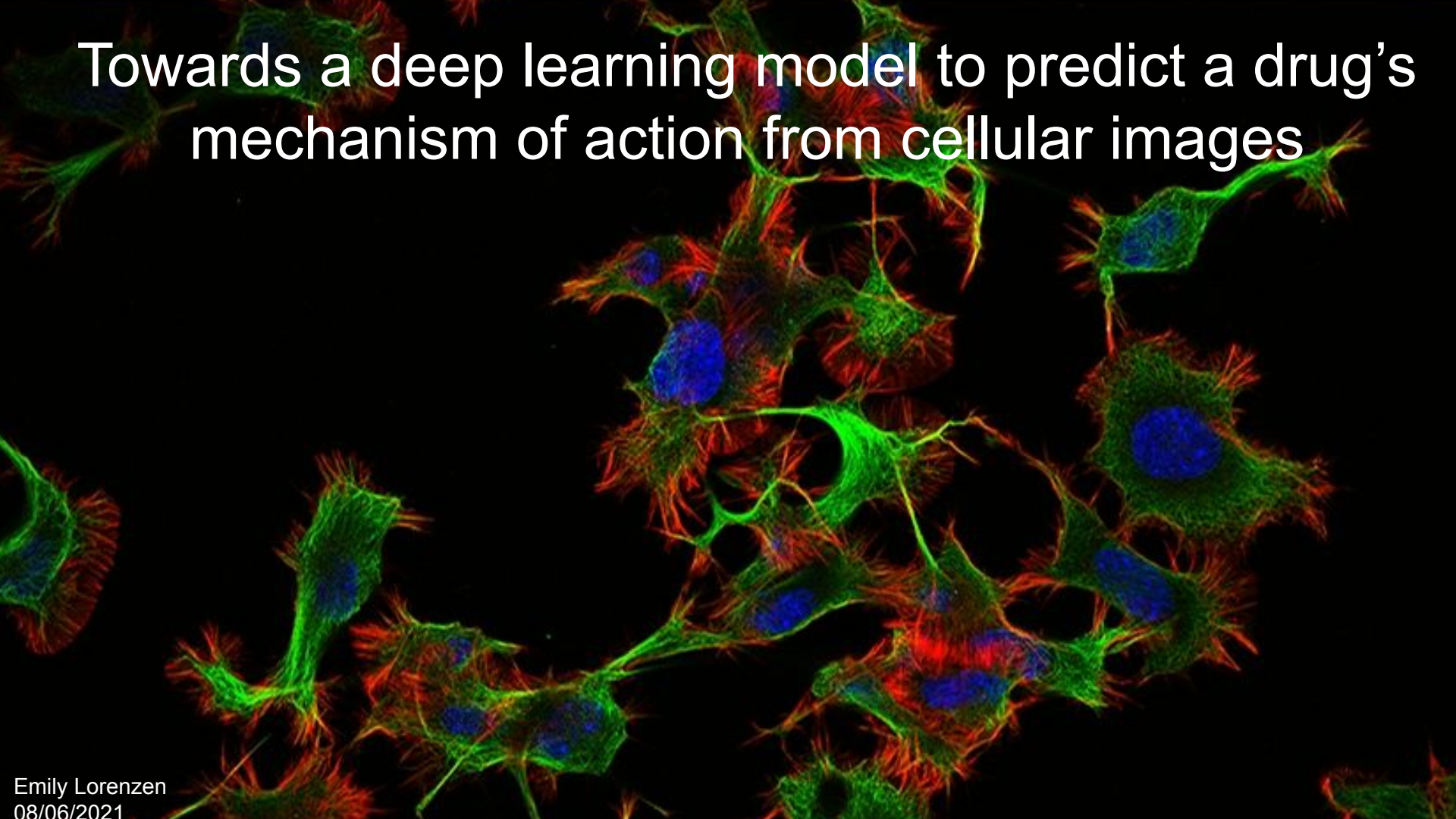
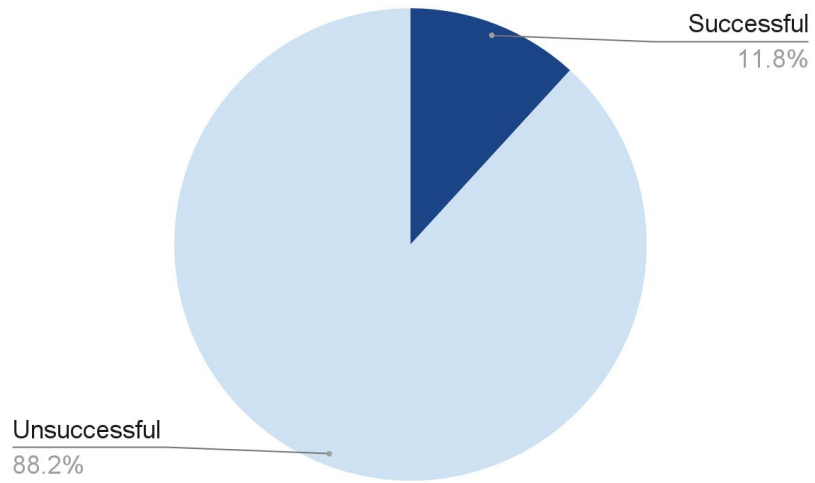
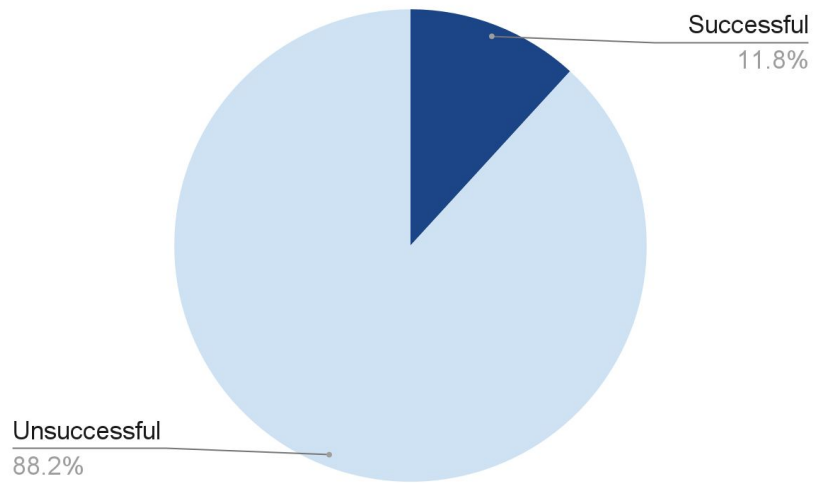


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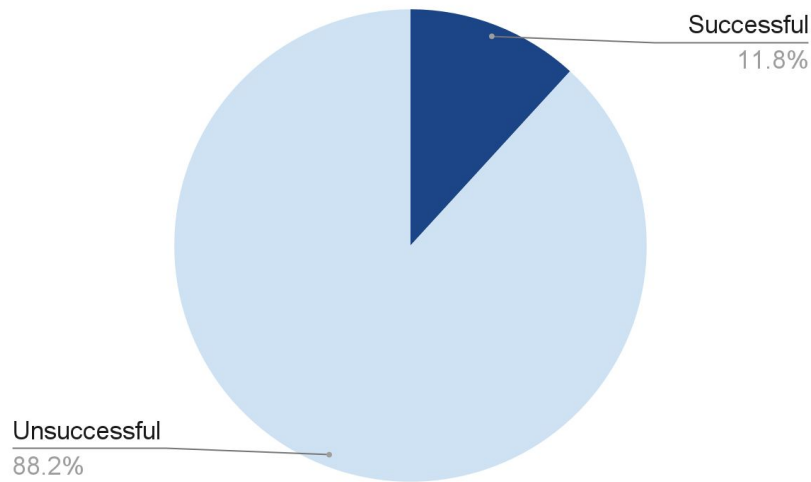






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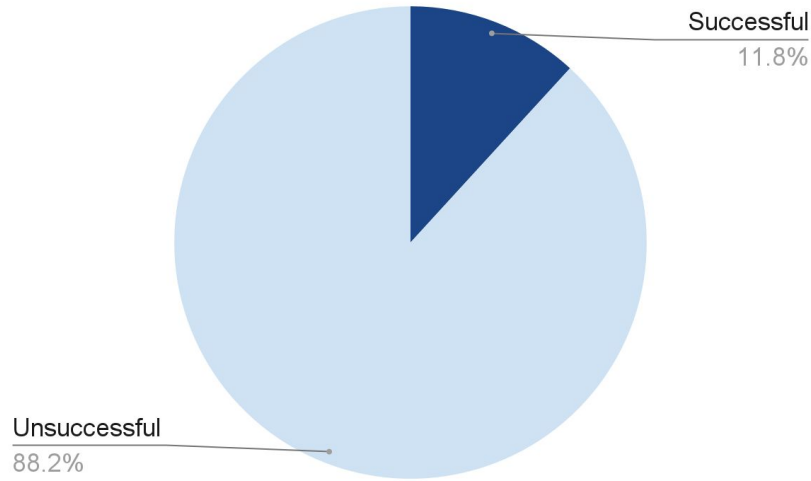


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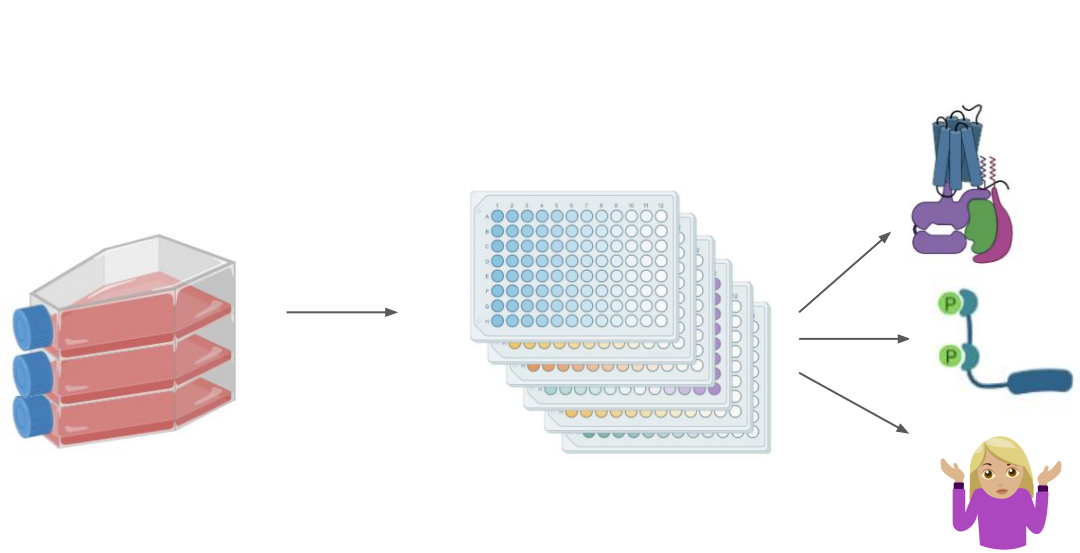
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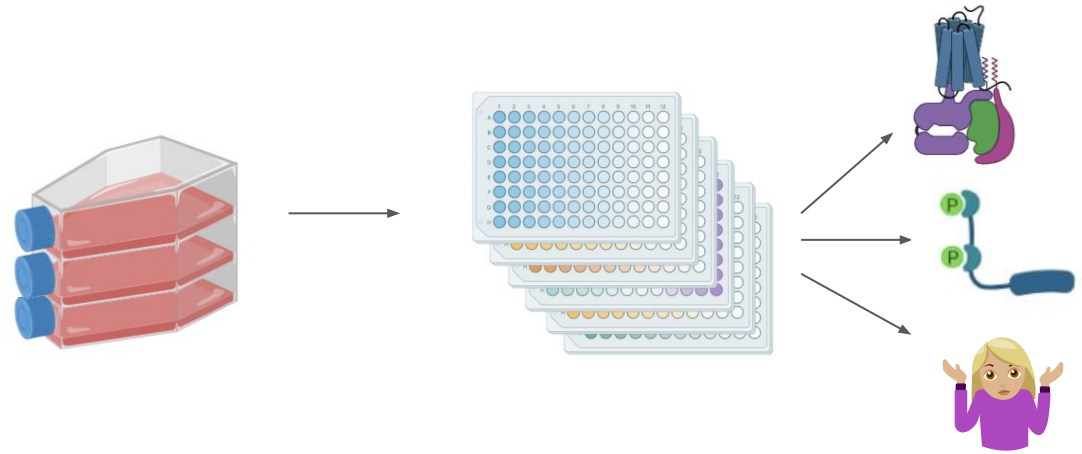
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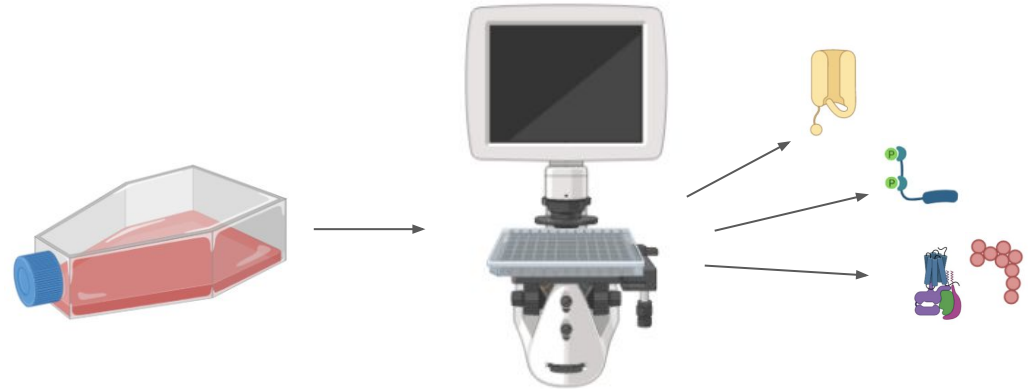


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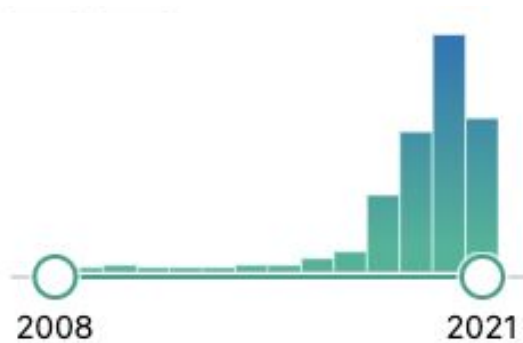
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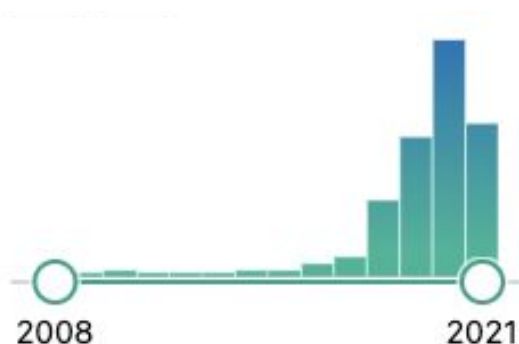


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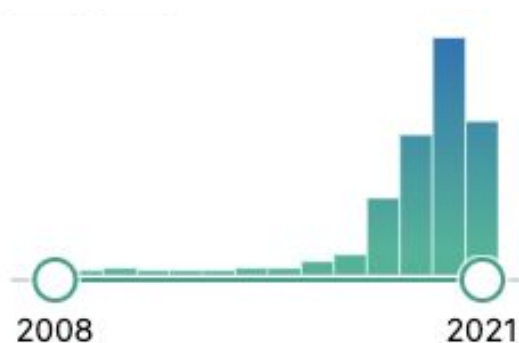
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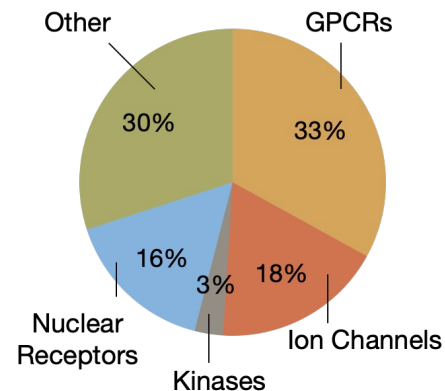
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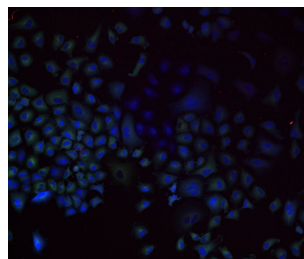
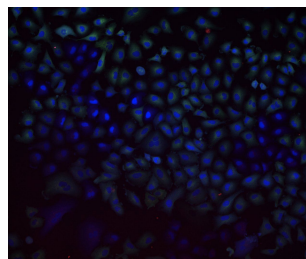
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Simplification:  
Focus on MoAs  
involving a GPCR



~33% of FDA-approved drugs target GPCRs



Transform to array

Pre-trained convolution  
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Flatten

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Dropout

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Final Model

# Approach

Manually annotate MoA

Gather and process images

Convolutions

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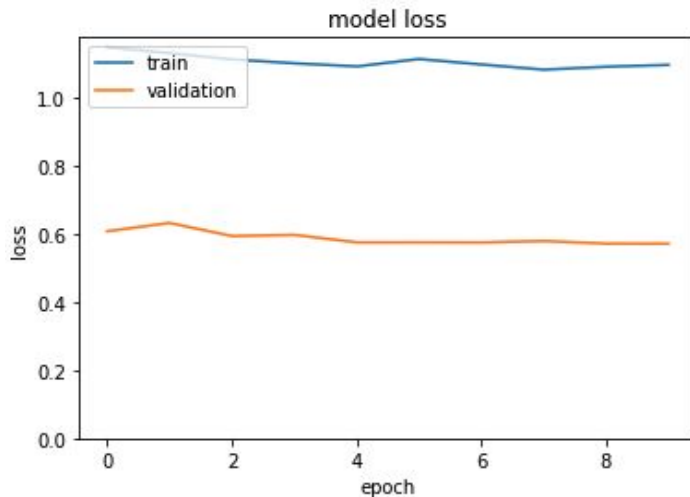
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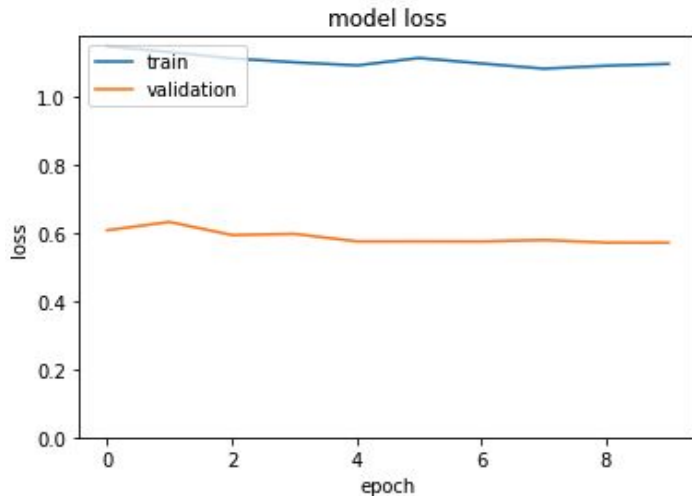
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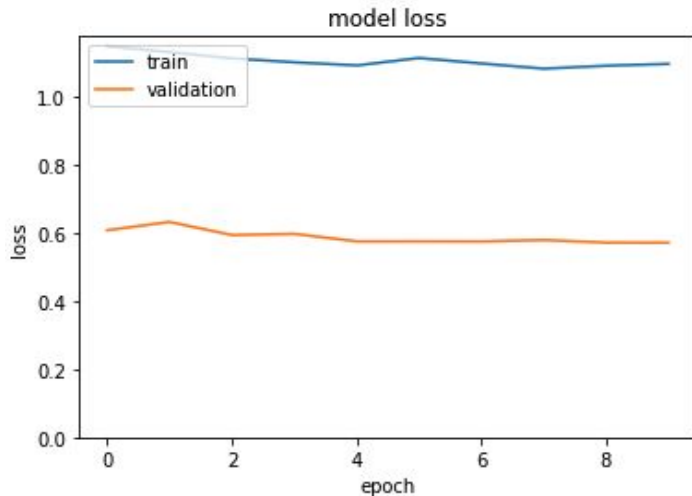


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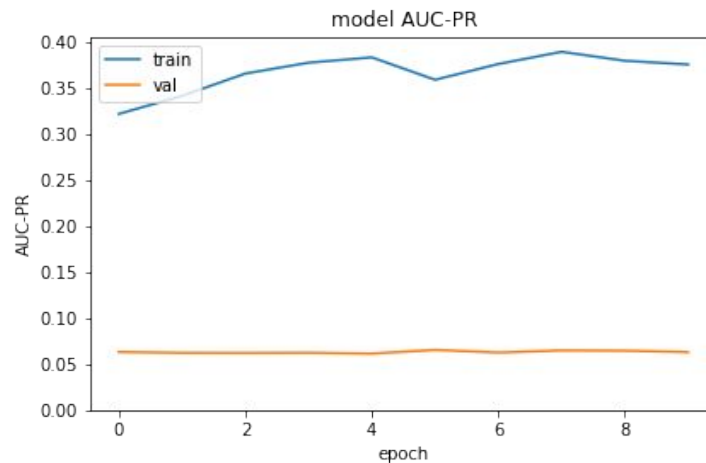
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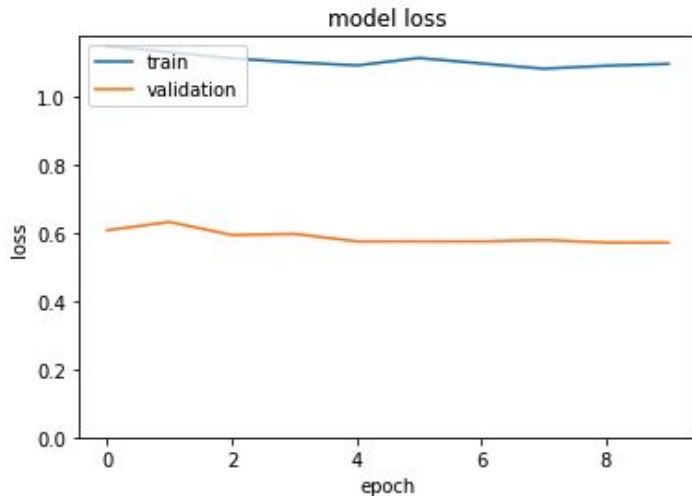


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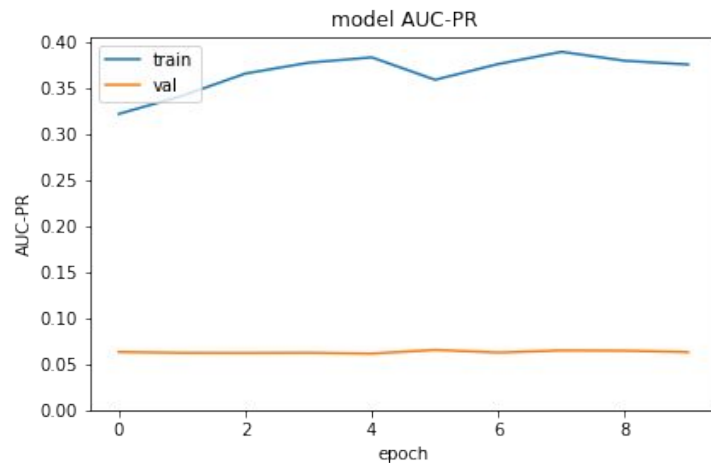


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Test data AUC  
precision-recall  
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# Confusion Matrix

Predicted	Not GPCR MoA	GPCR MoA
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GPCR MoA	156	16

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