

# Classification of biomedical texts

Data description

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## Classification tasks

- Your are given a data set of 15301 abstracts of biomedical articles
- Goal: Implement a classification pipeline to perform the following tasks
  - 1) Is the article concerned with cancer? (yes / no)
  - About which specific type of cancer is the article about? (multi-class)

## Training data format

- The training data set is given as tab-separated ("\t") file (train.tsv)
  - Each line represents one biomedical article (~ training instance)

```
pmid cancer_type doid is_cancer text
2
       27581830 no cancer -1 0 The management of benign non-infective pleur
       19213020 cancer 162 1 Bulky lymphadenopathy with poor clinical outco
       22374460 endocrine gland cancer 170 1 Multicentre phase II trial of
       27586118 no cancer -1 0 How safe are children when transported by bi
6
       25868852 cancer 162 1 Loss of INPP4B causes a DNA repair defect thro
       27599572 no cancer -1 0 TAK1 inhibitor NG25 enhances doxorubicin-med
8
      27578867 no cancer -1 0 Cd47-Sirpα interaction and IL-10 constrain i
       27581024 no cancer -1 0 Visualizing the Tumor Microenvironment of Li
       27576518 no cancer -1 0 Brain damage resembling acute necrotizing en
10
       25199829 cancer 162 1 RAF suppression synergizes with MEK inhibition
11
       24962318 melanoma 1909 1 Targeting TBK1 inhibits migration and resis
12
       22496619 cancer 162 1 Oncogenic KRAS impairs EGFR antibodies' effici
13
       27597568 no cancer -1 0 Multiwavelength metasurfaces through spatial
14
       18003960 gastrointestinal system cancer 3119 1 Cetuximab for the tre
15
16
       27576507 no cancer -1 0 Expression of Helios in gastric tumor cells
```

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#### Data columns:

- pmid: unique (PubMed) identifier of the article
- cancer\_type: name of the specific cancer type the article is about or "no cancer", if the article isn't concerned with cancer
- doid: unique identifier of the specific cancer type or -1, if the article isn't concerned with cancer
- *is\_cancer:* indicates whether the article is about cancer or not
- text: abstract of the article

## **Evaluation**

- Your classification model(s) will be evaluated on a holdout evaluation data set
- For evaluation only the articles will be given (in the same tab-separated format)
  - I.e. the columns is\_cancer, cancer\_type and doid are missing!
  - Your classification model(s) should predict is\_cancer and doid
  - See train\_blind.tsv as an example!

```
pmid text

2 27581830 The management of benign non-infective pleural effusions.

3 17213020 Bulky lymphadenopathy with poor clinical outcome is assoc:

4 22374460 Multicentre phase II trial of trastuzumab and capecitabine

5 27586118 How safe are children when transported by bicycle? With the

6 25868852 Loss of INPP4B causes a DNA repair defect through loss of

7 27599572 TAK1 inhibitor NG25 enhances doxorubicin-mediated apoptos:
```

## Submission format

- For evaluation you have to submit two files containing the predictions of your classification model
  - task1.tsv: Containing the predictions of your model for task 1 (about cancer?)
    - Two columns: *pmid* and *is\_cancer* (0/1)
    - Use "\t" as column separator

```
1 pmid is_cancer
2 27581830 0
3 27599572 1
4 24962318 0
```

## Submission format

- For evaluation you have to submit two files containing the predictions of your classification model
  - task2.tsv: Containing the predictions of your model for task 2 (cancer-type)
    - Two columns: pmid and doid
    - Use "\t" as column separator
    - Include all articles from the test set, i.e. also articles that aren't about cancer at all have to be included!

```
1 pmid doid
2 27581830 -1
3 27599572 162
4 24962318 1909
5 24962318 -1
6 ...
```