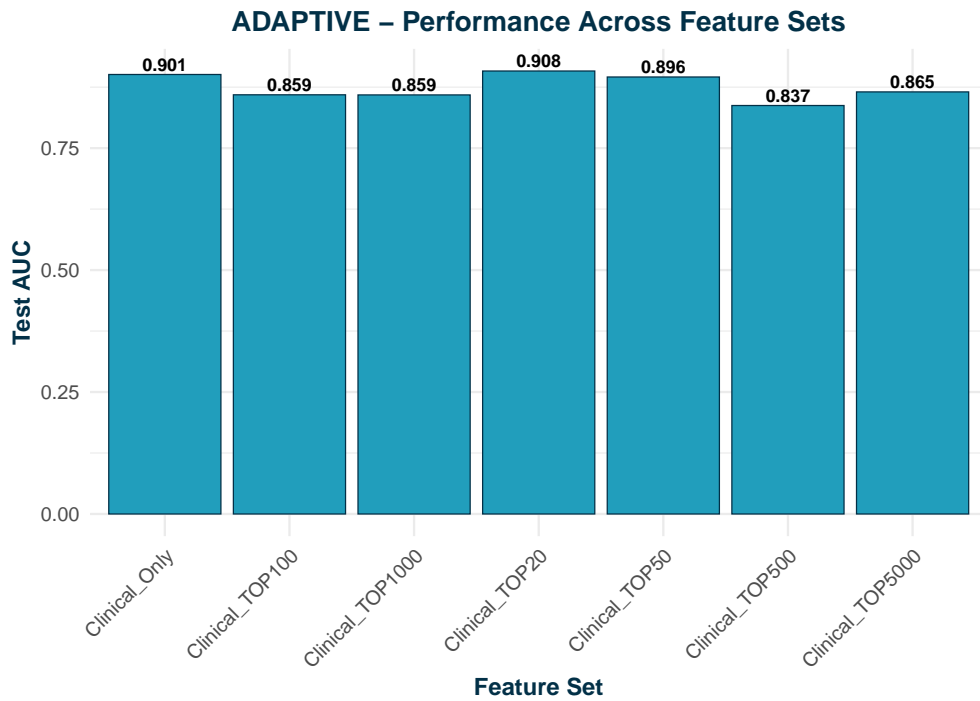
## Fitting Clinical_TOP20...

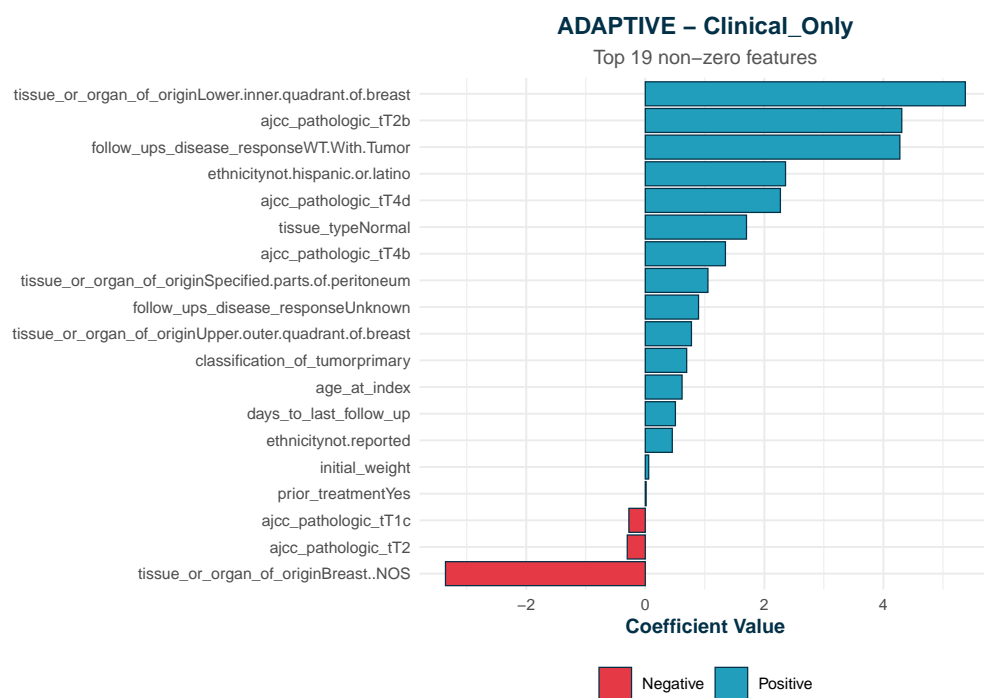
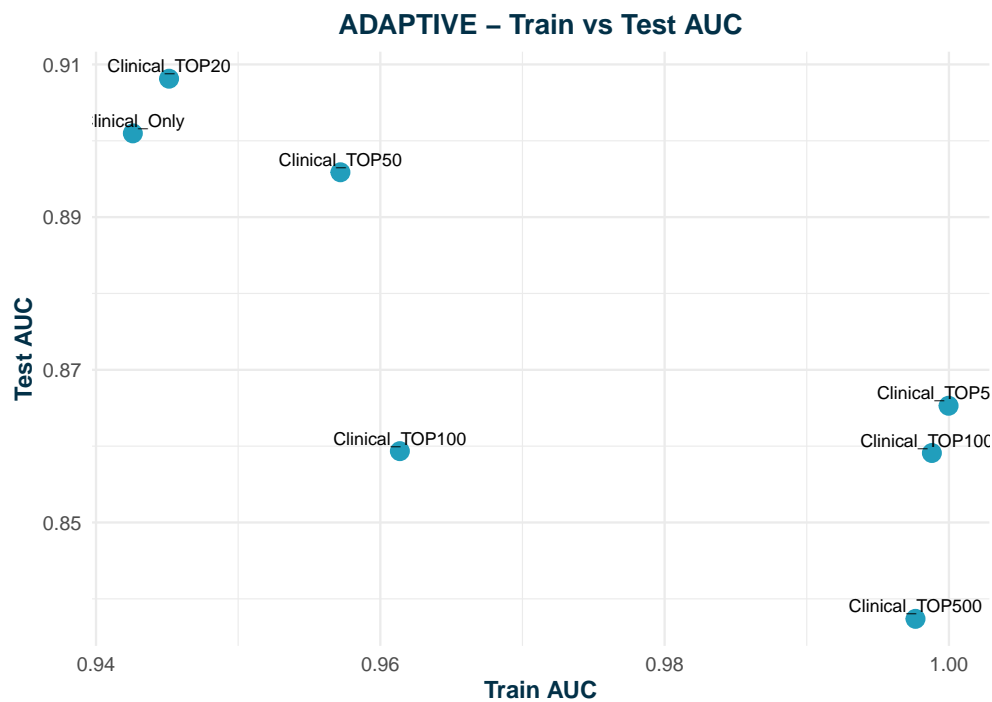
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
## Feature_Set Model Features Train_AUC Test_AUC Test_Accuracy
## 1 Clinical_Only ADAPTIVE 19 0.9425915 0.9009709 0.8821138
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 ADAPTIVE 226 0.9999758 0.8652913 0.8861789
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 ADAPTIVE 168 0.9988015 0.8591019 0.8739837
```

```

## 4 Clinical_TOP500 ADAPTIVE      144 0.9976499 0.8373786      0.8373984
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 ADAPTIVE      56 0.9613760 0.8593447      0.8699187
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 ADAPTIVE       48 0.9571949 0.8958738      0.8983740
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 ADAPTIVE       25 0.9451394 0.9081311      0.8943089
## Exported metrics to: model_metrics/adaptive_across_features_metrics.csv

```

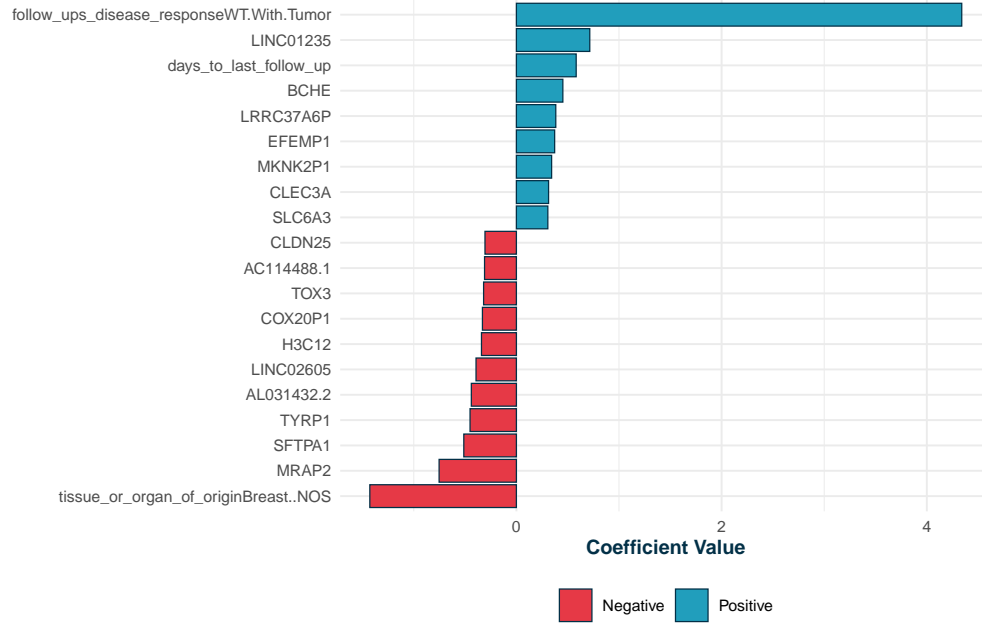






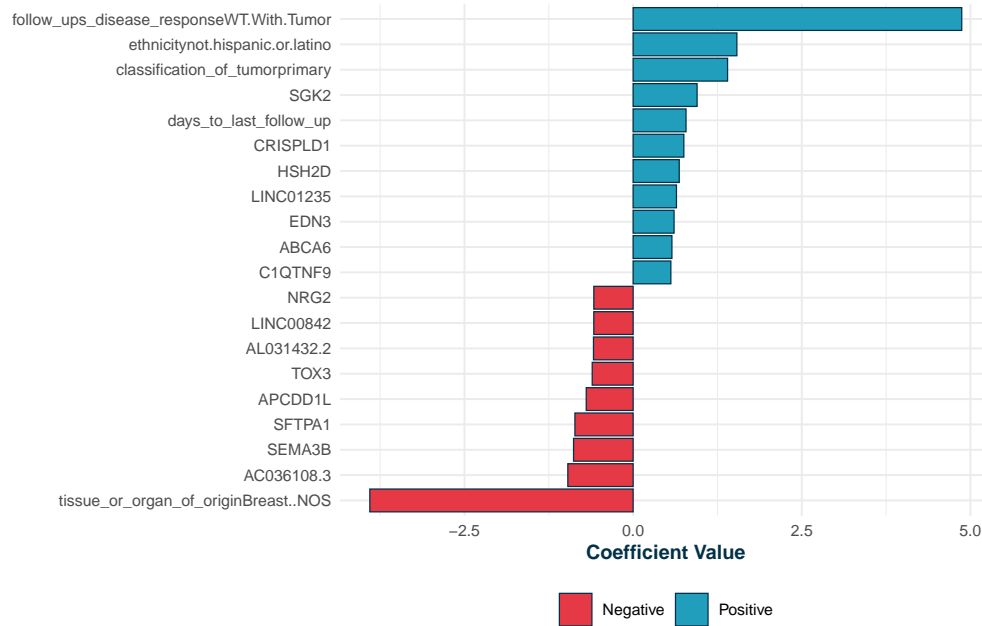
### ADAPTIVE – Clinical\_TOP5000

Top 20 non-zero features



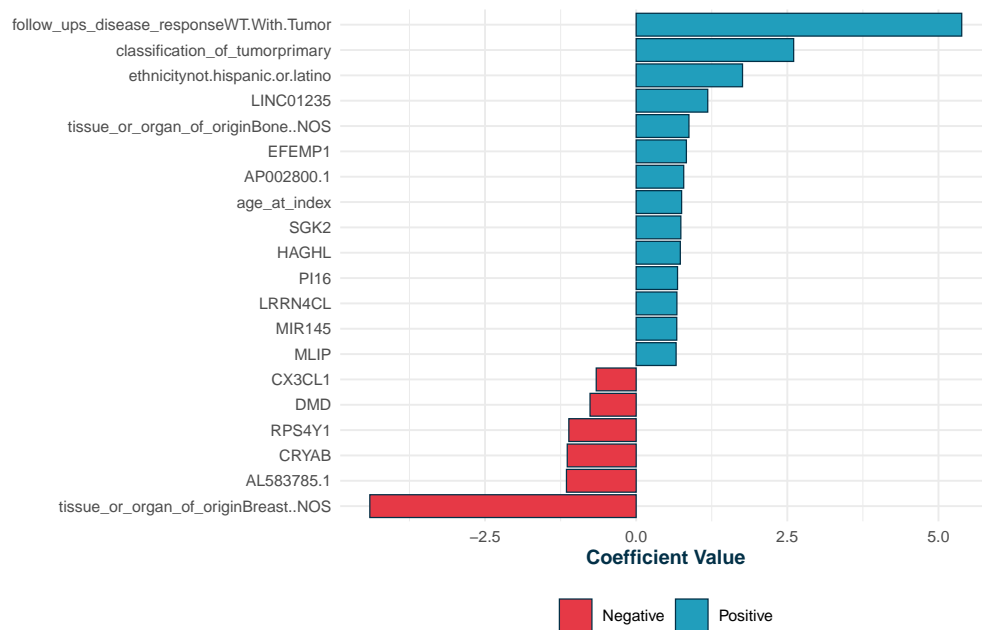
### ADAPTIVE – Clinical\_TOP1000

Top 20 non-zero features



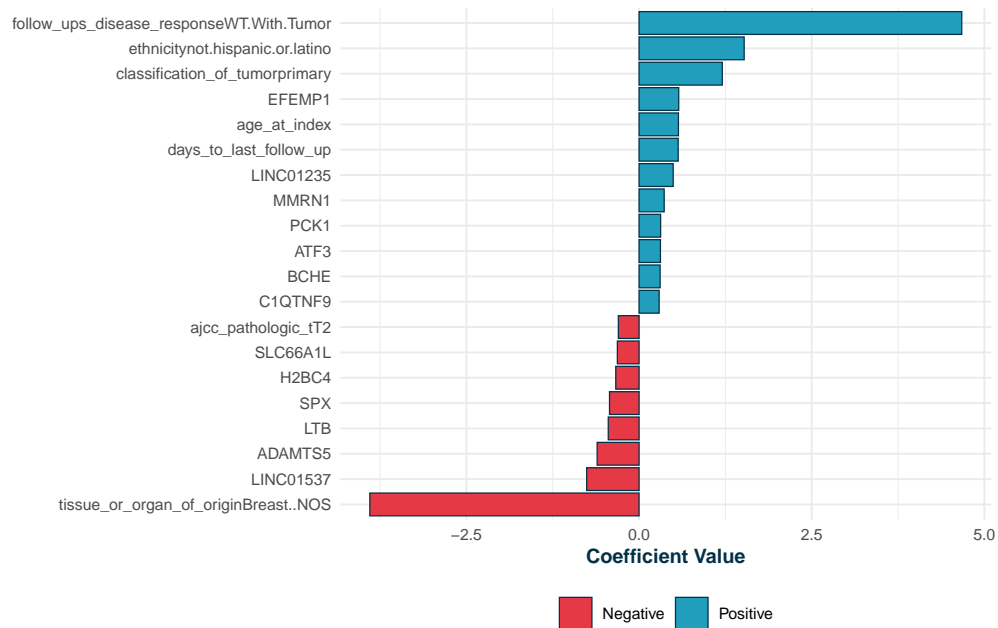
### ADAPTIVE – Clinical\_TOP500

Top 20 non-zero features



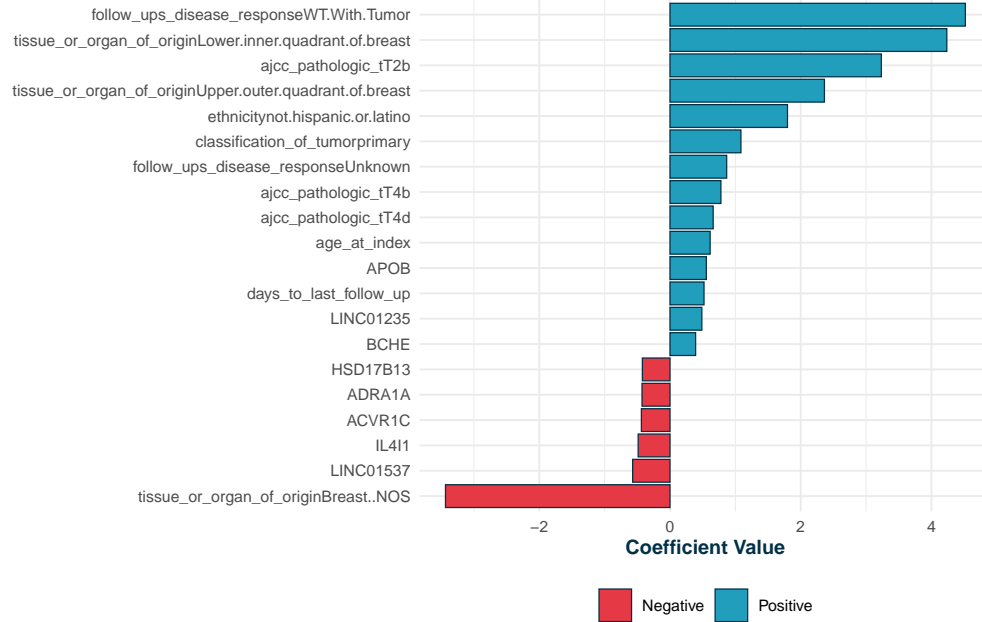
### ADAPTIVE – Clinical\_TOP100

Top 20 non-zero features



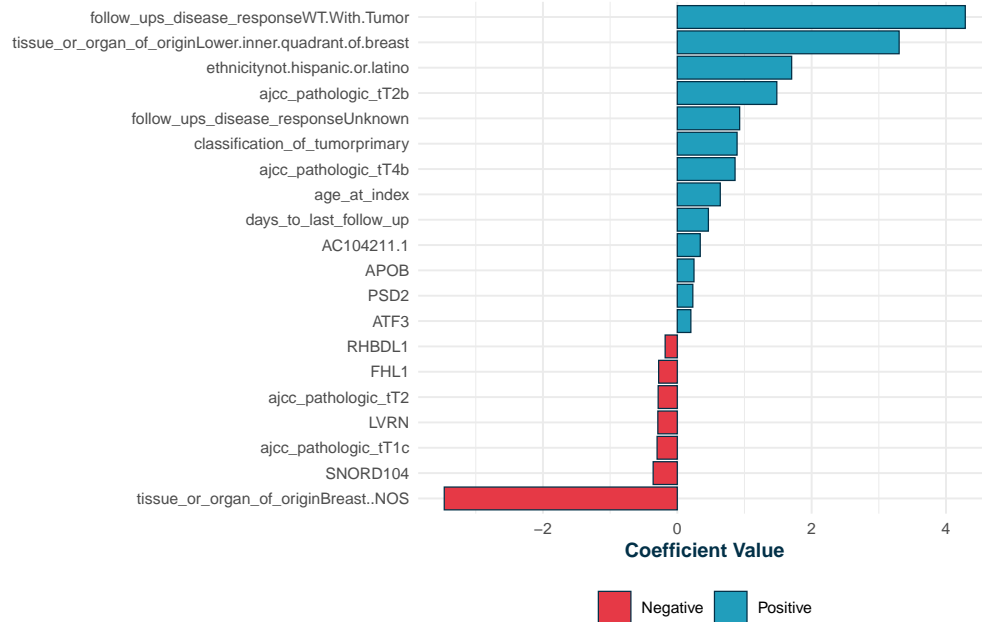
### ADAPTIVE – Clinical\_TOP50

Top 20 non-zero features



### ADAPTIVE – Clinical\_TOP20

Top 20 non-zero features



```
adaptive_lasso_smote_metrics <- plot_classification_metrics_single(adaptive_lasso_smote
                                                                    , threshold = 0.5
                                                                    , csv_filename = "adaptive_lasso_smote_metrics.csv")
```

```
##
## === CLASSIFICATION METRICS ===
```

```

## Clinical_Only:
##   TP=29 TN=188 FP=18 FN=11
##   Accuracy=0.882 Precision=0.617 Recall=0.725 F1=0.667 AUC=0.901

## Clinical_TOP5000:
##   TP=29 TN=189 FP=17 FN=11
##   Accuracy=0.886 Precision=0.630 Recall=0.725 F1=0.674 AUC=0.865

## Clinical_TOP1000:
##   TP=29 TN=186 FP=20 FN=11
##   Accuracy=0.874 Precision=0.592 Recall=0.725 F1=0.652 AUC=0.859

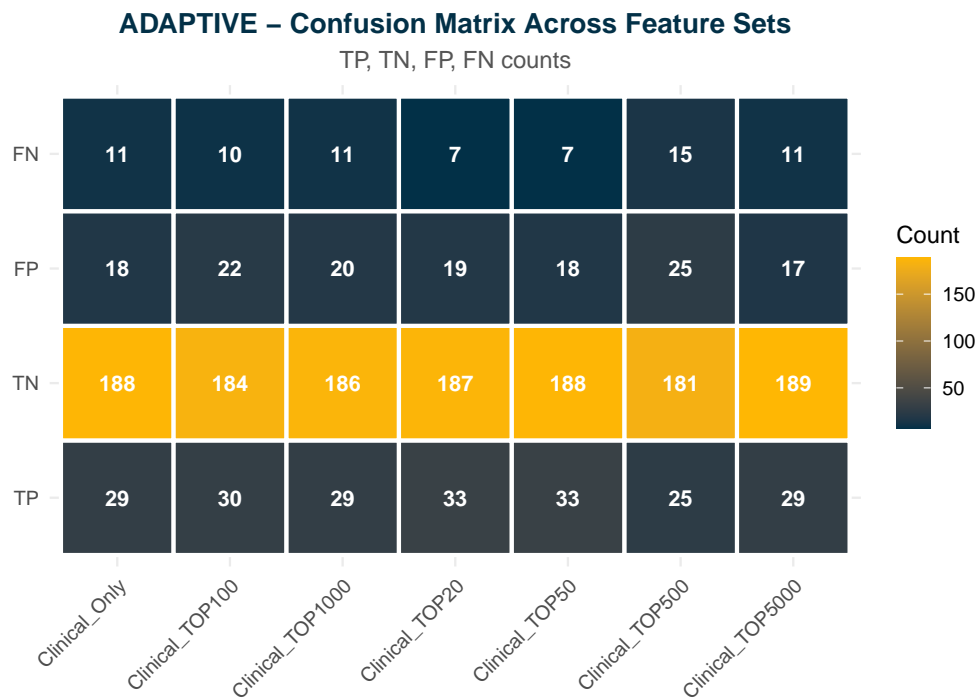
## Clinical_TOP500:
##   TP=25 TN=181 FP=25 FN=15
##   Accuracy=0.837 Precision=0.500 Recall=0.625 F1=0.556 AUC=0.837

## Clinical_TOP100:
##   TP=30 TN=184 FP=22 FN=10
##   Accuracy=0.870 Precision=0.577 Recall=0.750 F1=0.652 AUC=0.859

## Clinical_TOP50:
##   TP=33 TN=188 FP=18 FN=7
##   Accuracy=0.898 Precision=0.647 Recall=0.825 F1=0.725 AUC=0.896

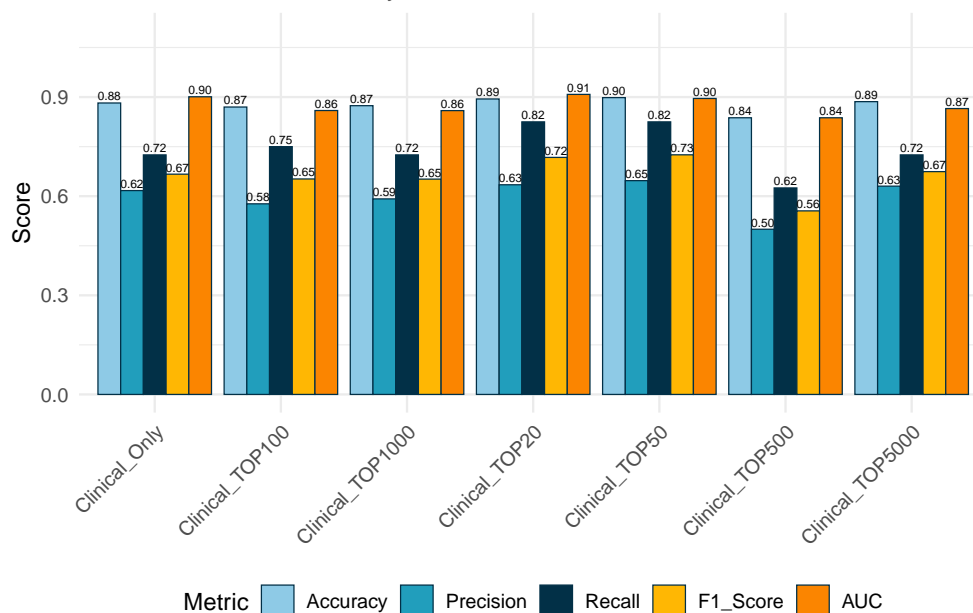
## Clinical_TOP20:
##   TP=33 TN=187 FP=19 FN=7
##   Accuracy=0.894 Precision=0.635 Recall=0.825 F1=0.717 AUC=0.908

```



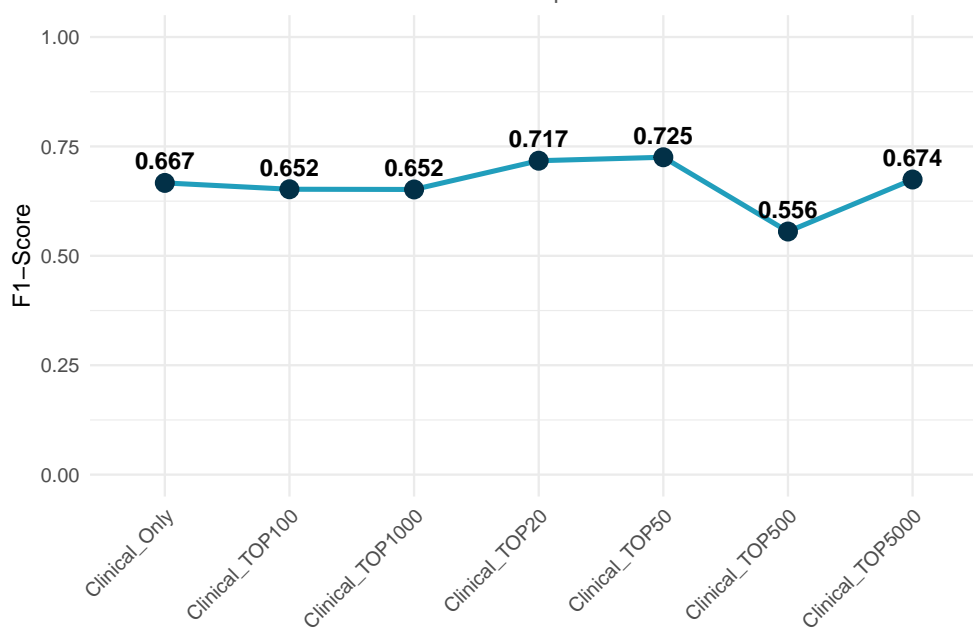
## ADAPTIVE – Classification Metrics

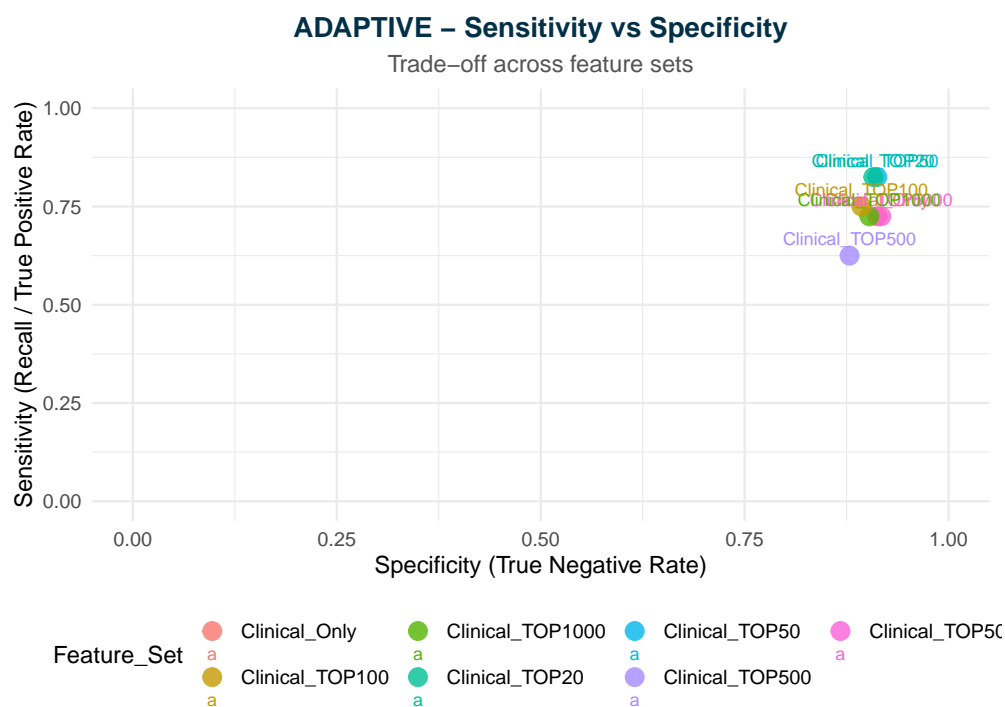
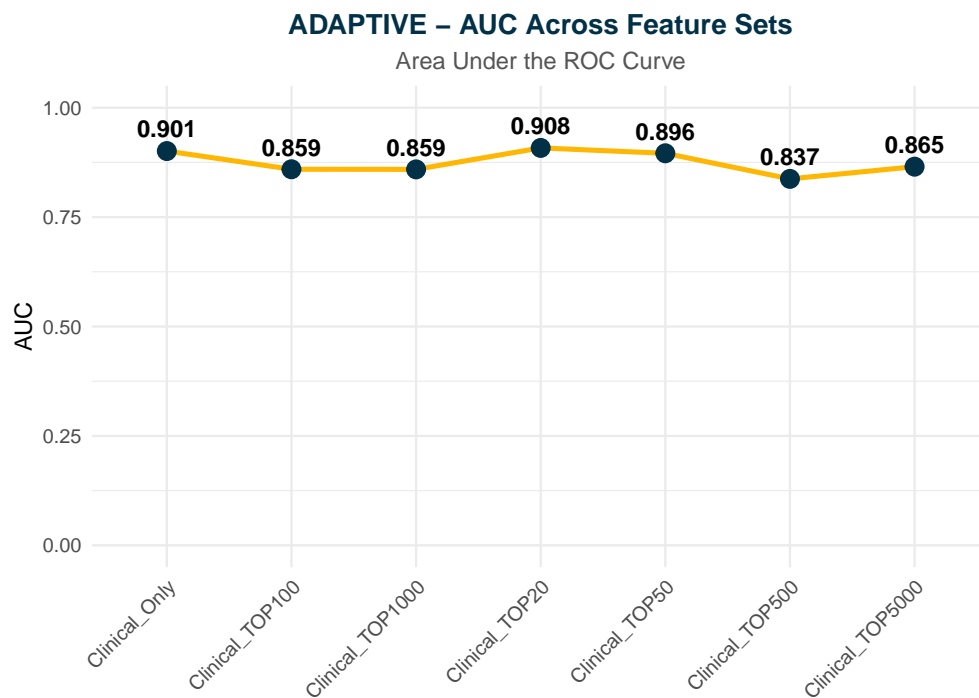
Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, AUC



## ADAPTIVE – F1-Score Across Feature Sets

Trend of model performance





```
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set TP  TN  FP  FN  Accuracy Precision Recall Specificity
## 1 Clinical_Only 29 188 18 11 0.8821138 0.6170213 0.725 0.9126214
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 29 189 17 11 0.8861789 0.6304348 0.725 0.9174757
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 29 186 20 11 0.8739837 0.5918367 0.725 0.9029126
## 4 Clinical_TOP500 25 181 25 15 0.8373984 0.5000000 0.625 0.8786408
```

```
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 30 184 22 10 0.8699187 0.5769231 0.750 0.8932039
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 33 188 18 7 0.8983740 0.6470588 0.825 0.9126214
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 33 187 19 7 0.8943089 0.6346154 0.825 0.9077670
## F1_Score AUC
## 1 0.6666667 0.9009709
## 2 0.6744186 0.8652913
## 3 0.6516854 0.8591019
## 4 0.5555556 0.8373786
## 5 0.6521739 0.8593447
## 6 0.7252747 0.8958738
## 7 0.7173913 0.9081311
##
## Exported classification metrics to: model_metrics/adaptive_lasso_smote_classification_metrics.csv
```

## UniLasso with SMOTE

```
unilasso_smote <- fit_single_model_across_features(
  model_type = "unilasso"
  , X_train_all = smote_data$X_train
  , X_test_all = X_test
  , Y_train = smote_data$Y_train
  , Y_test = Y_test
  , n_clinical = n_clinical
  , top_genes_ranked = top_genes
  , gene_sets = c(5000, 1000, 500, 100, 50, 20)
)

##
## === FITTING UNILASSO ACROSS FEATURE SETS ===
##
## Fitting Clinical_Only...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP5000...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP1000...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP500...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP100...

## Fitting Clinical_TOP50...

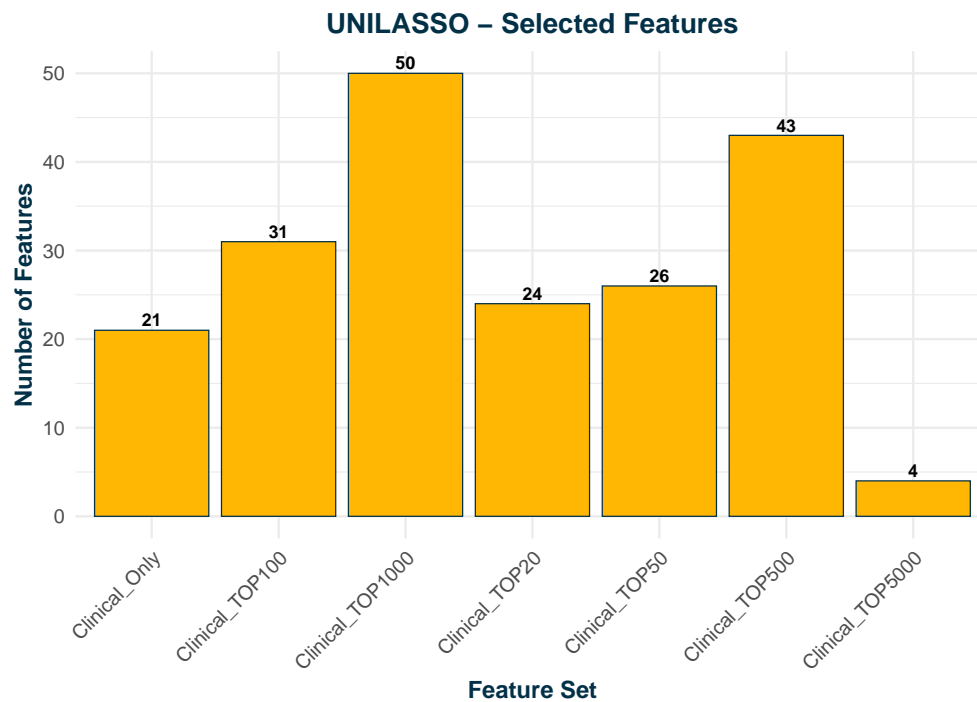
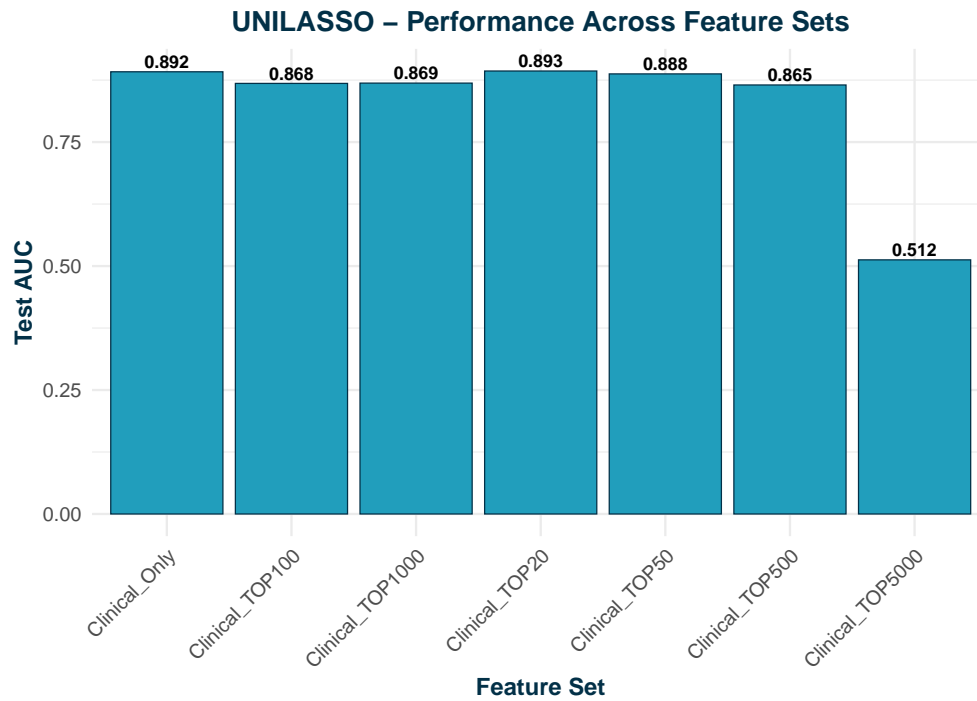
## Fitting Clinical_TOP20...

##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set  Model Features Train_AUC Test_AUC Test_Accuracy
## 1 Clinical_Only UNILASSO      21 0.9490329 0.8917476      0.8821138
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 UNILASSO       4 0.5950311 0.5125000      0.8414634
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 UNILASSO      50 0.9685456 0.8689320      0.9065041
```

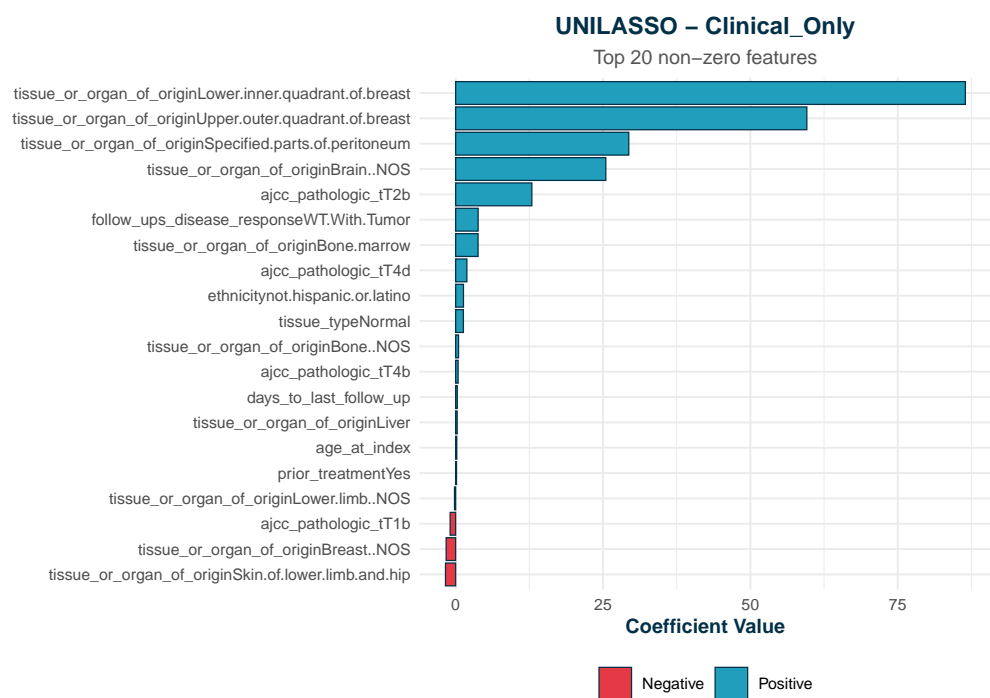
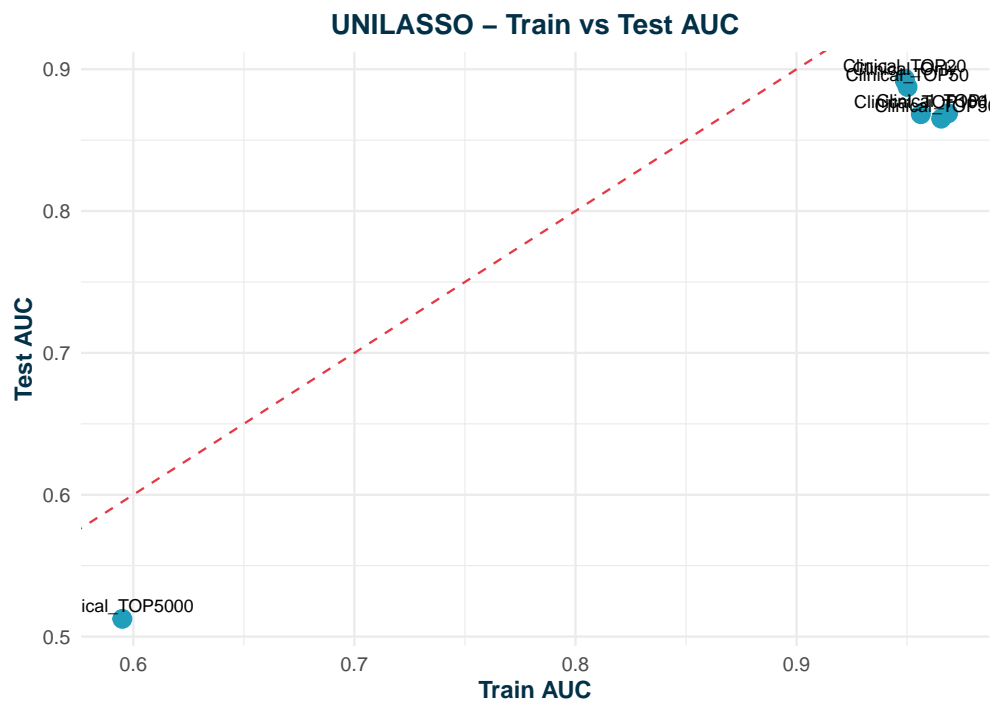
```

## 4 Clinical_TOP500 UNILASSO      43 0.9654393 0.8651699      0.9105691
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 UNILASSO     31 0.9562229 0.8683252      0.9065041
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 UNILASSO      26 0.9502049 0.8875000      0.9186992
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 UNILASSO      24 0.9489279 0.8933252      0.9186992
## Exported metrics to: model_metrics/unilasso_across_features_metrics.csv

```

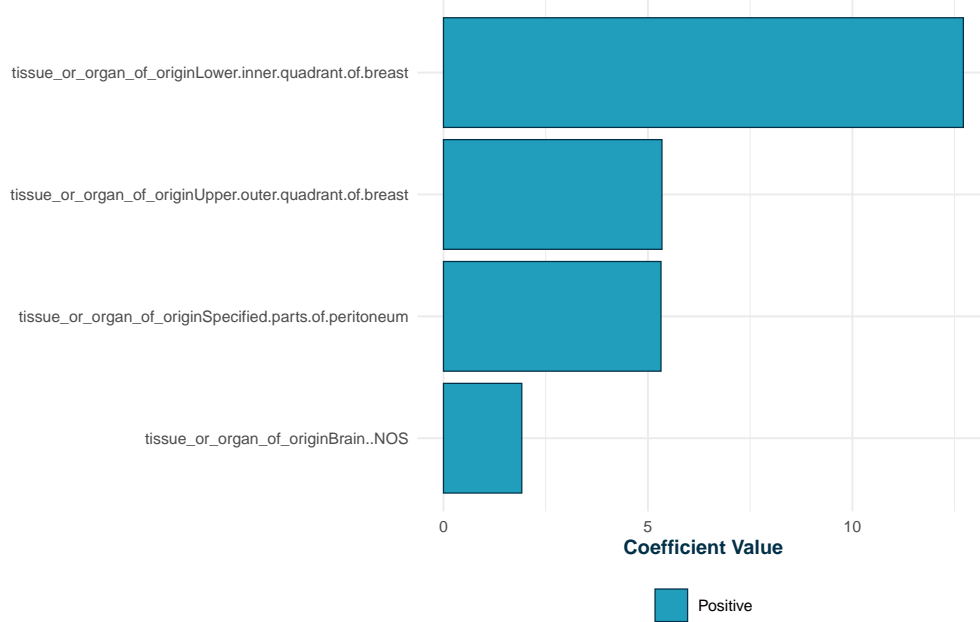






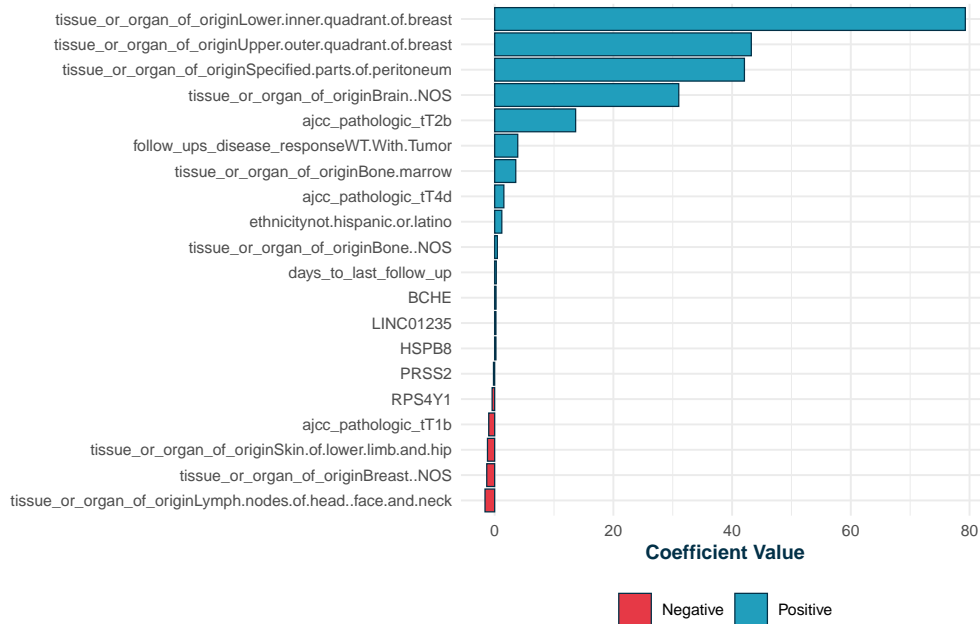
### UNILASSO – Clinical\_TOP5000

Top 4 non-zero features



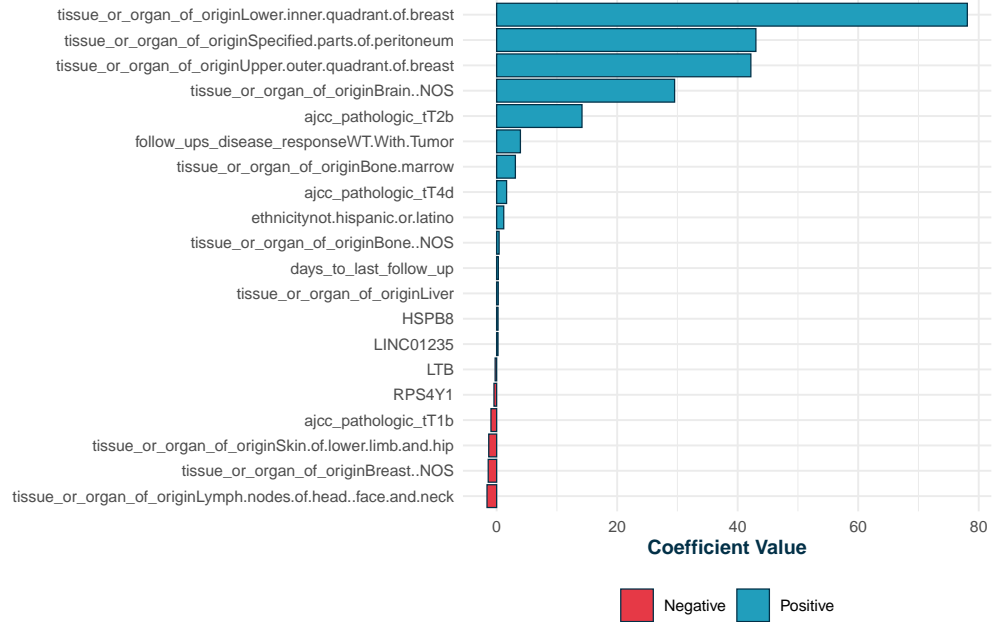
### UNILASSO – Clinical\_TOP1000

Top 20 non-zero features



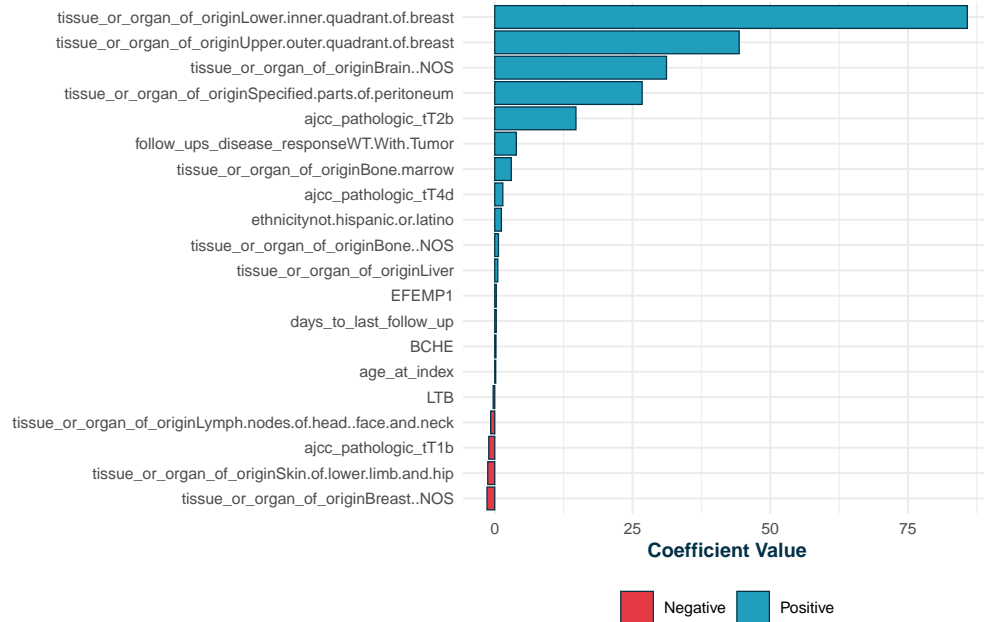
## UNILASSO – Clinical\_TOP500

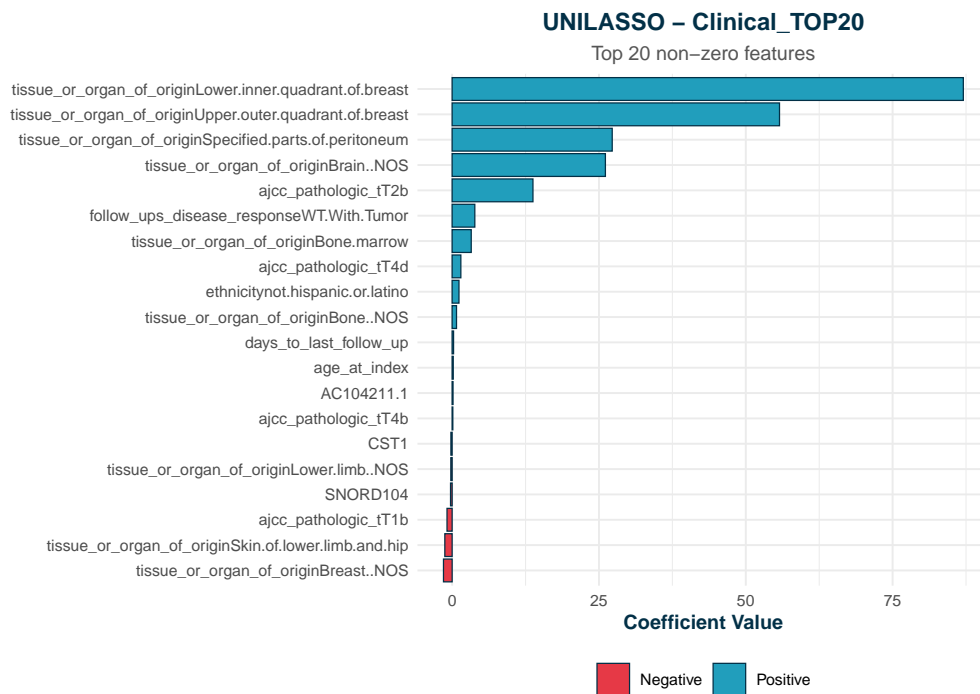
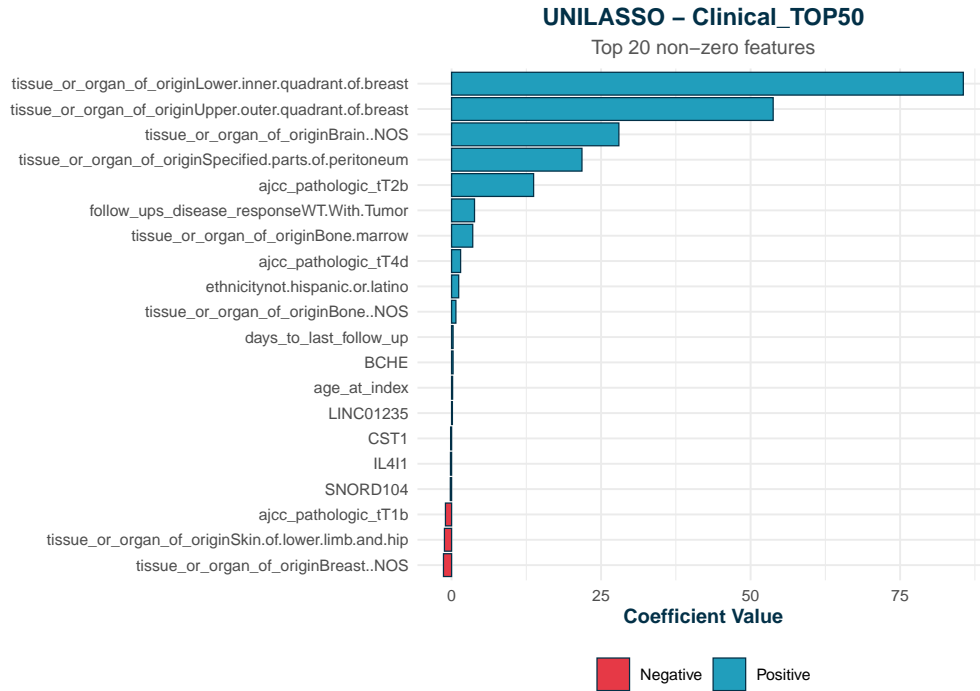
Top 20 non-zero features



## UNILASSO – Clinical\_TOP100

Top 20 non-zero features





```
unilasso_smote_metrics <- plot_classification_metrics_single(unilasso_smote
, threshold = 0.5
, csv_filename = "unilasso_smote_classification_metrics.csv")
```

```
##
## === CLASSIFICATION METRICS ===
```

```

## Clinical_Only:
##   TP=26 TN=191 FP=15 FN=14
##   Accuracy=0.882 Precision=0.634 Recall=0.650 F1=0.642 AUC=0.892

## Clinical_TOP5000:
##   TP=1 TN=206 FP=0 FN=39
##   Accuracy=0.841 Precision=1.000 Recall=0.025 F1=0.049 AUC=0.512

## Clinical_TOP1000:
##   TP=28 TN=195 FP=11 FN=12
##   Accuracy=0.907 Precision=0.718 Recall=0.700 F1=0.709 AUC=0.869

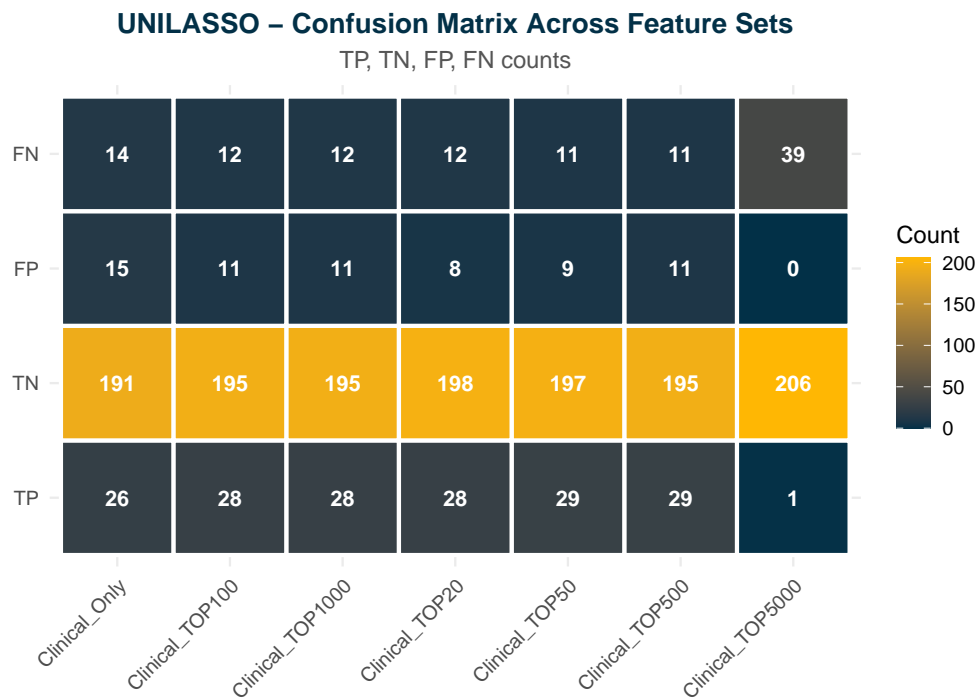
## Clinical_TOP500:
##   TP=29 TN=195 FP=11 FN=11
##   Accuracy=0.911 Precision=0.725 Recall=0.725 F1=0.725 AUC=0.865

## Clinical_TOP100:
##   TP=28 TN=195 FP=11 FN=12
##   Accuracy=0.907 Precision=0.718 Recall=0.700 F1=0.709 AUC=0.868

## Clinical_TOP50:
##   TP=29 TN=197 FP=9 FN=11
##   Accuracy=0.919 Precision=0.763 Recall=0.725 F1=0.744 AUC=0.888

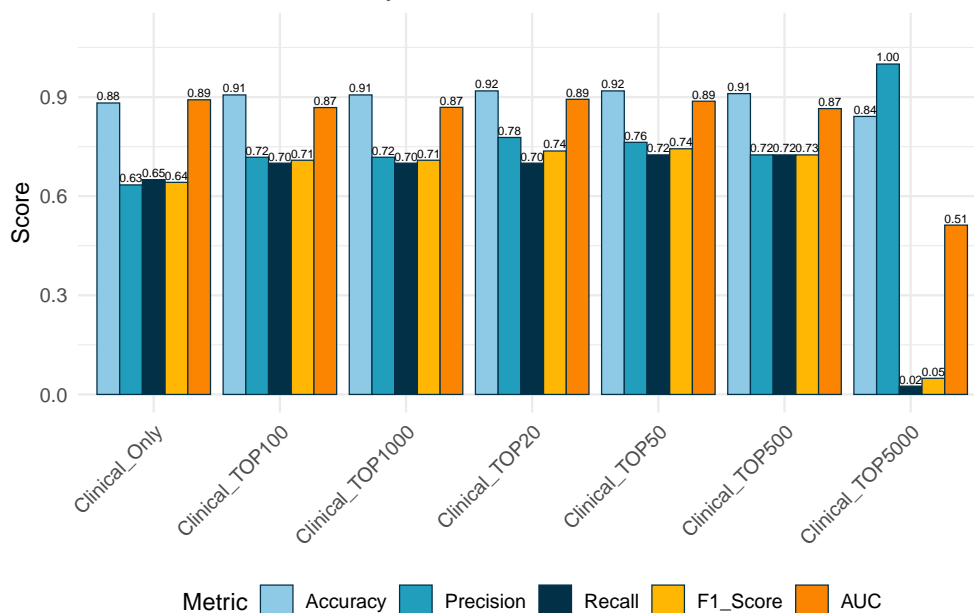
## Clinical_TOP20:
##   TP=28 TN=198 FP=8 FN=12
##   Accuracy=0.919 Precision=0.778 Recall=0.700 F1=0.737 AUC=0.893

```



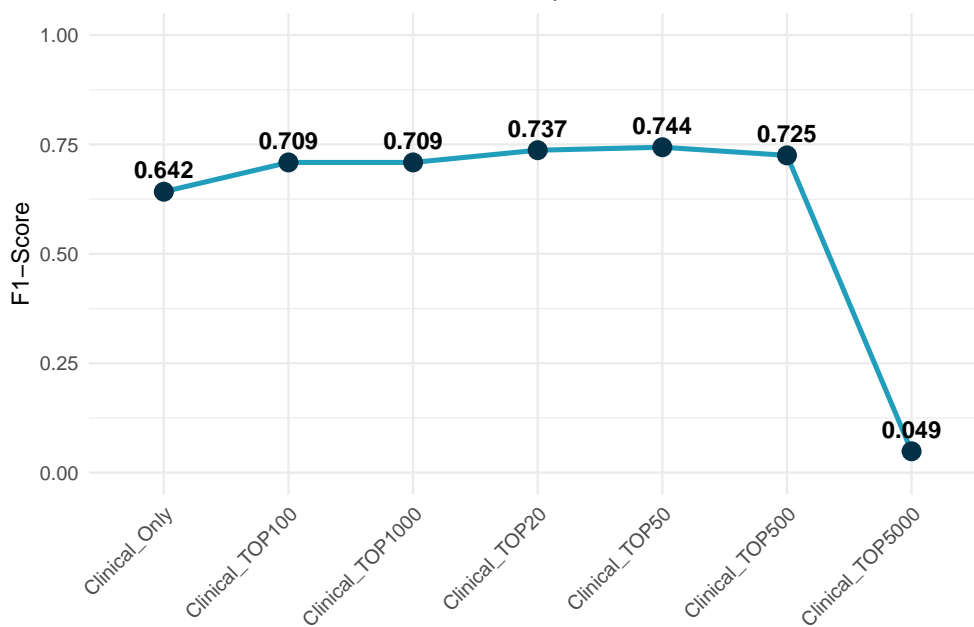
## UNILASSO – Classification Metrics

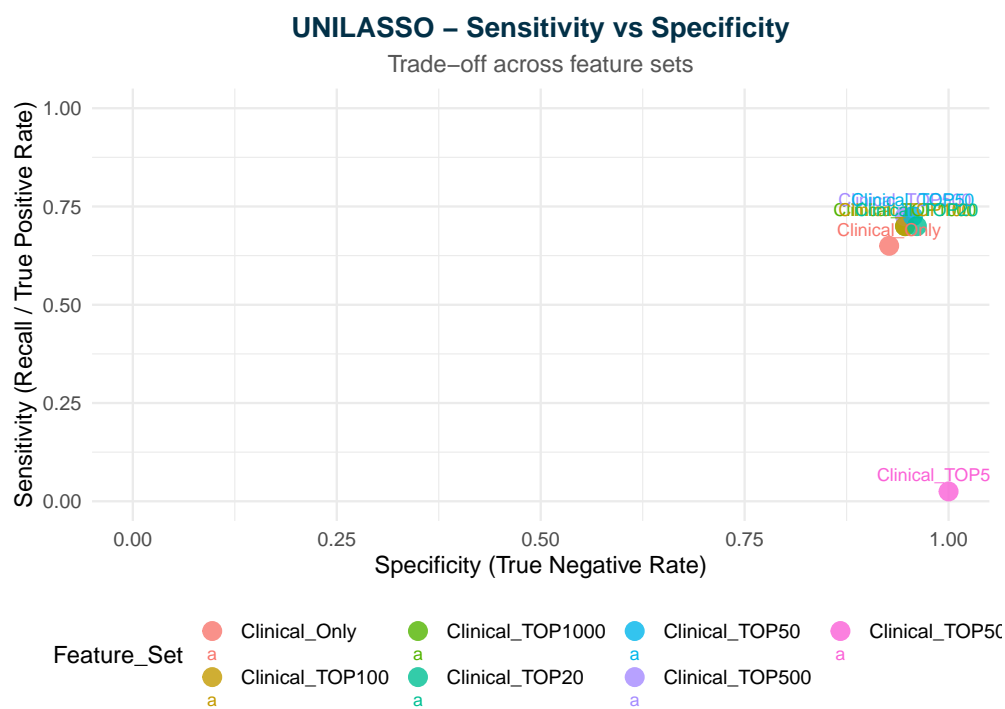
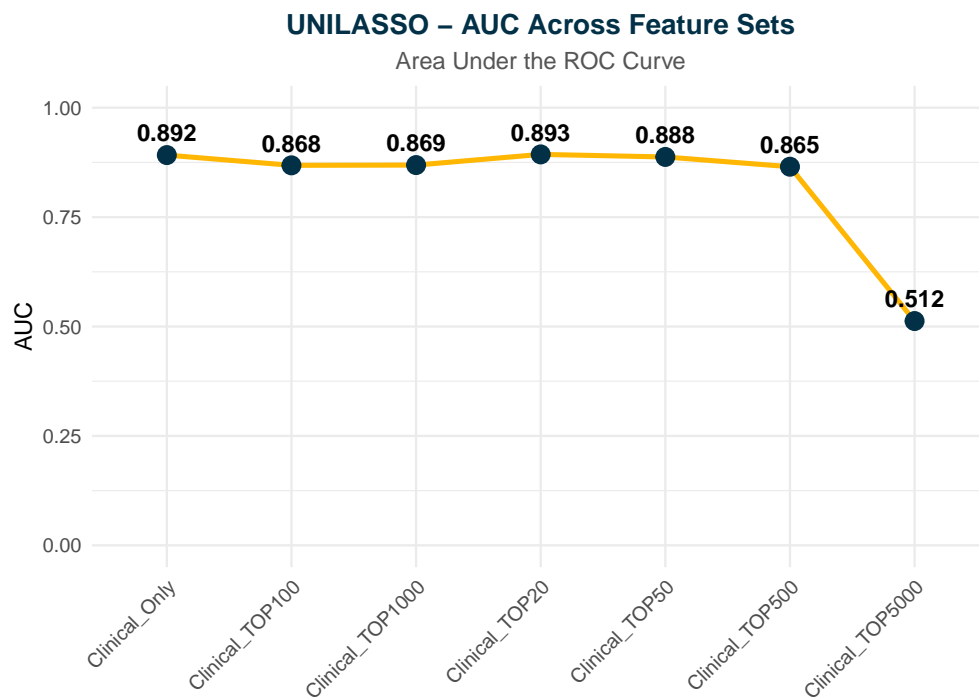
Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, AUC



## UNILASSO – F1-Score Across Feature Sets

Trend of model performance





```
##
## === SUMMARY TABLE ===
##      Feature_Set TP  TN  FP  FN  Accuracy Precision Recall Specificity
## 1 Clinical_Only 26 191 15 14 0.8821138 0.6341463 0.650 0.9271845
## 2 Clinical_TOP5000 1 206 0 39 0.8414634 1.0000000 0.025 1.0000000
## 3 Clinical_TOP1000 28 195 11 12 0.9065041 0.7179487 0.700 0.9466019
## 4 Clinical_TOP500 29 195 11 11 0.9105691 0.7250000 0.725 0.9466019
```

```
## 5 Clinical_TOP100 28 195 11 12 0.9065041 0.7179487 0.700 0.9466019
## 6 Clinical_TOP50 29 197 9 11 0.9186992 0.7631579 0.725 0.9563107
## 7 Clinical_TOP20 28 198 8 12 0.9186992 0.7777778 0.700 0.9611650
## F1_Score AUC
## 1 0.64197531 0.8917476
## 2 0.04878049 0.5125000
## 3 0.70886076 0.8689320
## 4 0.72500000 0.8651699
## 5 0.70886076 0.8683252
## 6 0.74358974 0.8875000
## 7 0.73684211 0.8933252
##
## Exported classification metrics to: model_metrics/unilasso_smote_classification_metrics.csv
```

## SMOTE Impact Comparison

```
cat("\n=== RIDGE: SMOTE vs NO SMOTE COMPARISON ===\n\n")
```

## Ridge Comparison

```
##
## === RIDGE: SMOTE vs NO SMOTE COMPARISON ===
```

```
cat("Before SMOTE (Clinical_Only):\n")
```

```
## Before SMOTE (Clinical_Only):
```

```
cat(" Recall:", sprintf("%.3f", ridge_metrics$Recall[1]), "\n")
```

```
## Recall: 0.175
```

```
cat(" Precision:", sprintf("%.3f", ridge_metrics$Precision[1]), "\n")
```

```
## Precision: 0.778
```

```
cat(" F1-Score:", sprintf("%.3f", ridge_metrics$F1_Score[1]), "\n")
```

```
## F1-Score: 0.286
```

```
cat(" AUC:", sprintf("%.3f", ridge_metrics$AUC[1]), "\n\n")
```

```
## AUC: 0.883
```

```
cat("After SMOTE (Clinical_Only):\n")
```

```
## After SMOTE (Clinical_Only):
```



```

cat("  Recall:", sprintf("%.3f", ridge_smote_metrics$Recall[1]), "\n")

##  Recall: 0.725

cat("  Precision:", sprintf("%.3f", ridge_smote_metrics$Precision[1]), "\n")

##  Precision: 0.547

cat("  F1-Score:", sprintf("%.3f", ridge_smote_metrics$F1_Score[1]), "\n")

##  F1-Score: 0.624

cat("  AUC:", sprintf("%.3f", ridge_smote_metrics$AUC[1]), "\n\n")

##  AUC: 0.884

cat("Improvement:\n")

## Improvement:

cat("  Recall:", sprintf("%+.3f", ridge_smote_metrics$Recall[1] - ridge_metrics$Recall[1]), "\n")

##  Recall: +0.550

cat("  F1-Score:", sprintf("%+.3f", ridge_smote_metrics$F1_Score[1] - ridge_metrics$F1_Score[1]), "\n")

##  F1-Score: +0.338

comparison_ridge <- rbind(
  data.frame(Method = "No SMOTE", ridge_metrics[1, c("Feature_Set", "Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Method = "SMOTE", ridge_smote_metrics[1, c("Feature_Set", "Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")])
)

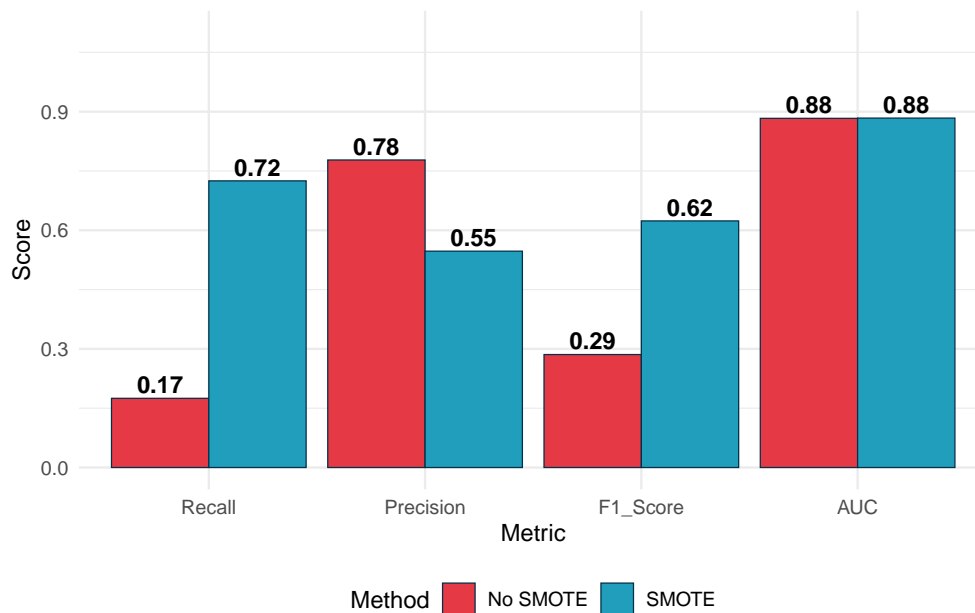
comp_ridge_long <- reshape2::melt(comparison_ridge, id.vars = c("Method", "Feature_Set"))

ggplot(comp_ridge_long, aes(x = variable, y = value, fill = Method)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge", color = "#023047", linewidth = 0.3) +
  geom_text(aes(label = sprintf("%.2f", value)),
    , position = position_dodge(width = 0.9)
    , vjust = -0.3
    , fontface = "bold") +
  labs(title = "Ridge: Impact of SMOTE on Clinical_Only Model"
    , subtitle = "Comparison of key metrics"
    , x = "Metric"
    , y = "Score") +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 12) +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(face = "bold", hjust = 0.5, color = "#023047")
    , plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5, color = "#555555")
    , legend.position = "bottom") +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("No SMOTE" = "#e63946", "SMOTE" = "#219ebc")) +
  ylim(0, 1.1)

```

## Ridge: Impact of SMOTE on Clinical\_Only Model

Comparison of key metrics



```
cat("\n=== LASSO: SMOTE vs NO SMOTE COMPARISON ===\n\n")
```

### Lasso Comparison

```
##
## === LASSO: SMOTE vs NO SMOTE COMPARISON ===
```

```
cat("Before SMOTE (Clinical_Only):\n")
```

```
## Before SMOTE (Clinical_Only):
```

```
cat("  Recall:", sprintf("%.3f", lasso_metrics$Recall[1]), "\n")
```

```
##    Recall: 0.400
```

```
cat("  Precision:", sprintf("%.3f", lasso_metrics$Precision[1]), "\n")
```

```
##    Precision: 0.762
```

```
cat("  F1-Score:", sprintf("%.3f", lasso_metrics$F1_Score[1]), "\n")
```

```
##    F1-Score: 0.525
```

```

cat("  AUC:", sprintf("%.3f", lasso_metrics$AUC[1]), "\n\n")

##  AUC: 0.886

cat("After SMOTE (Clinical_Only):\n")

## After SMOTE (Clinical_Only):

cat("  Recall:", sprintf("%.3f", lasso_smote_metrics$Recall[1]), "\n")

##  Recall: 0.725

cat("  Precision:", sprintf("%.3f", lasso_smote_metrics$Precision[1]), "\n")

##  Precision: 0.592

cat("  F1-Score:", sprintf("%.3f", lasso_smote_metrics$F1_Score[1]), "\n")

##  F1-Score: 0.652

cat("  AUC:", sprintf("%.3f", lasso_smote_metrics$AUC[1]), "\n\n")

##  AUC: 0.898

cat("Improvement:\n")

## Improvement:

cat("  Recall:", sprintf("%+.3f", lasso_smote_metrics$Recall[1] - lasso_metrics$Recall[1]), "\n")

##  Recall: +0.325

cat("  F1-Score:", sprintf("%+.3f", lasso_smote_metrics$F1_Score[1] - lasso_metrics$F1_Score[1]), "\n")

##  F1-Score: +0.127

comparison_lasso <- rbind(
  data.frame(Method = "No SMOTE", lasso_metrics[1, c("Feature_Set", "Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Method = "SMOTE", lasso_smote_metrics[1, c("Feature_Set", "Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")])
)

comp_lasso_long <- reshape2::melt(comparison_lasso, id.vars = c("Method", "Feature_Set"))

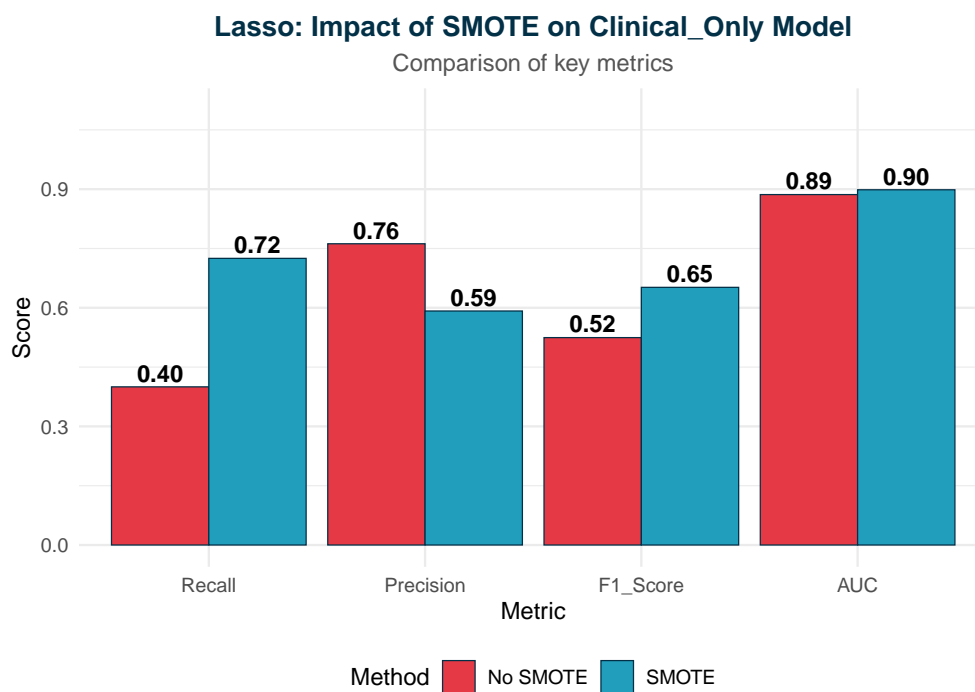
ggplot(comp_lasso_long, aes(x = variable, y = value, fill = Method)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge", color = "#023047", linewidth = 0.3) +
  geom_text(aes(label = sprintf("%.2f", value))

```

```

    , position = position_dodge(width = 0.9)
    , vjust = -0.3
    , fontface = "bold") +
labs(title = "Lasso: Impact of SMOTE on Clinical_Only Model"
     , subtitle = "Comparison of key metrics"
     , x = "Metric"
     , y = "Score") +
theme_minimal(base_size = 12) +
theme(plot.title = element_text(face = "bold", hjust = 0.5, color = "#023047")
     , plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5, color = "#555555")
     , legend.position = "bottom") +
scale_fill_manual(values = c("No SMOTE" = "#e63946", "SMOTE" = "#219ebc")) +
ylim(0, 1.1)

```



```
cat("\n=== ELASTICNET: SMOTE vs NO SMOTE COMPARISON ===\n\n")
```

### ElasticNet Comparison

```
##
## === ELASTICNET: SMOTE vs NO SMOTE COMPARISON ===
```

```
cat("Before SMOTE (Clinical_Only):\n")
```

```
## Before SMOTE (Clinical_Only):
```

```
cat("  Recall:", sprintf("%.3f", elasticnet_metrics$Recall[1]), "\n")
```

```
##  Recall: 0.250
```

```
cat("  Precision:", sprintf("%.3f", elasticnet_metrics$Precision[1]), "\n")
```

```
##  Precision: 0.769
```

```
cat("  F1-Score:", sprintf("%.3f", elasticnet_metrics$F1_Score[1]), "\n")
```

```
##  F1-Score: 0.377
```

```
cat("  AUC:", sprintf("%.3f", elasticnet_metrics$AUC[1]), "\n\n")
```

```
##  AUC: 0.885
```

```
cat("After SMOTE (Clinical_Only):\n")
```

```
## After SMOTE (Clinical_Only):
```

```
cat("  Recall:", sprintf("%.3f", elasticnet_smote_metrics$Recall[1]), "\n")
```

```
##  Recall: 0.725
```

```
cat("  Precision:", sprintf("%.3f", elasticnet_smote_metrics$Precision[1]), "\n")
```

```
##  Precision: 0.580
```

```
cat("  F1-Score:", sprintf("%.3f", elasticnet_smote_metrics$F1_Score[1]), "\n")
```

```
##  F1-Score: 0.644
```

```
cat("  AUC:", sprintf("%.3f", elasticnet_smote_metrics$AUC[1]), "\n\n")
```

```
##  AUC: 0.899
```

```
cat("Improvement:\n")
```

```
## Improvement:
```

```
cat("  Recall:", sprintf("%+.3f", elasticnet_smote_metrics$Recall[1] - elasticnet_metrics$Recall[1]), "\n")
```

```
##  Recall: +0.475
```

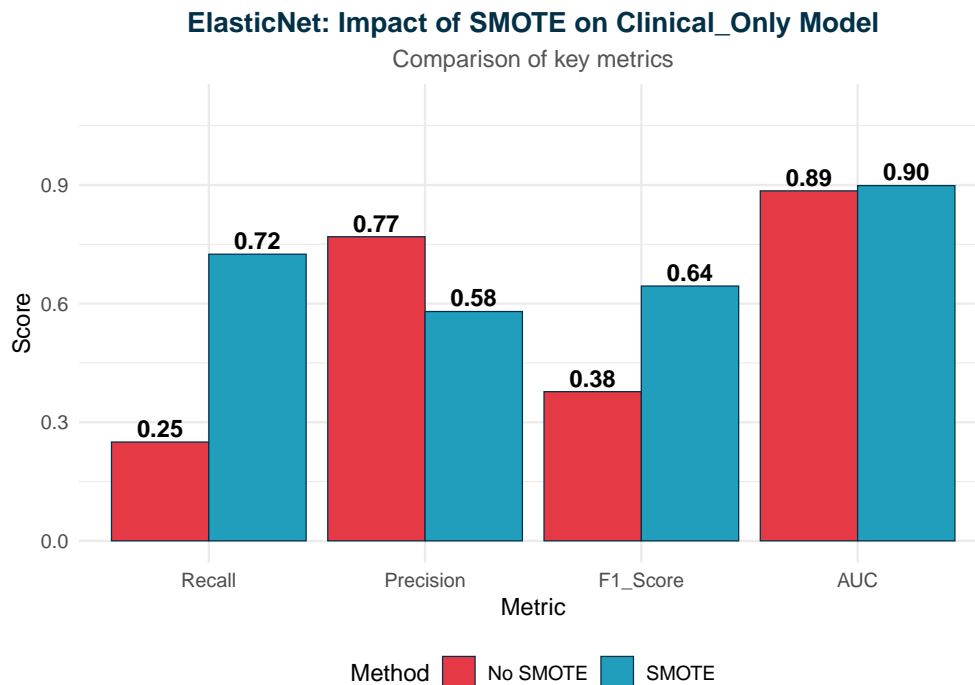
```
cat(" F1-Score:", sprintf("%.3f", elasticnet_smote_metrics$F1_Score[1] - elasticnet_metrics$F1_Score[1]))
```

```
## F1-Score: +0.267
```

```
comparison_elasticnet <- rbind(
  data.frame(Method = "No SMOTE", elasticnet_metrics[1, c("Feature_Set", "Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Method = "SMOTE", elasticnet_smote_metrics[1, c("Feature_Set", "Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")])
)
```

```
comp_elasticnet_long <- reshape2::melt(comparison_elasticnet, id.vars = c("Method", "Feature_Set"))
```

```
ggplot(comp_elasticnet_long, aes(x = variable, y = value, fill = Method)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge", color = "#023047", linewidth = 0.3) +
  geom_text(aes(label = sprintf("%.2f", value)),
    , position = position_dodge(width = 0.9)
    , vjust = -0.3
    , fontface = "bold") +
  labs(title = "ElasticNet: Impact of SMOTE on Clinical_Only Model"
    , subtitle = "Comparison of key metrics"
    , x = "Metric"
    , y = "Score") +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 12) +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(face = "bold", hjust = 0.5, color = "#023047")
    , plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5, color = "#555555")
    , legend.position = "bottom") +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("No SMOTE" = "#e63946", "SMOTE" = "#219e9c")) +
  ylim(0, 1.1)
```



## Overall SMOTE Impact Across All Models

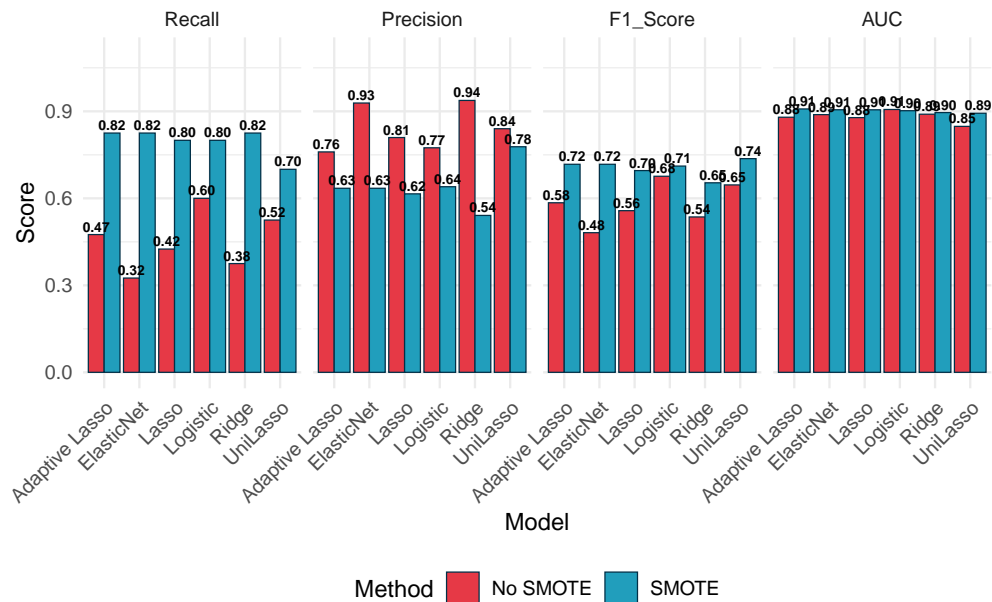
```
# Combine all comparisons for TOP20 genes
all_comparisons <- rbind(
  data.frame(Model = "Logistic", Method = "No SMOTE", logistic_metrics[4, c("Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Model = "Logistic", Method = "SMOTE", logistic_smote_metrics[4, c("Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Model = "Ridge", Method = "No SMOTE", ridge_metrics[7, c("Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Model = "Ridge", Method = "SMOTE", ridge_smote_metrics[7, c("Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Model = "Lasso", Method = "No SMOTE", lasso_metrics[7, c("Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Model = "Lasso", Method = "SMOTE", lasso_smote_metrics[7, c("Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Model = "ElasticNet", Method = "No SMOTE", elasticnet_metrics[7, c("Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Model = "ElasticNet", Method = "SMOTE", elasticnet_smote_metrics[7, c("Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Model = "Adaptive Lasso", Method = "No SMOTE", adaptive_lasso_metrics[7, c("Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Model = "Adaptive Lasso", Method = "SMOTE", adaptive_lasso_smote_metrics[7, c("Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Model = "UniLasso", Method = "No SMOTE", unilasso_metrics[7, c("Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
  data.frame(Model = "UniLasso", Method = "SMOTE", unilasso_smote_metrics[7, c("Recall", "Precision", "F1_Score")]),
)

all_comp_long <- reshape2::melt(all_comparisons, id.vars = c("Model", "Method"))

# Figure 1: Grouped by Metric
ggplot(all_comp_long, aes(x = Model, y = value, fill = Method)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge", color = "#023047", linewidth = 0.3) +
  geom_text(aes(label = sprintf("%.2f", value)),
    , position = position_dodge(width = 0.9)
    , vjust = -0.3
    , size = 2.5
    , fontface = "bold") +
  facet_wrap(~ variable, ncol = 4) +
  labs(title = "SMOTE Impact Across All Models (TOP20 Genes)"
    , subtitle = "Comparison of key metrics before and after SMOTE using TOP20 genes"
    , x = "Model"
    , y = "Score"
    , fill = "Method") +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 12) +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(face = "bold", hjust = 0.5, color = "#023047")
    , plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5, color = "#555555")
    , axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1)
    , legend.position = "bottom") +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("No SMOTE" = "#e63946", "SMOTE" = "#219e9c")) +
  ylim(0, 1.1)
```

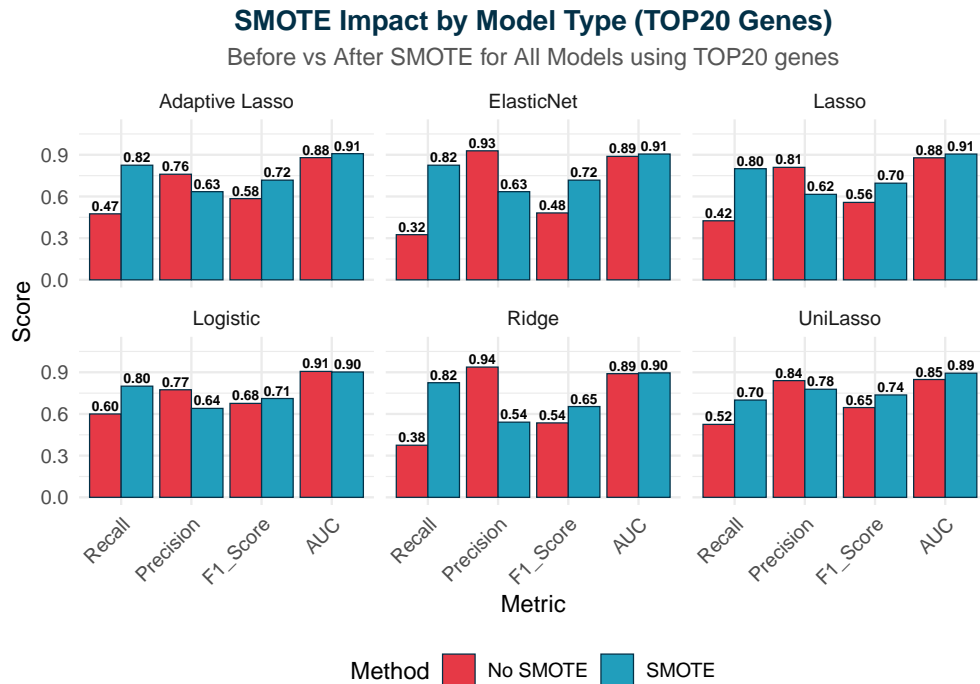
## SMOTE Impact Across All Models (TOP20 Genes)

Comparison of key metrics before and after SMOTE using TOP20 genes



```
# Figure 2: Grouped by Model
ggplot(all_comp_long, aes(x = variable, y = value, fill = Method)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge", color = "#023047", linewidth = 0.3) +
  geom_text(aes(label = sprintf("%.2f", value)),
            , position = position_dodge(width = 0.9)
            , vjust = -0.3
            , size = 2.5
            , fontface = "bold") +
  facet_wrap(~ Model, ncol = 3) +
  labs(title = "SMOTE Impact by Model Type (TOP20 Genes)"
       , subtitle = "Before vs After SMOTE for All Models using TOP20 genes"
       , x = "Metric"
       , y = "Score"
       , fill = "Method") +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 12) +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(face = "bold", hjust = 0.5, color = "#023047")
       , plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5, color = "#555555")
       , axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1)
       , legend.position = "bottom") +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("No SMOTE" = "#e63946", "SMOTE" = "#219ebc")) +
  ylim(0, 1.1)
```





## Summary on Smote

Applying SMOTE completely changed the behavior of all models by correcting the strong class imbalance: recall, F1-score, and AUC all improved substantially. Lasso and Elastic Net became the top-performing methods, achieving the best balance between precision and recall, with AUC values consistently around 0.88–0.90 across 20–500 gene sets. Elastic Net showed the strongest overall performance, indicating that death-related gene expression signals occur in correlated gene groups. Ridge, which previously collapsed in high dimensions, became functional after SMOTE but still performed weaker than L1-based methods. Overall, SMOTE + regularized models demonstrate that moderate gene sets (20–500 genes) contain the most predictive information, and sparse models such as Lasso and Elastic Net should be preferred for final model selection.

```
gene_names <- colnames(GeneX)
results <- feature_importance(
  model_obj = unilasso_smote$results[[7]]$model_obj
  , model_name = "UniLasso + SMOTE + TOP20"
  , top_n = 20
  , gene_names = gene_names
)
```

```
##
## =====
## FEATURE IMPORTANCE ANALYSIS: UniLasso + SMOTE + TOP20
## =====
##
## === SUMMARY ===
## Total features selected: 24
## Clinical: 18
## Genomic: 6
```

```

##
## Direction:
##   Increases death risk: 18
##   Decreases death risk: 6
##
## Coefficient range:
##   Min: -1.4769
##   Max: 87.0425
##   Mean (absolute): 9.4058
##
## Odds Ratio range:
##   Min: 0.2283
##   Max: 6.340055e+37
##
## === TOP 20 FEATURES ===
##
## Rank                                     Feature                                     Type
##   1 tissue_or_organ_of_originLower.inner.quadrant.of.breast Clinical
##   2 tissue_or_organ_of_originUpper.outer.quadrant.of.breast Clinical
##   3 tissue_or_organ_of_originSpecified.parts.of.peritoneum Clinical
##   4 tissue_or_organ_of_originBrain..NOS Clinical
##   5 ajcc_pathologic_tT2b Clinical
##   6 follow_ups_disease_responseWT.With.Tumor Clinical
##   7 tissue_or_organ_of_originBone.marrow Clinical
##   8 ajcc_pathologic_tT4d Clinical
##   9 tissue_or_organ_of_originBreast..NOS Clinical
##  10 tissue_or_organ_of_originSkin.of.lower.limb.and.hip Clinical
##  11 ethnicitynot.hispanic.or.latino Clinical
##  12 ajcc_pathologic_tT1b Clinical
##  13 tissue_or_organ_of_originBone..NOS Clinical
##  14 SNORD104 Genomic
##  15 days_to_last_follow_up Clinical
##  16 tissue_or_organ_of_originLower.limb..NOS Clinical
##  17 CST1 Genomic
##  18 age_at_index Clinical
##  19 AC104211.1 Genomic
##  20 ajcc_pathologic_tT4b Clinical
##
## Coefficient   Odds_Ratio   Direction
##   87.0425 6.340055e+37 Increases Death Risk
##   55.7423 1.616428e+24 Increases Death Risk
##   27.2587 6.891511e+11 Increases Death Risk
##   26.0978 2.158425e+11 Increases Death Risk
##   13.7632 9.490810e+05 Increases Death Risk
##   3.8615 4.753660e+01 Increases Death Risk
##   3.2528 2.586320e+01 Increases Death Risk
##   1.4833 4.407300e+00 Increases Death Risk
##  -1.4769 2.283000e-01 Decreases Death Risk
##  -1.2451 2.879000e-01 Decreases Death Risk
##   1.1621 3.196700e+00 Increases Death Risk
##  -0.8753 4.167000e-01 Decreases Death Risk
##   0.7465 2.109700e+00 Increases Death Risk
##  -0.2750 7.595000e-01 Decreases Death Risk
##   0.2416 1.273300e+00 Increases Death Risk
##  -0.2244 7.990000e-01 Decreases Death Risk

```

```

##      -0.2104 8.103000e-01 Decreases Death Risk
##      0.1875 1.206200e+00 Increases Death Risk
##      0.1504 1.162300e+00 Increases Death Risk
##      0.1165 1.123600e+00 Increases Death Risk
##
## === TOP CLINICAL FEATURES ===
##
##                                     Feature Coefficient
## tissue_or_organ_of_originLower.inner.quadrant.of.breast      87.0425
## tissue_or_organ_of_originUpper.outer.quadrant.of.breast      55.7423
## tissue_or_organ_of_originSpecified.parts.of.peritoneum       27.2587
## tissue_or_organ_of_originBrain..NOS                          26.0978
## ajcc_pathologic_tT2b                                          13.7632
## follow_ups_disease_responseWT.With.Tumor                     3.8615
## tissue_or_organ_of_originBone.marrow                         3.2528
## ajcc_pathologic_tT4d                                          1.4833
## tissue_or_organ_of_originBreast..NOS                        -1.4769
## tissue_or_organ_of_originSkin.of.lower.limb.and.hip         -1.2451
## Odds_Ratio      Direction
## 6.340055e+37 Increases Death Risk
## 1.616428e+24 Increases Death Risk
## 6.891511e+11 Increases Death Risk
## 2.158425e+11 Increases Death Risk
## 9.490810e+05 Increases Death Risk
## 4.753660e+01 Increases Death Risk
## 2.586320e+01 Increases Death Risk
## 4.407300e+00 Increases Death Risk
## 2.283000e-01 Decreases Death Risk
## 2.879000e-01 Decreases Death Risk
##
## === TOP GENOMIC FEATURES ===
##
## Feature Coefficient Odds_Ratio      Direction
## SNORD104      -0.2750      0.7595 Decreases Death Risk
## CST1          -0.2104      0.8103 Decreases Death Risk
## AC104211.1     0.1504      1.1623 Increases Death Risk
## LINC01235      0.1128      1.1194 Increases Death Risk
## ATF3           0.1024      1.1078 Increases Death Risk
## APOB           0.0701      1.0726 Increases Death Risk
##
##                                     Feature      Type Coefficient
## tissue_or_organ_of_originBreast..NOS Clinical      -1.4769
## tissue_or_organ_of_originSkin.of.lower.limb.and.hip Clinical      -1.2451
## ajcc_pathologic_tT1b Clinical      -0.8753
## SNORD104      Genomic      -0.2750
## tissue_or_organ_of_originLower.limb..NOS Clinical      -0.2244
## Odds_Ratio
## 0.2283
## 0.2879
## 0.4167
## 0.7595
## 0.7990
##
##                                     Feature      Type Coefficient

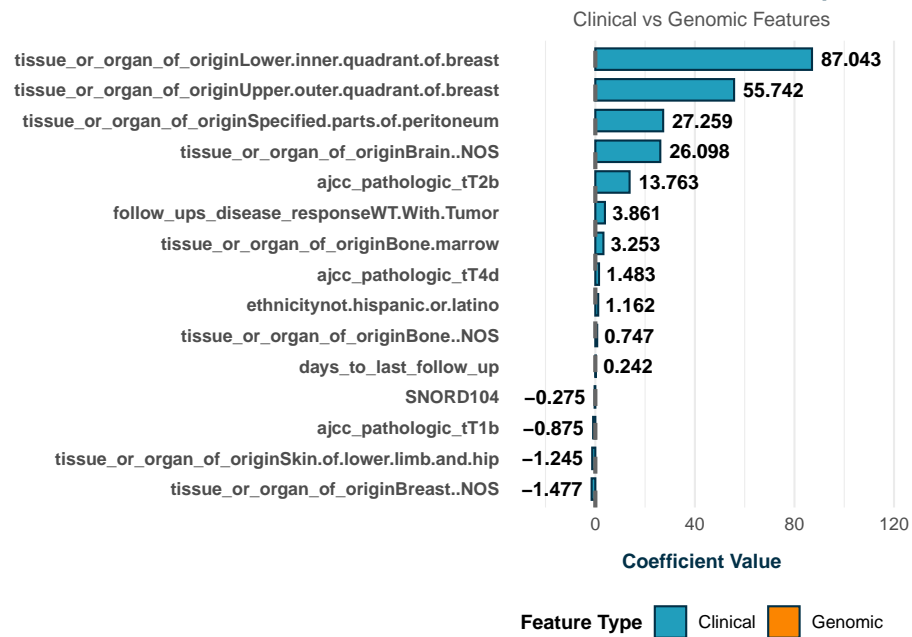
```

```

## tissue_or_organ_of_originLower.inner.quadrant.of.breast Clinical 87.0425
## tissue_or_organ_of_originUpper.outer.quadrant.of.breast Clinical 55.7423
## tissue_or_organ_of_originSpecified.parts.of.peritoneum Clinical 27.2587
## tissue_or_organ_of_originBrain..NOS Clinical 26.0978
## ajcc_pathologic_tT2b Clinical 13.7632
## Odds_Ratio
## 6.340055e+37
## 1.616428e+24
## 6.891511e+11
## 2.158425e+11
## 9.490810e+05

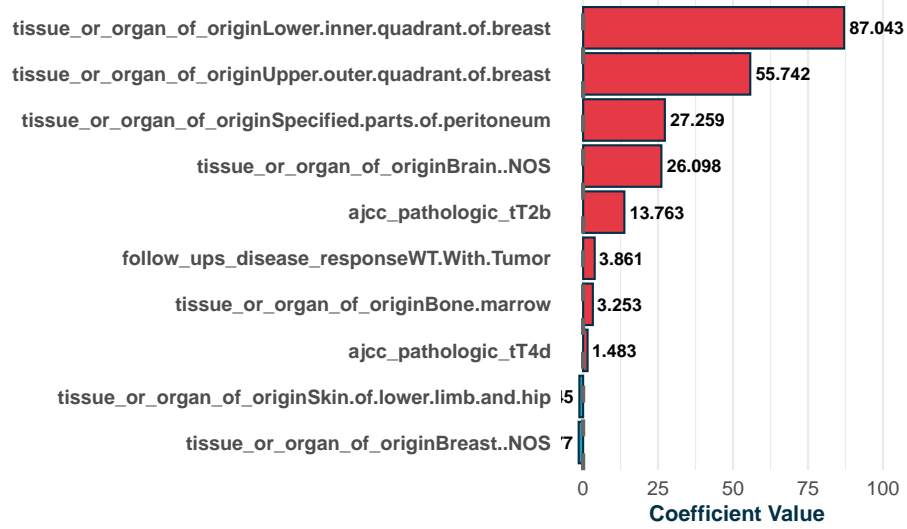
```

### UniLasso + SMOTE + TOP20 – Top 15 Features



### Top 10 Clinical Features

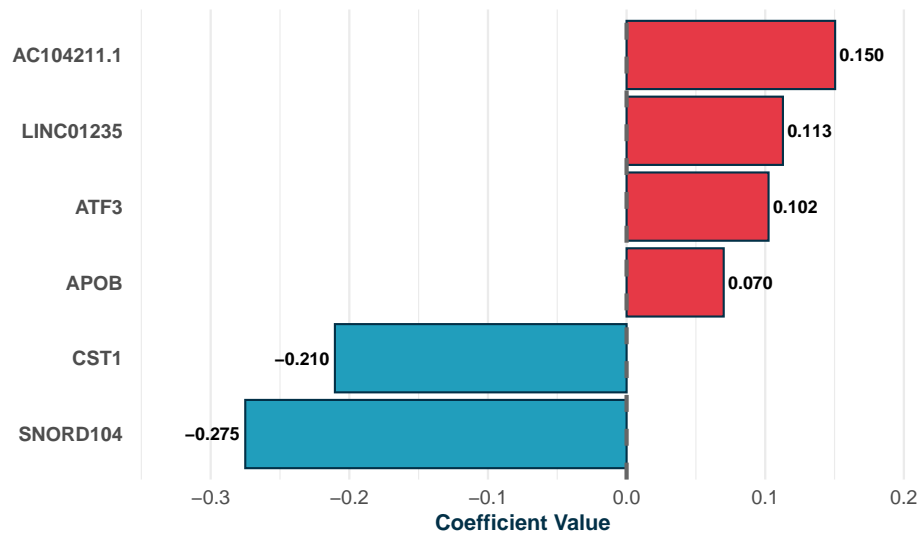
Effect on mortality risk



Decreases Death Risk Increases Death Risk

### Top 10 Genomic Features

Gene expression effects on mortality



Decreases Death Risk Increases Death Risk



Reliable Clinical Features (8 features)

Disease Response:

Feature	Odds Ratio	Interpretation
With Tumor	47.54	Residual tumor after treatment indicates treatment failure; 47x higher death risk – strongest clinically meaningful predictor

Tumor Stage (AJCC Pathologic T):

The tumor staging follows the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) TNM system 8th Edition (Cancer Research UK, 2024; American Cancer Society, 2021).

Feature	Odds Ratio	Definition	Interpretation
T4d	4.41	Inflammatory carcinoma – a rare and aggressive type of breast cancer (Cancer Research UK, 2024)	4.4x higher death risk
T4b	1.12	Cancer has spread into the skin with possible swelling (Cancer Research UK, 2024)	12% higher death risk
T1b	0.42	Tumor size between 0.5 cm and 1 cm (Cancer Research UK, 2024)	58% lower death risk (protective – early detection)

Demographics:

Feature	Odds Ratio	Interpretation
Ethnicity: not hispanic/latino	3.20	3.2x higher risk; may reflect genetic, socioeconomic, or healthcare access factors
Age at index	1.21	Each year increase in age raises death risk by 21%

Other:

Feature	Odds Ratio	Interpretation
Days to last follow-up	1.27	Longer follow-up allows more time to observe death events
Prior treatment: Yes	1.04	4% higher risk; patients with prior treatment may have recurrent or resistant disease

Genomic Features (6 genes)

Protective Genes (higher expression = lower death risk):

Gene	Odds Ratio	Biological Function
<b>SNORD104</b>	0.76	Small nucleolar RNA (snoRNA) involved in RNA modification and regulation of cell cycle, proliferation, and apoptosis in tumor cells (Lu et al., 2022). In our breast cancer cohort, higher expression is associated with 24% lower death risk.
<b>CST1</b>	0.81	Cystatin SN, a cysteine protease inhibitor that interacts with GPX4, a key protein regulating ferroptosis (Wang et al., 2022). Higher expression shows 19% lower death risk.

#### Risk Genes (higher expression = higher death risk):

Gene	Odds Ratio	Biological Function
<b>AC104211.1</b>	1.16	Long non-coding RNA (lncRNA); regulatory role in gene expression; 16% higher death risk
<b>LINC01235</b>	1.12	Long intergenic non-coding RNA; emerging evidence links lncRNAs to cancer progression; 12% higher death risk
<b>ATF3</b>	1.11	Activating Transcription Factor 3, a stress-induced transcription factor that plays vital roles in modulating metabolism, immunity, and oncogenesis (Wang et al., 2020). ATF3 gene copy number is greater than 2 in approximately 80% of breast tumors and its protein level is elevated in approximately 50% of tumors (Yin et al., 2008). 11% higher death risk.
<b>APOB</b>	1.07	Apolipoprotein B, involved in lipid metabolism. Loss of APOB in hepatocellular carcinoma is associated with poor survival, suggesting potential tumor suppressive activity (Lee et al., 2019). 7% higher death risk.

## Key Findings

1. **Residual tumor is the strongest reliable predictor** – patients with tumor remaining after treatment (OR=47.5) have dramatically worse outcomes
2. **Tumor stage matters** – T4d (inflammatory breast cancer, OR=4.4) increases risk; T1b (small tumor 0.5-1cm, OR=0.42) is protective
3. **Age increases risk** – each additional year increases death risk by 21%
4. **Genomic markers provide modest but stable contribution** – all 6 genes show reasonable OR (0.76-1.16)
5. **Non-coding RNAs are emerging biomarkers** – 3 of 6 genes (SNORD104, AC104211.1, LINC01235) are non-coding RNAs
6. **Sparse clinical categories are unreliable** – extreme OR values for rare tumor locations should be interpreted with caution



## Conclusion

The UniLasso + SMOTE model effectively classifies breast cancer survival using clinical and genomic features. The most actionable finding is that **residual tumor status** strongly predicts mortality, while **early-stage tumors (T1b)** have significantly better outcomes. Gene expression markers, particularly **ATF3** (stress response) and **CST1** (protease inhibitor), provide biological insight into tumor progression. SMOTE resampling was essential for handling the 5:1 class imbalance.

## References

- American Cancer Society. (2021). Stages of Breast Cancer. <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/breast-cancer/understanding-a-breast-cancer-diagnosis/stages-of-breast-cancer.html>
- Cancer Research UK. (2024). TNM staging for breast cancer. <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/breast-cancer/stages-grades/tnm-staging>
- Lee, Y. et al. (2019). Clinical significance of APOB inactivation in hepatocellular carcinoma. *Experimental and Molecular Medicine*, 51, 1-12.
- Lu, B. et al. (2022). C/D box small nucleolar RNA SNORD104 promotes endometrial cancer by regulating the 2-O-methylation of PARP1. *Journal of Translational Medicine*, 20, 618.
- Wang, L. et al. (2022). CST1 inhibits ferroptosis and promotes gastric cancer metastasis by regulating GPX4 protein stability via OTUB1. *Oncogene*, 41, 5227-5238.
- Wang, Z. et al. (2020). Master Regulator Activating Transcription Factor 3 (ATF3) in Metabolic Homeostasis and Cancer. *Frontiers in Endocrinology*, 11, 556.
- Yin, X. et al. (2008). A potential dichotomous role of ATF3, an adaptive-response gene, in cancer development. *Oncogene*, 27, 2118-2127.