

# Reusing label functions to extract multiple types of biomedical relationships from biomedical abstracts at scale

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## Abstract

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Knowledge bases support multiple research efforts such as providing contextual information for biomedical entities, constructing networks, and supporting the interpretation of high-throughput analyses. Some knowledge bases are automatically constructed, but most are populated via some form of manual curation. Manual curation is time consuming and difficult to scale in the context of an increasing publication rate. A recently described “data programming” paradigm seeks to circumvent this arduous process by combining distant supervision with simple rules and heuristics written as labeling functions that can be automatically applied to inputs. Unfortunately writing useful label functions requires substantial error analysis and is a nontrivial task: in early efforts to use data programming we found that producing each label function could take a few days. Producing a biomedical knowledge base with multiple node and edge types could take hundreds or possibly thousands of label functions. In this paper we sought to evaluate the extent to which label functions could be re-used across edge types. We used a subset of Hetionet v1 that centered on disease, compound, and gene nodes to evaluate this approach. We compared a baseline distant supervision model with the same distant supervision resources added to edge-type-specific label functions, edge-type-mismatch label functions, and all label functions. We confirmed that adding additional edge-type-specific label functions improves performance. We also found that adding one or a few edge-type-mismatch label functions nearly always improved performance. Adding a large number of edge-type-mismatch label functions produce variable performance that depends on the edge type being predicted and the label function’s edge type source. Lastly, we show that this approach, even on this subgraph of Hetionet, could add new edges to Hetionet v1 with high confidence. We expect that practical use of this strategy would include additional filtering and scoring methods which would further enhance precision.

## Introduction

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Knowledge bases are important resources that hold complex structured and unstructured information. These resources have been used in important tasks such as network analysis for drug repurposing discovery [1,2,3] or as a source of training labels for text mining systems [4,5,6]. Populating knowledge bases often requires highly-trained scientists to read biomedical literature and summarize the results [7]. This manual curation process requires a significant amount of effort and time: in 2007 researchers estimated that filling in the missing annotations would require approximately 8.4 years [8]. The rate of publications has continued to increase exponentially [9]. This has been recognized as a considerable challenge, which can lead to gaps in knowledge bases [8].

Relationship extraction has been studied as a solution towards handling this problem [7]. This process consists of creating a machine learning system to automatically scan and extract relationships from textual sources. Machine learning methods often leverage a large corpus of well-labeled training data, which still requires manual curation. Distant supervision is one technique to sidestep the requirement of well-annotated sentences: with distant supervision one makes the assumption that all sentences containing an entity pair found in a selected database provide evidence for a relationship [4]. Distant supervision provides many labeled examples; however it is accompanied by a decrease in the quality of the labels.

Ratner et al. [10] recently introduced “data programming” as a solution. Data programming combines distant supervision with the automated labeling of text using hand-written label functions. The distant supervision sources and label functions are integrated using a noise aware generative model that is used to produce training labels. Combining distant supervision with label functions can dramatically reduce the time required to acquire sufficient training data. However, constructing a knowledge base of heterogeneous relationships through this framework still requires tens of hand-written label functions for each relationship type. Writing useful label functions requires significant error analysis, which can be a time-consuming process.

In this paper, we aim to address the question: to what extent can label functions be re-used across different relationship types? We hypothesized that sentences describing one relationship type may share information in the form of keywords or sentence structure with sentences that indicate other relationship types. We designed a series of experiments to determine the extent to which label function re-use enhanced performance over distant supervision alone. We examined relationships that indicated similar types of physical interactions (i.e., gene-binds-gene and compound-binds-gene) as well as different types (i.e., disease-associates-gene and compound-treats-disease). The re-use of label functions could dramatically reduce the number required to generate and update a heterogeneous knowledge graph.

## Related Work

Relationship extraction is the process of detecting and classifying semantic relationships from a collection of text. This process can be broken down into three different categories: (1) the use of natural language processing techniques such as manually crafted rules and the identification of key text patterns for relationship extraction, (2) the use of unsupervised methods via co-occurrence scores or clustering, and (3) supervised or semi-supervised machine learning using annotated datasets for the classification of documents or sentences. In this section, we discuss selected efforts for each type of edge that we include in this project.

### Disease-Gene Associations

Efforts to extract Disease-associates-Gene (DaG) relationships have often used manually crafted rules or unsupervised methods. One study used hand crafted rules based on a sentence's grammatical structure, represented as dependency trees, to extract DaG relationships [11]. Some of these rules inspired certain DaG text pattern label functions in our work. Another study used co-occurrence frequencies within abstracts and sentences to score the likelihood of association between disease and gene pairs [12]. The results of this study were incorporated into Hetionet v1 [3], so this served as one of our distant supervision label functions. Another approach built off of the above work by incorporating a supervised classifier, trained via distant supervision, into a scoring scheme [13]. Each sentence containing a disease and gene mention is scored using a logistic regression model and combined using the same co-occurrence approach used in Pletscher-Frankild et al. [12]. We compared our results to this approach to measure how well our overall method performs relative to other methods. Besides the mentioned three studies, researchers have used co-occurrences for extraction alone [14,15,16] or in combination with other features to recover DaG relationships [17]. One recent effort relied on a bi-clustering approach to detect DaG-relevant sentences from Pubmed abstracts [18] with clustering of dependency paths grouping similar sentences together. The results of this work supply our domain heuristic label functions. These approaches do not rely on a well-annotated training performance and tend to provide excellent recall, though the precision is often worse than with supervised methods [19,20].

Hand-crafted high-quality datasets [21,22,23,24] often serve as a gold standard for training, tuning, and testing supervised machine learning methods in this setting. Support vector machines have been repeatedly used to detect DaG relationships [21,25,26]. These models perform well in large feature spaces, but are slow to train as the number of data points becomes large. Recently, some studies have used deep neural network models. One used a pre-trained recurrent neural network [27], and another used distant supervision [28]. Due to the success of these two models, we decided to use a deep neural network as our discriminative model.

### Compound Treats Disease

The goal of extracting Compound-treats-Disease (CtD) edges is to identify sentences that mention current drug treatments or propose new uses for existing drugs. One study combined an inference

model from previously established drug-gene and gene-disease relationships to infer novel drug-disease interactions via co-occurrences [29]. A similar approach has also been applied to CtD extraction [30]. Manually-curated rules have also been applied to PubMed abstracts to address this task [31]. The rules were based on identifying key phrases and wordings related to using drugs to treat a disease, and we used these patterns as inspirations for some of our CtD label functions. Lastly, one study used a bi-clustering approach to identify sentences relevant to CtD edges [18]. As with DaG edges, we use the results from this study to provide what we term as domain heuristic label functions.

Recent work with supervised machine learning methods has often focused on compounds that induce a disease: an important question for toxicology and the subject of the BioCreative V dataset [32]. We don't consider environmental toxicants in our work, as our source databases for distant supervision are primarily centered around FDA-approved therapies.

## Compound Binds Gene

The BioCreative VI track 5 task focused on classifying compound-protein interactions and has led to a great deal of work on the topic [33]. The equivalent edge in our networks is Compound-binds-Gene (CbG). Curators manually annotated 2,432 PubMed abstracts for five different compound protein interactions (agonist, antagonist, inhibitor, activator and substrate/product production) as part of the BioCreative task. The best performers on this task achieved an F1 score of 64.10% [33]. Numerous additional groups have now used the publicly available dataset, that resulted from this competition, to train supervised machine learning methods [27,34,35,36,36,37,38,39,40] and semi-supervised machine learning methods [41]. These approaches depend on well-annotated training datasets, which creates a bottleneck. In addition to supervised and semi-supervised machine learning methods, hand crafted rules [42] and bi-clustering of dependency trees [18] have been used. We use the results from the bi-clustering study to provide a subset of the CbG label functions in this work.

## Gene-Gene Interactions

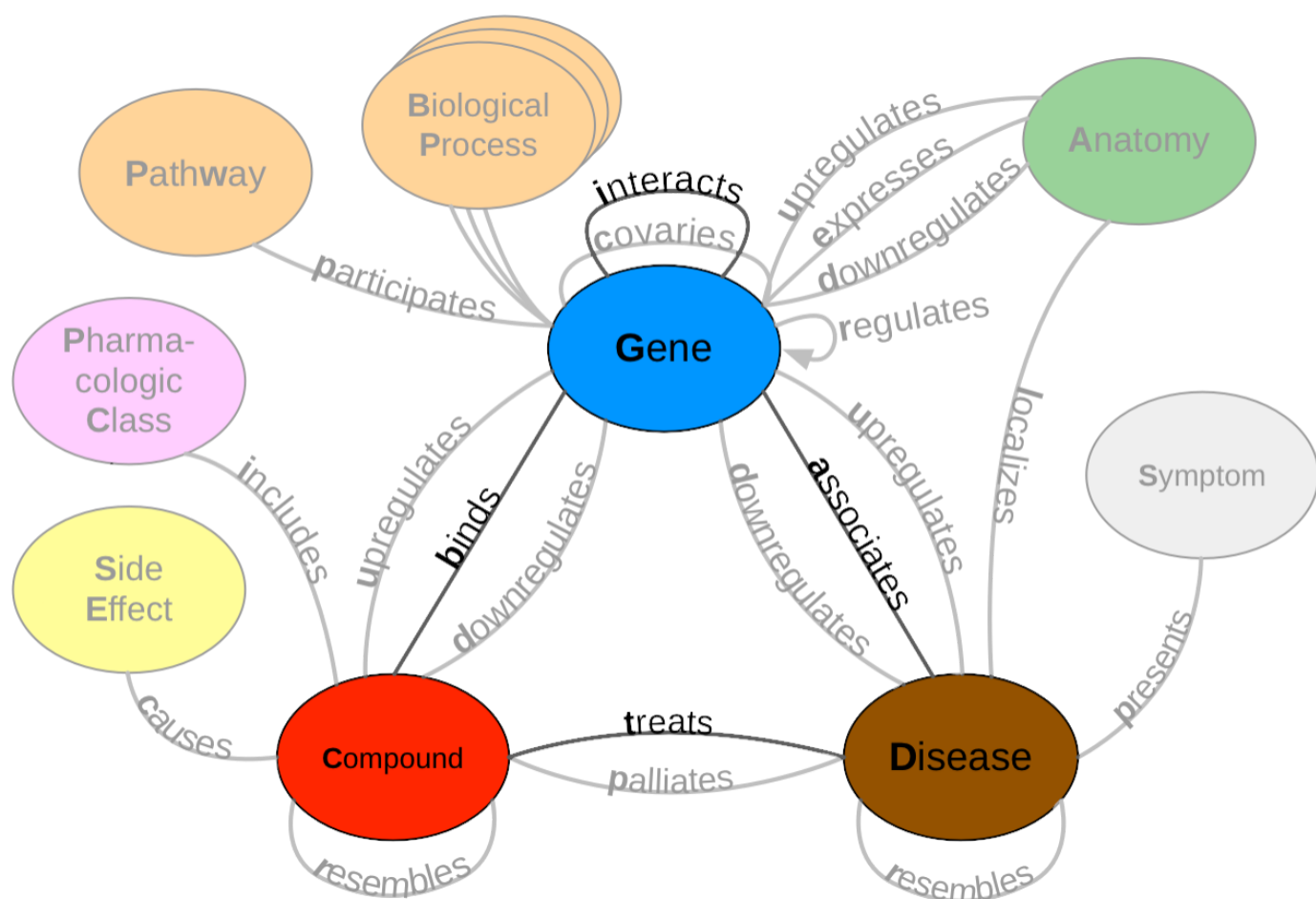
Akin to the DaG edge type, many efforts to extract Gene-interacts-Gene (GiG) relationships used co-occurrence approaches. This edge type is more frequently referred to as a protein-protein interaction. Even approaches as simple as calculating Z-scores from PubMed abstract co-occurrences can be informative [43], and there are numerous studies using co-occurrences [16,44,45,46]. However, more sophisticated strategies such as distant supervision appear to improve performance [13]. Similarly to the other edge types, the bi-clustering approach over dependency trees has also been applied to this edge type [18]. This manuscript provides a set of label functions for our work.

Most supervised classifiers used publicly available datasets for evaluation [47,48,49,50,51]. These datasets are used equally among studies, but can generate noticeable differences in terms of performance [52]. Support vector machines were a common approach to extract GiG edges [53,54]. However, with the growing popularity of deep learning numerous deep neural network architectures have been applied [41,55,56,57]. Distant supervision has also been used in this domain [58], and in fact this effort was one of the motivating rationales for our work.

## Materials and Methods

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### Hetionet



**Figure 1:** A metagraph (schema) of Hetionet where biomedical entities are represented as nodes and the relationships between them are represented as edges. We examined performance on the highlighted subgraph; however, the long-term vision is to capture edges for the entire graph.

Hetionet [3] is a large heterogeneous network that contains pharmacological and biological information. This network depicts information in the form of nodes and edges of different types: nodes that represent biological and pharmacological entities and edges which represent relationships between entities. Hetionet v1.0 contains 47,031 nodes with 11 different data types and 2,250,197 edges that represent 24 different relationship types (Figure 1). Edges in Hetionet were obtained from open databases, such as the GWAS Catalog [59] and DrugBank [60]. For this project, we analyzed performance over a subset of the Hetionet relationship types: disease associates with a gene (DaG), compound binds to a gene (CbG), gene interacts with gene (GiG) and compound treating a disease (CtD).

## Dataset

We used PubTator [61] as input to our analysis. PubTator provides MEDLINE abstracts that have been annotated with well-established entity recognition tools including DNorm [62] for disease mentions, GeneTUKit [63] for gene mentions, Gnorm [64] for gene normalizations and a dictionary based search system for compound mentions [65]. We downloaded PubTator on June 30, 2017, at which point it contained 10,775,748 abstracts. Then we filtered out mention tags that were not contained in hetionet. We used the Stanford CoreNLP parser [66] to tag parts of speech and generate dependency trees. We extracted sentences with two or more mentions, termed candidate sentences. Each candidate sentence was stratified by co-mention pair to produce a training set, tuning set and a testing set (shown in Table 1). Each unique co-mention pair is sorted into four categories: (1) in hetionet and has sentences, (2) in hetionet and doesn't have sentences, (3) not in hetionet and does have sentences and (4) not in hetionet and doesn't have sentences. Within these four categories each pair is randomly assigned their own individual partition rank (continuous number between 0 and 1).

Any rank lower than 0.7 is sorted into the training set, while any rank greater than 0.7 and lower than 0.9 is assigned to the tuning set. The rest of the pairs with a rank greater than or equal to 0.9 is assigned to the test set. Sentences that contain more than one co-mention pair are treated as multiple individual candidates. We hand labeled five hundred to a thousand candidate sentences of each relationship type to obtain a ground truth set (Table 1)<sup>1</sup>.

**Table 1:** Statistics of Candidate Sentences. We sorted each candidate sentence into a training, tuning and testing set. Numbers in parentheses show the number of positives and negatives that resulted from the hand-labeling process.

Relationship	Train	Tune	Test
Disease Associates Gene	2.35 M	31K (397+, 603-)	313K (351+, 649-)
Compound Binds Gene	1.7M	468K (37+, 463-)	227k (31+, 469-)
Compound Treats Disease	1.013M	96K (96+, 404-)	32K (112+, 388-)
Gene Interacts Gene	12.6M	1.056M (60+, 440-)	257K (76+, 424-)

## Label Functions for Annotating Sentences

The challenge of having too few ground truth annotations is common to many natural language processing settings, even when unannotated text is abundant. Data programming circumvents this issue by quickly annotating large datasets by using multiple noisy signals emitted by label functions [10]. Label functions are simple pythonic functions that emit: a positive label (1), a negative label (-1) or abstain from emitting a label (0). We combine these functions using a generative model to output a single annotation, which is a consensus probability score bounded between 0 (low chance of mentioning a relationship) and 1 (high chance of mentioning a relationship). We used these annotations to train a discriminator model that makes the final classification step. Our label functions fall into three categories: databases, text patterns and domain heuristics. We provide examples for each category in our [supplemental methods section](#).

## Training Models

### Generative Model

The generative model is a core part of this automatic annotation framework. It integrates multiple signals emitted by label functions and assigns a training class to each candidate sentence. This model assigns training classes by estimating the joint probability distribution of the latent true class ( $Y$ ) and label function signals ( $\Lambda$ ),  $P(\Lambda, Y)$ . Assuming each label function is conditionally independent, the joint distribution is defined as follows:

$$P(\Lambda, Y) = \frac{\exp(\sum_{i=1}^m \theta^T F_i(\Lambda, y))}{\sum_{\Lambda'} \sum_{y'} \exp(\sum_{i=1}^m \theta^T F_i(\Lambda', y'))}$$

where  $m$  is the number of candidate sentences,  $F$  is the vector of summary statistics and  $\theta$  is a vector of weights for each summary statistic. The summary statistics used by the generative model are as follows:

$$F_{i,j}^{Lab}(\Lambda, Y) = \mathbb{1}\{\Lambda_{i,j} \neq 0\}$$

$$F_{i,j}^{Acc}(\Lambda, Y) = \mathbb{1}\{\Lambda_{i,j} = y_{i,j}\}$$

*Lab* is the label function's propensity (the frequency of a label function emitting a signal). *Acc* is the individual label function's accuracy given the training class. This model optimizes the weights ( $\theta$ ) by



minimizing the negative log likelihood:

$$\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} - \sum_{\Lambda} \log \sum_Y P(\Lambda, Y)$$

In the framework we used predictions from the generative model,  $\hat{Y} = P(Y \mid \Lambda)$ , as training classes for our dataset [67,68].

## Experimental Design

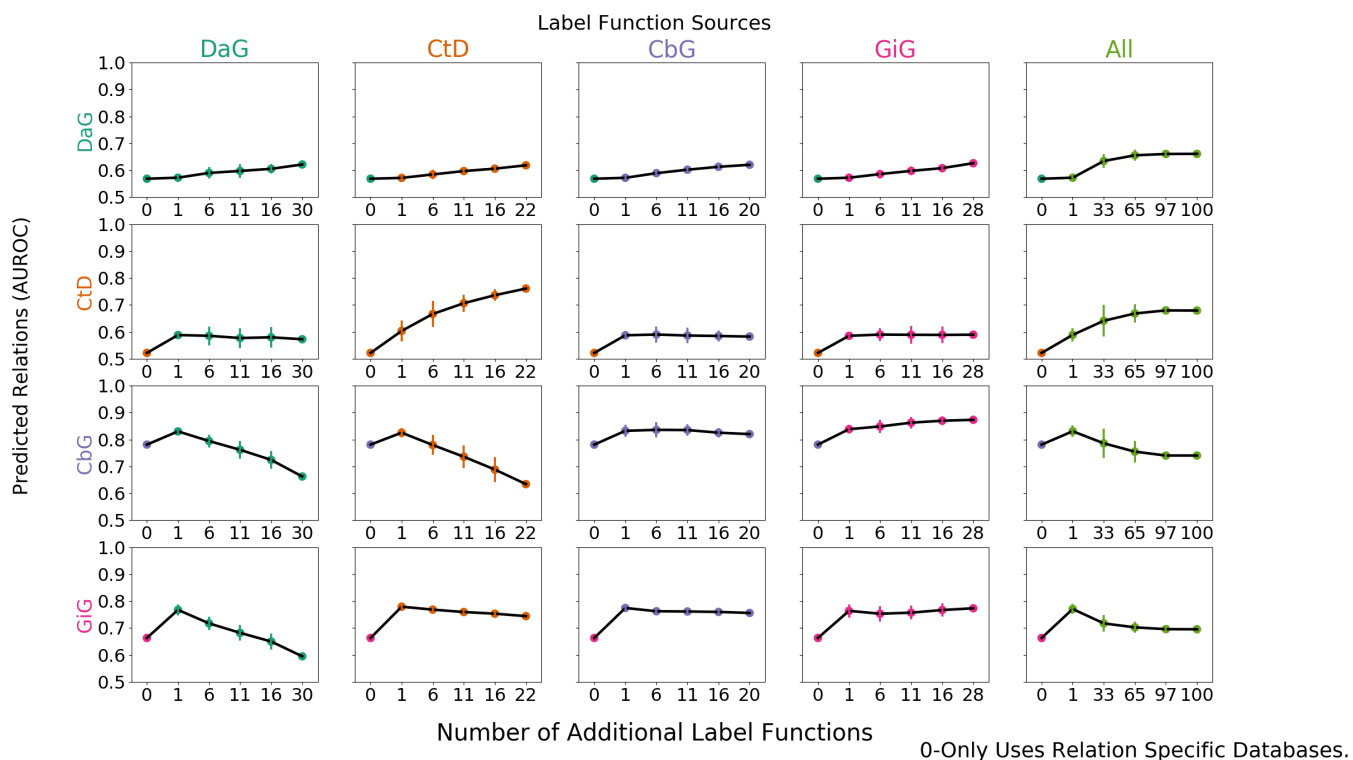
Being able to re-use label functions across edge types would substantially reduce the number of label functions required to extract multiple relationships from biomedical literature. We first established a baseline by training a generative model using only distant supervision label functions designed for the target edge type. As an example, for the GiG edge type we used label functions that returned a 1 if the pair of genes were included in the Human Interaction database [69], the iRefIndex database [70] or in the Incomplete Interactome database [71]. Then we compared models that also included text and domain-heuristic label functions. Using a sampling with replacement approach, we sampled these text and domain-heuristic label functions separately within edge types, across edge types, and from a pool of all label functions. We compared within-edge-type performance to across-edge-type and all-edge-type performance. For each edge type we sampled a fixed number of label functions consisting of five evenly-spaced numbers between one and the total number of possible label functions. We repeated this sampling process 50 times for each point. We evaluated both generative and discriminative (training and downstream analyses are described in the [supplemental methods section](#)) models at each point, and we reported performance of each in terms of the area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUROC) and the area under the precision-recall curve (AUPR). Lastly, we conducted a follow up experiment for the generative model described in the [supplemental methods section](#).

## Results

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### Generative Model Using Randomly Sampled Label Functions

## Label Sampling Generative Model Assessment (Test Set)



**Figure 2:** Grid of AUROC scores for each generative model trained on randomly sampled label functions. The rows depict the relationship each model is trying to predict and the columns are the edge type specific sources from which each label function is sampled. The right most column consists of pooling every relationship specific label function and proceeding as above.

We added randomly sampled label functions to a baseline for each edge type to evaluate the feasibility of label function re-use. Our baseline model consisted of a generative model trained with only edge-specific distant supervision label functions. We reported the results in AUROC and AUPR (Figure 2 and Supplemental Figure 5).

The on-diagonal plots of figure 2 and supplemental figure 5 show increasing performance when edge-specific label functions are added on top of the edge-specific baselines. The CtD edge type is a quintessential example of this trend. The baseline model starts off with an AUROC score of 52% and an AUPR of 28%, which increase to 76% and 49% respectively as more CtD label functions are included. DaG edges have a similar trend: performance starting off with an AUROC of 56% and AUPR of 41% then increases to 62% and 45% respectively. Both the CbG and GiG edges have an increasing trend but plateau after a few label functions are added.

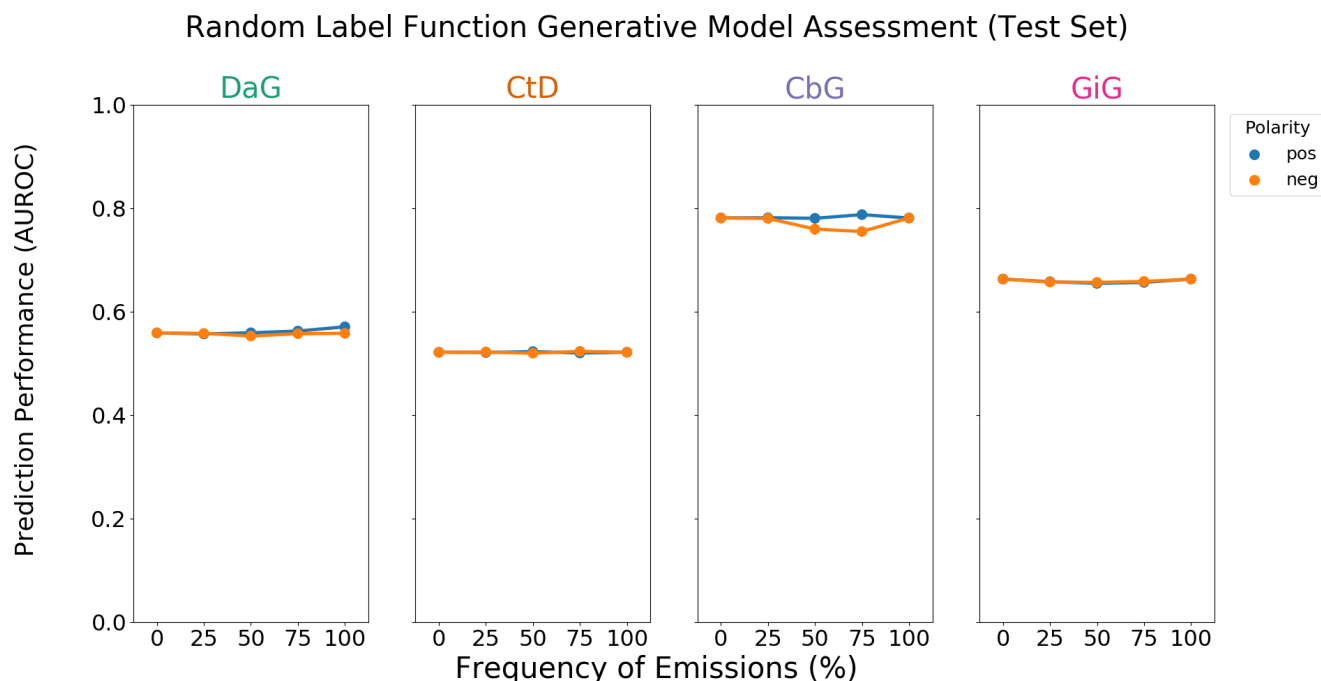
The off-diagonals in figure 2 and supplemental figure 5 show how performance varies when label functions from one edge type are added to a different edge type's baseline. In certain cases (apparent for DaG), performance increases regardless of the edge type used for label functions. In other cases (apparent with CtD), one label function appears to improve performance; however, adding more label functions does not improve performance (AUROC) or decreases it (AUPR). In certain cases, the source of the label functions appears to be important: the performance of CbG edges decrease when using label functions from the DaG and CtD categories.

Our initial hypothesis was based on the idea that certain edge types capture similar physical relationships and that these cases would be particularly amenable for label function transfer. For example, CbG and GiG both describe physical interactions. We observed that performance increased as assessed by both AUROC and AUPR when using label functions from the GiG edge type to predict CbG edges. A similar trend was observed when predicting the GiG edge; however, the performance differences were small for this edge type making the importance difficult to assess.



The last column shows increasing performance (AUROC and AUPR) for both DaG and CtD when sampling from all label functions. CbG and GiG also had increased performance when one random label function was sampled, but performance decreased drastically as more label functions were added. It is possible that a small number of irrelevant label functions are able to overwhelm the distant supervision label functions in these cases (see Figure 3 and Supplemental Figure 6).

## Random Label Function Generative Model Analysis



**Figure 3:** A grid of AUROC (A) scores for each edge type. Each plot consists of adding a single label function on top of the baseline model. This label function emits a positive (shown in blue) or negative (shown in orange) label at specified frequencies, and performance at zero is equivalent to not having a randomly emitting label function. The error bars represent 95% confidence intervals for AUROC or AUPR (y-axis) at each emission frequency.

We observed that including one label function of a mismatched type to distant supervision often improved performance, so we evaluated the effects of adding a random label function in the same setting. We found that usually adding random noise did not improve performance (Figure 3 and Supplemental Figure 6). For the CbG edge type we did observe slightly increased performance via AUPR (Supplemental Figure 6). However, performance changes in general were smaller than those observed with mismatched label types.

## Discussion

We tested the feasibility of re-using label functions to extract relationships from literature. Through our sampling experiment, we found that adding relevant label functions increases prediction performance (shown in the on-diagonals of Figures 2 and Supplemental Figure 5). We found that label functions designed from relatively related edge types can increase performance (seen when GiG label functions predicts CbG and vice versa). We noticed that one edge type (DaG) is agnostic to label function source (Figure 2 and Supplemental Figure 5). Performance routinely increases when adding a single mismatched label function to our baseline model (the generative model trained only on distant supervision label functions). These results led us to hypothesize that adding a small amount of noise aided the model, but our experiment with a random label function reveals that this was not the case (Figures 3 and 6). Based on these results one question still remains: why does performance drastically increase when adding a single label function to our distant supervision baseline?

The discriminative model didn't work as intended. The majority of the time the discriminative model underperformed the generative model (Supplemental Figures 7 and 8). Potential reasons for this are the discriminative model overfitting to the generative model's predictions and a negative class bias in some of our datasets (Table 1). The challenges with the discriminative model are likely to have led to issues in our downstream analyses: poor model calibration (Supplemental Figure 9) and poor recall in detecting existing Hetionet edges (Supplemental Figure 11). Despite the above complications, our model had similar performance with a published baseline model (Supplemental Figure 10). This implies that with better tuning the discriminative model has the potential to perform better than the baseline model.

## Conclusion and Future Direction

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Filling out knowledge bases via manual curation can be an arduous and erroneous task [8]. As the rate of publications increases manual curation becomes an infeasible approach. Data programming, a paradigm that uses label functions as a means to speed up the annotation process, can be used as a solution for this problem. A problem with this paradigm is that creating a useful label function takes a significant amount of time. We tested the feasibility of reusing label functions as a way to speed up the label function creation process. We conclude that label function re-use across edge types can increase performance when there are certain constraints on the number of functions re-used. More sophisticated methods of reuse may be able to capture many of the advantages and avoid many of the drawbacks. Adding more relevant label functions can increase overall performance. The discriminative model, under this paradigm, has a tendency to overfit to predictions of the generative model. We recommend implementing regularization techniques such as drop out and weight decay to combat this issue.

This work sets up the foundation for creating a common framework that mines text to create edges. Within this framework we would continuously ingest new knowledge as novel findings are published, while providing a single confidence score for an edge by consolidating sentence scores. Different from existing hetnets like Hetionet where text-derived edges generally cannot be exactly attributed to excerpts from literature [3,72], our approach would annotate each edge with its source sentences. In addition, edges generated with this approach would be unencumbered from upstream licensing or copyright restrictions, enabling openly licensed hetnets at a scale not previously possible [73,74,75]. Accordingly, we plan to use this framework to create a robust multi-edge extractor via multitask learning [68] to construct continuously updating literature-derived hetnets.

## Supplemental Information

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This manuscript and supplemental information are available at [https://greenelab.github.io/text\\_mined\\_hetnet\\_manuscript/](https://greenelab.github.io/text_mined_hetnet_manuscript/). Source code for this work is available under open licenses at: <https://github.com/greenelab/snorkeling/>.

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## Supplemental Methods

### Label Function Categories

We provide examples of label function categories below. Each example regards the following candidate sentence: “PTK6 may be a novel therapeutic target for pancreatic cancer.”

**Databases:** These label functions incorporate existing databases to generate a signal, as seen in distant supervision [4]. These functions detect if a candidate sentence’s co-mention pair is present in a given database. If the candidate pair is present, our label function emitted a positive label and abstained otherwise. If the candidate pair wasn’t present in any existing database, a separate label function emitted a negative label. We used a separate label function to prevent a label imbalance problem that we encountered during development: emitting positive and negatives from the same label functions appeared to result in classifiers that predict almost exclusively negative predictions.

$$\Lambda_{DB}(D, G) = \begin{cases} 1 & (D, G) \in DB \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

$$\Lambda_{\neg DB}(D, G) = \begin{cases} -1 & (D, G) \notin DB \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

**Text Patterns:** These label functions are designed to use keywords and sentence context to generate a signal. For example, a label function could focus on the number of words between two mentions or focus on the grammatical structure of a sentence. These functions emit a positive or negative label depending on the situation.

$$\Lambda_{TP}(D, G) = \begin{cases} 1 & "target" \in Candidate\ Sentence \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

$$\Lambda_{TP}(D, G) = \begin{cases} -1 & "VB" \notin pos\_tags(Candidate\ Sentence) \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

**Domain Heuristics:** These label functions use the other experiment results to generate a signal. For this category, we used dependency path cluster themes generated by Percha et al. [18]. If a candidate sentence’s dependency path belongs to a previously generated cluster, then the label function will emit a positive label and abstain otherwise.

$$\Lambda_{DH}(D, G) = \begin{cases} 1 & Candidate\ Sentence \in Cluster\ Theme \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Roughly half of our label functions are based on text patterns, while the others are distributed across the databases and domain heuristics (Table 2).

**Table 2:** The distribution of each label function per relationship.

Relationship	Databases (DB)	Text Patterns (TP)	Domain Heuristics (DH)
DaG	7	20	10
CtD	3	15	7
CbG	9	13	7



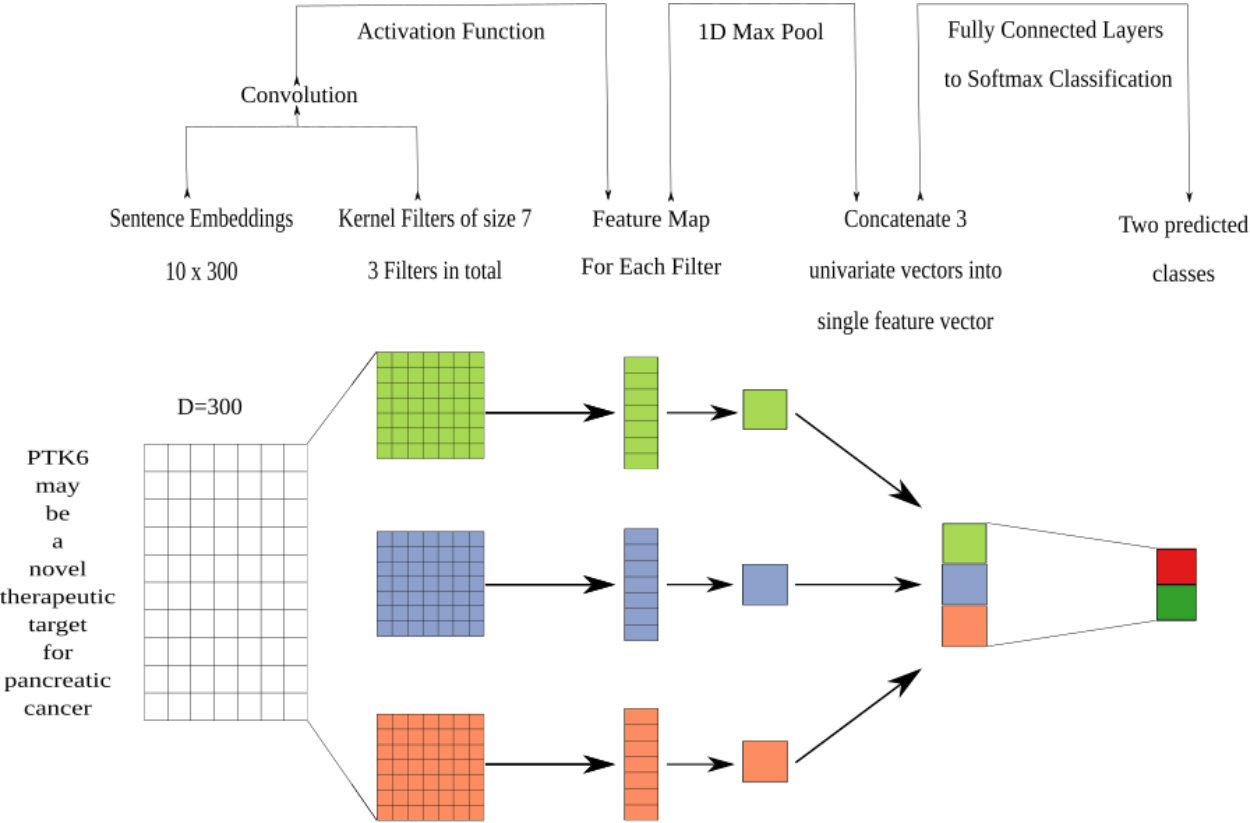
Relationship	Databases (DB)	Text Patterns (TP)	Domain Heuristics (DH)
GiG	9	20	8

### Adding Random Noise to Generative Model

We discovered in the course of this work that adding a single label function from a mismatched type would often improve the performance of the generative model (see Results). We designed an experiment to test whether adding a noisy label function also increased performance. This label function emitted a positive or negative label at varying frequencies, which were evenly spaced from zero to one. Zero was the same as distant supervision and one meant that all sentences were randomly labeled. We trained the generative model with these label functions added and reported results in terms of AUROC and AUPR.

### Discriminative Model

The discriminative model is a neural network, which we train to predict labels from the generative model. The expectation is that the discriminative model can learn more complete features of the text than the label functions used in the generative model. We used a convolutional neural network with multiple filters as our discriminative model. This network uses multiple filters with fixed widths of 300 dimensions and a fixed height of 7 (Figure 4), because this height provided the best performance in terms of relationship classification [76]. We trained this model for 20 epochs using the adam optimizer [77] with pytorch’s default parameter settings and a learning rate of 0.001. We added a L2 penalty on the network weights to prevent overfitting. Lastly, we added a dropout layer (p=0.25) between the fully connected layer and the softmax layer.



**Figure 4:** The architecture of the discriminative model was a convolutional neural network. We performed a convolution step using multiple filters. The filters generated a feature map that was sent into a maximum pooling layer that was designed to extract the largest feature in each map. The extracted features were concatenated into a singular vector that was passed into a fully connected network. The fully connected network had 300 neurons for the first layer, 100 neurons for the second layer and 50 neurons for the last layer. The last step from the fully connected network was to generate predictions using a softmax layer.

## Word Embeddings

Word embeddings are representations that map individual words to real valued vectors of user-specified dimensions. These embeddings have been shown to capture the semantic and syntactic information between words [78]. We trained Facebook’s fastText [79] using all candidate sentences for each individual relationship pair to generate word embeddings. fastText uses a skipgram model [80] that aims to predict the surrounding context for a candidate word and pairs the model with a novel scoring function that treats each word as a bag of character n-grams. We trained this model for 20 epochs using a window size of 2 and generated 300-dimensional word embeddings. We use the optimized word embeddings to train a discriminative model.

## Calibration of the Discriminative Model

Often many tasks require a machine learning model to output reliable probability predictions. A model is well calibrated if the probabilities emitted from the model match the observed probabilities: a well-calibrated model that assigns a class label with 80% probability should have that class appear 80% of the time. Deep neural network models can often be poorly calibrated [81,82]. These models are usually over-confident in their predictions. As a result, we calibrated our convolutional neural network using temperature scaling. Temperature scaling uses a parameter T to scale each value of the logit vector (z) before being passed into the softmax (SM) function.

$$\sigma_{SM}\left(\frac{z_i}{T}\right) = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{z_i}{T}\right)}{\sum_i \exp\left(\frac{z_i}{T}\right)}$$

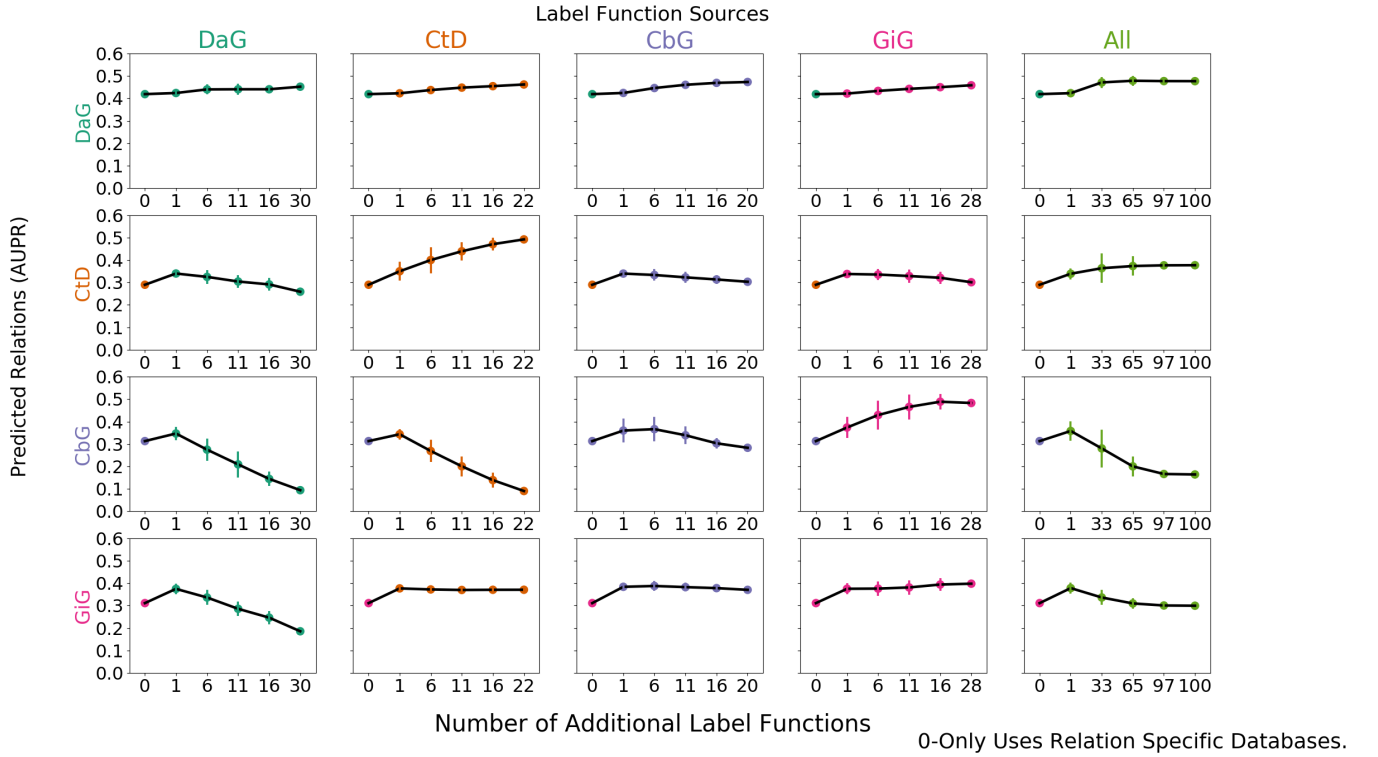
We found the optimal T by minimizing the negative log likelihood (NLL) of a held out validation set. The benefit of using this method is that the model becomes more reliable and the accuracy of the model doesn’t change [81].

## Supplemental Tables and Figures

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### Generative Model AUPR Performance

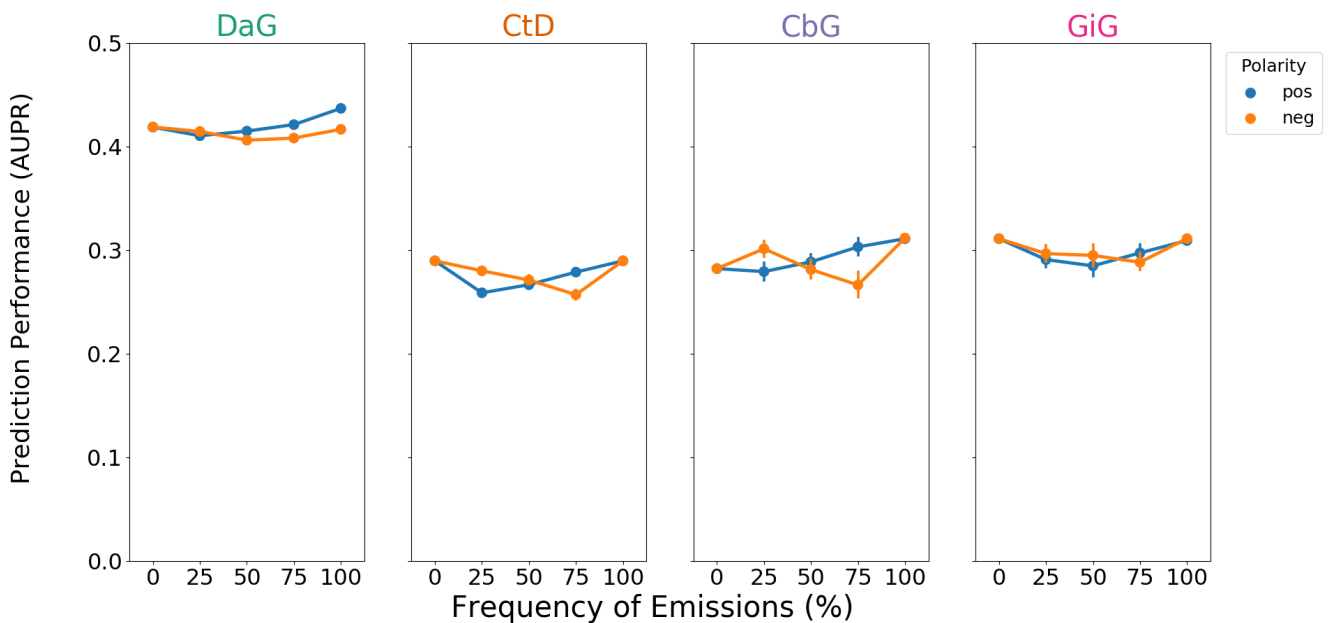
## Label Sampling Generative Model Assessment (Test Set)



**Figure 5:** Grid of AUPR scores for each generative model trained on randomly sampled label functions. The rows depict the relationship each model is trying to predict and the columns are the edge type specific sources from which each label function is sampled. For example, the top-left most square depicts the generative model predicting DaG sentences, while randomly sampling label functions designed to predict the DaG relationship. The square towards the right depicts the generative model predicting DaG sentences, while randomly sampling label functions designed to predict the CtD relationship. This pattern continues filling out the rest of the grid. The right most column consists of pooling every relationship specific label function and proceeding as above.

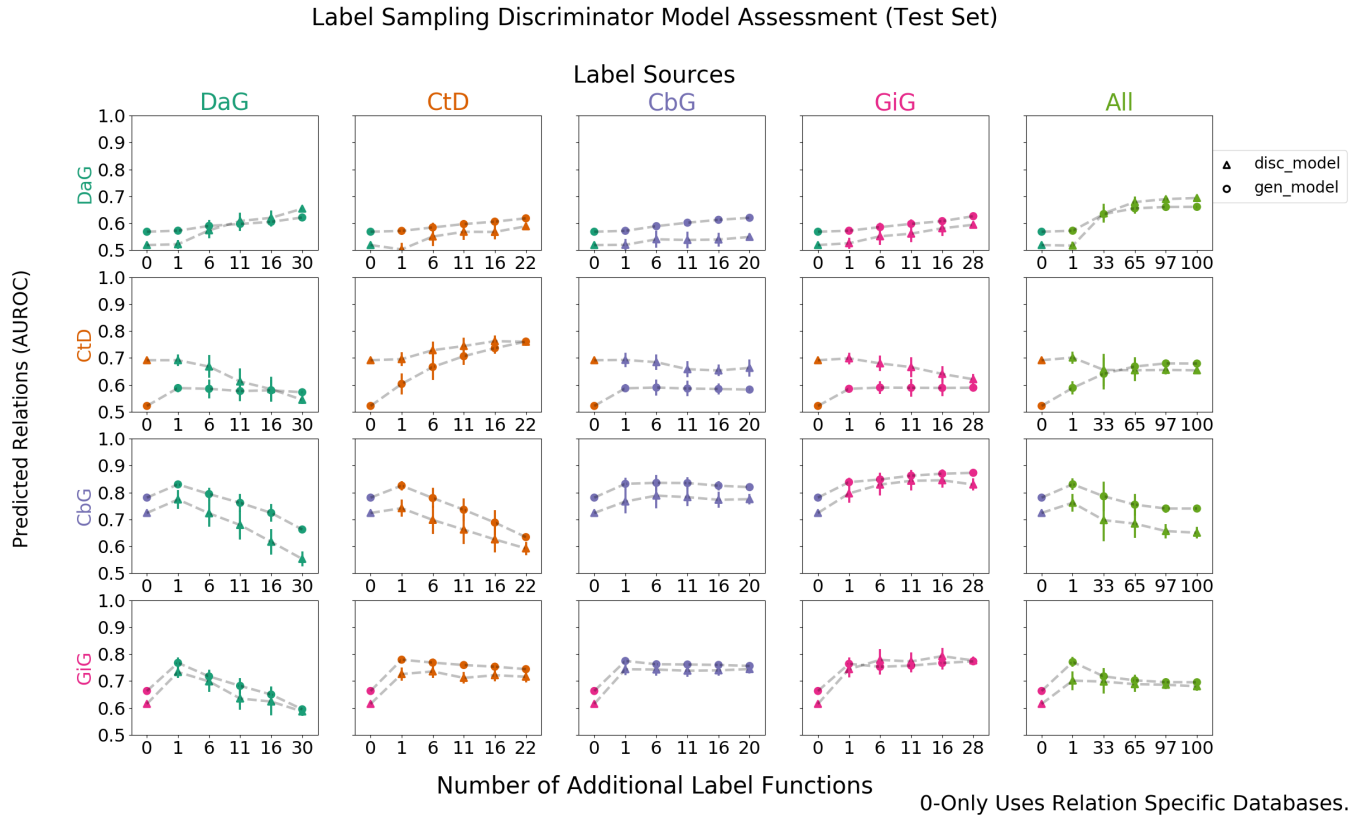
## Random Label Function Generative Model Analysis

### Random Label Function Generative Model Assessment (Test Set)



**Figure 6:** A grid of AUROC (A) scores for each edge type. Each plot consists of adding a single label function on top of the baseline model. This label function emits a positive (shown in blue) or negative (shown in orange) label at specified frequencies, and performance at zero is equivalent to not having a randomly emitting label function. The error bars represent 95% confidence intervals for AUROC or AUPR (y-axis) at each emission frequency.

## Discriminative Model Performance

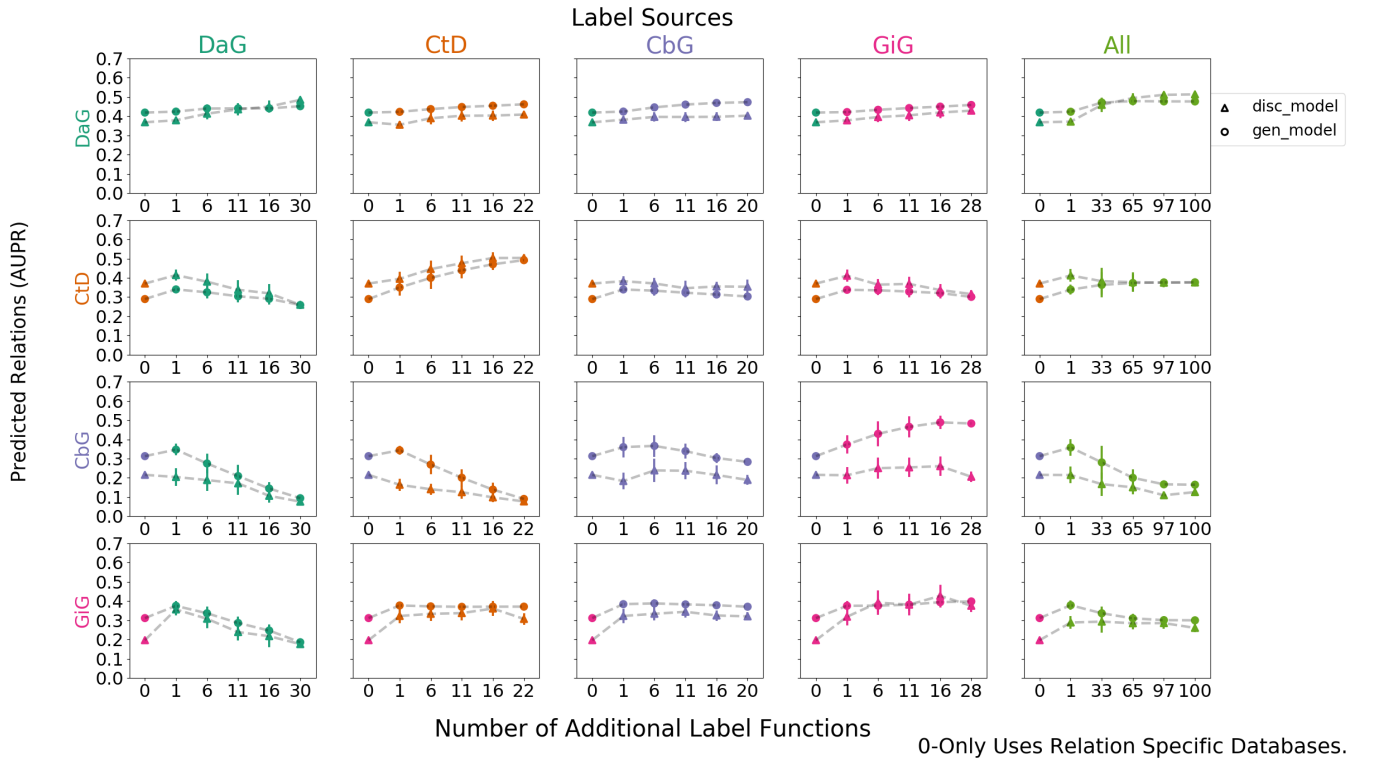


**Figure 7:** Grid of AUROC scores for each discriminative model trained using generated labels from the generative models. The rows depict the edge type each model is trying to predict and the columns are the edge type specific sources from which each label function was sampled. For example, the top-left most square depicts the discriminator model predicting DaG sentences, while randomly sampling label functions designed to predict the DaG relationship. The error bars over the points represents the standard deviation between sampled runs. The square towards the right depicts the discriminative model predicting DaG sentences, while randomly sampling label functions designed to predict the CtD relationship. This pattern continues filling out the rest of the grid. The right most column consists of pooling every relationship specific label function and proceeding as above.

In this framework we used a generative model trained over label functions to produce probabilistic training labels for each sentence. Then we trained a discriminative model, which has full access to a representation of the text of the sentence, to predict the generated labels. The discriminative model is a convolutional neural network trained over word embeddings (See Methods). We report the results of the discriminative model using AUROC and AUPR (Figures 7 and 8).

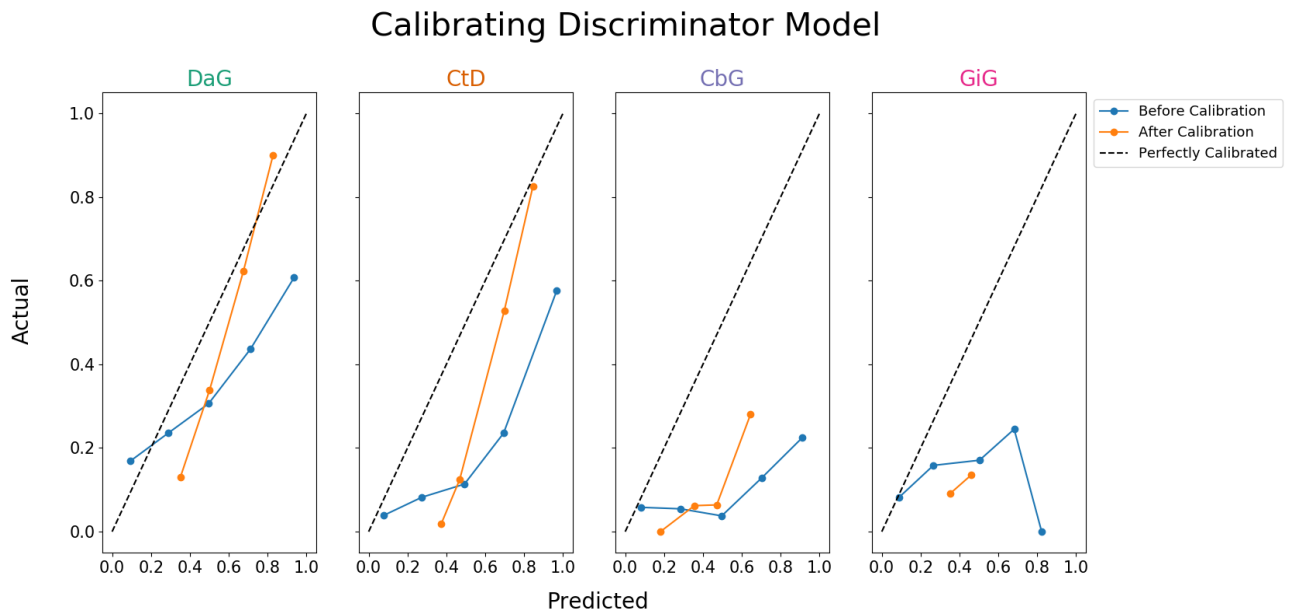
We found that the discriminative model under-performed the generative model in most cases. Only for the CtD edge does the discriminative model appear to provide performance above the generative model and that increased performance is only with a modest number of label functions. With the full set of label functions, performance of both models remain similar. The one or a few mismatched label functions (off-diagonal) improving generative model performance trend is retained despite the limited performance of the discriminative model.

## Label Sampling Discriminator Model Assessment (Test Set)



**Figure 8:** Grid of AUPR scores for each discriminative model trained using generated labels from the generative models. The rows depict the edge type each model is trying to predict and the columns are the edge type specific sources from which each label function was sampled. For example, the top-left most square depicts the discriminator model predicting DaG sentences, while randomly sampling label functions designed to predict the DaG relationship. The error bars over the points represents the standard deviation between sampled runs. The square towards the right depicts the discriminative model predicting DaG sentences, while randomly sampling label functions designed to predict the CtD relationship. This pattern continues filling out the rest of the grid. The right most column consists of pooling every relationship specific label function and proceeding as above.

## Discriminative Model Calibration



**Figure 9:** Calibration plots for the discriminative model. A perfectly calibrated model would follow the dashed diagonal line. The blue line represents the predictions before calibration and the orange line shows predictions after calibration.

Even deep learning models with high precision and recall can be poorly calibrated, and the overconfidence of these models has been noted [81,82]. We attempted to calibrate the best performing discriminative model so that we could directly use the emitted probabilities. We examined the calibration of our existing model (Supplemental Figure 9, blue line). We found that the DaG and CtG edge types were, though not perfectly calibrated, were somewhat aligned with the ideal calibration lines. The CbG and GiG edges were poorly calibrated and increasing model certainty did not always lead to an increase in precision. Applying the calibration algorithm (orange line) did not appear to bring predictions in line with the ideal calibration line, but did capture some of the uncertainty in the GiG edge type. For this reason we use the measured precision instead of the predicted probabilities when determining how many edges could be added to existing knowledge bases with specified levels of confidence.

## Model Calibration Tables

**Table 3:** Contains the top ten Disease-associates-Gene confidence scores before and after model calibration. Disease mentions are highlighted in brown and Gene mentions are highlighted in blue.

Disease Name	Gene Symbol	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibraiton
adrenal gland cancer	TP53	the mechanisms of adrenal tumorigenesis remain poorly established ; the r337h germline mutation in the p53 gene has previously been associated with acts in brazilian children .	1.0	0.882
breast cancer	ERBB2	in breast cancer , overexpression of her2 is associated with an aggressive tumor phenotype and poor prognosis .	1.0	0.845
lung cancer	TP53	however , both adenine ( a ) and guanine ( g ) mutations are found in the p53 gene in cr exposure-related lung cancer .	1.0	0.83
malignant glioma	BAX	these data suggest that the combination of tra-8 treatment with specific overexpression of bax using advegbax may be an effective approach for the treatment of human malignant gliomas .	0.999	0.827
polycystic ovary syndrome	SERPINE1	4 g allele in pai-1 gene was more frequent in pcos and the 4g/4 g genotype was associated with increased pai-1 levels .	0.999	0.814
systemic lupus erythematosus	PRL	results : sle patients showed a significantly higher serum level of prl than healthy subjects , which was especially obvious in the active stage of the disease ( p = 0.000 .	0.999	0.813
hematologic cancer	TNF	the mean tnf-alpha plasma concentration in the patients with cli was significantly higher than in the healthy control population ( 16.4 versus 8.7 pg/ml ; p < .0001 ) .	0.999	0.81
lung cancer	MUC16	the mean concentration of ca 125 was higher in patients with lung cancer ( 37 + / - 81 u/ml ) than in those with nonmalignant disease ( 4.2 + / - 5.7 u/ml ) ( p less than 0.01 ) .	0.999	0.806
prostate cancer	AR	the androgen receptor was expressed in all primary and metastatic prostate cancer tissues and no mutations were identified .	0.999	0.801



Disease Name	Gene Symbol	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibraiton
breast cancer	ERBB2	the results of multiple linear regression analysis , with her2 as the dependent variable , showed that family history of <b>breast cancer</b> was significantly associated with elevated <b>her2</b> levels in the tumors ( p = 0.0038 ) , after controlling for the effects of age , tumor estrogen receptor , and dna index .	0.999	0.8

**Table 4:** Contains the bottom ten Disease-associates-Gene confidence scores before and after model calibration. Disease mentions are highlighted in **brown** and Gene mentions are highlighted in **blue**.

Disease Name	Gene Symbol	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibraiton
breast cancer	NAT2	[ the relationship between passive smoking , <b>breast cancer</b> risk and <b>n-acetyltransferase 2</b> ( nat2 ) ] .	0.012	0.287
schizophrenia	EP300	ventricle size and <b>p300</b> in <b>schizophrenia</b> .	0.012	0.286
hematologic cancer	CD33	in the 2 ( nd ) study of <b>cd33</b> + <b>sr-aml</b> 2 doses of go ( 4.5 - 9 mg/m ( 2 ) ) were administered > = 60d post reduced intensity conditioning ( ric ) allosct ( 8 wks apart ) .	0.01	0.281
Crohn's disease	PTPN2	in this sample , we were able to confirm an association between <b>cd</b> and <b>ptpn2</b> ( genotypic p = 0.019 and allelic p = 0.011 ) , and phenotypic analysis showed an association of this snp with late age at first diagnosis , inflammatory and penetrating cd behaviour , requirement of bowel resection and being a smoker at diagnosis .	0.008	0.268
breast cancer	ERBB2	<b>long-term efficacy and safety of adjuvant trastuzumab for her2-positive early [breast cancer]</b> .	0.007	0.262
hematologic cancer	CD40LG	we examined the direct effect of lenalidomide on <b>cll-cell proliferation</b> induced by <b>cd154-expressing</b> accessory cells in media containing interleukin-4 and -10 .	0.006	0.259
hematologic cancer	MLANA	methods : the sln sections ( n = 214 ) were assessed by qrt assay for 4 established messenger rna biomarkers : <b>mart-1</b> , <b>mage-a3</b> , <b>galnac-t</b> , and <b>pax3</b> .	0.005	0.252
breast cancer	ERBB2	the keywords <b>erbb2</b> or <b>her2</b> or <b>erbb-2</b> or <b>her-2</b> and <b>breast cancer</b> and ( country ) were used to search pubmed , international and local conference abstracts and local-language journals from the year 2000 onwards .	0.003	0.225
hepatitis B	PKD2	conversely , a significant enhancement of activation was observed for <b>afb1</b> in cases of mild cah and especially for <b>trp-p-2</b> in <b>hepatitis b</b> virus carriers , irrespective of their histologic diagnosis .	0.002	0.217
hematologic cancer	C7	serum antibody responses to four haemophilus influenzae type b capsular polysaccharide-protein conjugate vaccines ( <b>prp-d</b> , <b>hboc</b> , <b>c7p</b> , and <b>prp-t</b> ) were studied and compared in 175 infants , 85 adults and 140 2-year-old children .	0.002	0.208

**Table 5:** Contains the top ten Compound-treats-Disease confidence scores after model calibration. Disease mentions are highlighted in **brown** and Compound mentions are highlighted in **red**.

Compound Name	Disease Name	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibration
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Compound Name	Disease Name	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibration
Methylprednisolone	asthma	use of tao without methylprednisolone in the treatment of severe asthma .	1.0	0.895
Methyldopa	hypertension	atenolol and methyldopa in the treatment of hypertension .	1.0	0.888
Prednisone	asthma	prednisone and beclomethasone for treatment of asthma .	1.0	0.885
Prazosin	hypertension	experience with prazosin in the treatment of hypertension .	1.0	0.883
Prazosin	hypertension	prazosin in the treatment of hypertension .	1.0	0.878
Prazosin	hypertension	prazosin in the treatment of [hypertension] .	1.0	0.878
Methyldopa	hypertension	oxprenolol plus cyclopenthiazine-kcl versus methyldopa in the treatment of hypertension .	1.0	0.877
Prednisolone	lymphatic system cancer	peptichemio : a new oncolytic drug in combination with vincristine and prednisolone in the treatment of non-hodgkin lymphomas .	1.0	0.871
Methyldopa	hypertension	methyldopate , the ethyl ester hydrochloride salt of alpha-methyldopa ( alpha-md ) , is used extensively in the treatment of severe hypertension .	1.0	0.851
Haloperidol	Gilles de la Tourette syndrome	a comparison of pimozide and haloperidol in the treatment of gilles de la tourette 's syndrome .	1.0	0.839

**Table 6:** Contains the bottom ten Compound-treats-Disease confidence scores before and after model calibration. Disease mentions are highlighted in brown and Compound mentions are highlighted in red.

Compound Name	Disease Name	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibration
Dexamethasone	hypertension	dexamethasone and hypertension in preterm infants .	0.011	0.34
Reserpine	hypertension	reserpine in hypertension : present status .	0.01	0.336
Creatine	coronary artery disease	scintiphotographic findings were compared with the size of myocardial infarcts calculated from measurements of the activity of mb isoenzymes of creatine kinase ( ck-mb ) in serum and in the myocardium at autopsy , as described by sobel 's method .	0.009	0.334
Hydrocortisone	brain cancer	to explore the effects of repeated episodes of hypercortisolemia on hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis regulation , we studied plasma acth and cortisol ( cort ) responses to 100 micrograms human crh ( hcrh ) in 10 dexamethasone ( 1.5 mg ) - pretreated elderly endurance athletes who had abstained from physical activity for at least 48 h before testing and 13 sedentary age-matched controls .	0.009	0.333
Hydrocortisone	brain cancer	basal activity of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis was estimated by determinations of 24-h urinary free cortisol-excretion , evening basal plasma total and free cortisol concentrations , and the cortisol binding globulin-binding capacity .	0.008	0.328

Compound Name	Disease Name	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibration
Creatine	coronary artery disease	during successful and uncomplicated angioplasty ( ptca ) , we studied the effect of a short lasting <b>myocardial ischemia</b> on plasma creatine kinase , creatine kinase mb-activity , and <b>creatine</b> kinase mm-isoforms ( mm1 , mm2 , mm3 ) in 23 patients .	0.006	0.318
Benzylpenicillin	epilepsy syndrome	it was shown in experiments on cats under nembutal anesthesia that a lesion of the medial forebrain bundle ( mfb ) and partly of the preoptic region at the side of local penicillin application on the cerebral cortex ( g. suprasylvius medius ) results in depression of the <b>epileptiform activity</b> in the <b>penicillin-induced</b> focus , as well as in the secondary mirror " focus , which appeared in the symmetrical cortex area of the other hemisphere .	0.005	0.315
Indomethacin	hypertension	effects of <b>indomethacin</b> in rabbit <b>renovascular hypertension</b> .	0.004	0.308
Cyclic Adenosine Monophosphate	ovarian cancer	the hormonal regulation of steroidogenesis and <b>adenosine 3' :5' - cyclic monophosphate</b> in <b>embryonic-chick ovary</b> .	0.002	0.292
Dobutamine	coronary artery disease	two-dimensional echocardiography can detect regional wall motion abnormalities resulting from <b>myocardial ischemia</b> produced by <b>dobutamine</b> infusion .	0.002	0.287

**Table 7:** Contains the top ten Compound-treats-Disease confidence scores before and after model calibration. Gene mentions are highlighted in blue and Compound mentions are highlighted in red.

Compound Name	Gene Symbol	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibration
Hydrocortisone	SHBG	serum concentrations of testicular and adrenal androgens and androgen precursors , <b>cortisol</b> , unconjugated ( e1 ) and total estrone ( te1 ; greater than or equal to 85 % e1 sulfate ) , pituitary hormones , sex hormone binding globulin ( <b>shbg</b> ) and albumin were measured in 14 male patients with non-diabetic end stage renal disease and in 28 age-matched healthy controls .	0.997	0.745
Minoxidil	EGFR	direct measurement of the ability of minoxidil to compete for binding to the egf receptor indicated that <b>minoxidil</b> probably does not bind to the <b>egf receptor</b> .	0.99	0.706
Hydrocortisone	SHBG	gonadotropin , testosterone , sex hormone binding globulin ( <b>shbg</b> ) , dehydroepiandrosterone sulphate , androstenedione , estradiol , prolactin , <b>cortisol</b> , thyrotropin , and free thyroxine levels were determined .	0.988	0.7
Cholecalciferol	DBP	<b>cholecalciferol</b> ( vitamin d3 ) and its 25-hydroxy metabolite are transported in plasma bound to a specific protein , the binding protein for cholecalciferol and its metabolites ( <b>dbp</b> ) .	0.983	0.685
Indomethacin	AGT	<b>indomethacin</b> , a potent inhibitor of prostaglandin synthesis , is known to increase the maternal blood pressure response to <b>angiotensin ii</b> infusion .	0.982	0.68

Compound Name	Gene Symbol	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibration
Tretinoin	RXRA	the vitamin a derivative <b>retinoic acid</b> exerts its effects on transcription through two distinct classes of nuclear receptors , the retinoic acid receptor ( rar ) and the <b>retinoid x receptor</b> ( rxr ) .	0.975	0.668
Dopamine	NTS	<b>neurotensin</b> binding was not modified by the addition of <b>dopamine</b> .	0.97	0.659
D-Tyrosine	PLCG1	epidermal growth factor ( egf ) or platelet-derived growth factor binding to their receptor on fibroblasts induces tyrosine phosphorylation of plc gamma 1 and stable association of <b>plc gamma 1</b> with the receptor protein <b>tyrosine</b> kinase .	0.969	0.659
D-Tyrosine	PLCG1	<b>tyrosine</b> phosphorylation of plc-ii was stimulated by low physiological concentrations of egf ( 1 nm ) , was quantitative , and was already maximal after a 30 sec incubation with 50 nm egf at 37 degrees c. interestingly , antibodies specific for plc-ii were able to coimmunoprecipitate the egf receptor and antibodies against egf receptor also coimmunoprecipitated <b>plc-ii</b> .	0.964	0.651
Ketamine	C5	additionally , reduction of glycine binding by the c-5 antagonists was reversed by both nmda receptor agonists and c-7 competitive <b>nmda</b> antagonists , providing evidence that the site of action of these <b>c-5</b> antagonists is the nmda recognition site , resulting in indirect modulation of the glycine site .	0.957	0.643

**Table 8:** Contains the bottom ten Compound-binds-Gene confidence scores before and after model calibration. Gene mentions are highlighted in **blue** and Compound mentions are highlighted in **red**.

Compound Name	Gene Symbol	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibration
Iron	NDUFB3	since gastric acid plays an important role in the absorption process of <b>iron</b> and vitamin b12 , we determined levels of iron , ferritin , vitamin <b>b12</b> , and folic acid in 75 serum samples obtained during continuous omeprazole therapy ( 6-48 months after start of therapy ) from 34 patients with peptic diseases ( primarily reflux esophagitis ) .	0.006	0.276
D-Tyrosine	PLAU	either the 55 kda u-pa form and the lower mw form ( 33 kda ) derived from the 55 kda <b>u-pa</b> are tyr-phosphorylated also the u-pa secreted in the culture media of human fibrosarcoma cells ( ht-1080 ) is phosphorylated in <b>tyrosine</b> as well as u-pa present in tissue extracts of tumors induced in nude mice by ht-1080 cells .	0.006	0.276
D-Leucine	POMC	cross-reactivities of <b>leucine-enkephalin</b> and <b>beta-endorphin</b> with the eia were less than 0.1 % , while that with gly-gly-phe-met and oxidized gly-gly-phe-met were 2.5 % and 10.2 % , respectively .	0.006	0.273
Eprazinone	GAST	in patients with renal failure there exists the inhibition of the gastrin acid secretion which is the cause of the weakening of the mechanism of the feedback connection between <b>hcl</b> and <b>gastrin</b> , while because of a permanent stimulation of g-cells , the hyperplasia of these cells develops , as well as the increased secretory activity , and hypergastrinemia .	0.005	0.271

Compound Name	Gene Symbol	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibration
Hydrocortisone	GH1	luteinizing hormone responses to luteinizing hormone releasing hormone , and <b>growth hormone</b> and <b>cortisol</b> responses to insulin induced hypoglycaemia in functional secondary amenorrhoea .	0.005	0.271
Hydrocortisone	GH1	group iv patients had normal basal levels of lh and normal lh , <b>gh</b> and <b>cortisol</b> responses .	0.005	0.269
Bupivacaine	AVP	plasma renin activity and <b>vasopressin</b> concentration , arterial pressure , and serum osmolality were measured in 17 patients before and after random epidural injection of either 6.7 ml of 0.75 % <b>bupivacaine</b> ( n = 7 ) or the same volume of saline ( n = 10 ) .	0.004	0.26
Epinephrine	INS	thermogenic effect of thyroid hormones : interactions with <b>epinephrine</b> and <b>insulin</b> .	0.004	0.259
Hydrocortisone	GH1	<b>cortisol</b> and <b>growth hormone</b> ( gh ) secretion ( spontaneous variations at night and the release induced by insulin hypoglycaemia ) were investigated in 69 children and adolescents .	0.002	0.241
Estriol	LGALS1	[ diagnostic value of serial determination of <b>estriol</b> and <b>hpl</b> in plasma and of total estrogens in 24-h-urine compared to single values for diagnosis of fetal danger ] .	0.0	0.181

**Table 9:** Contains the top ten Gene-interacts-Gene confidence scores before and after model calibration. Both gene mentions highlighted in blue.

Gene1 Symbol	Gene2 Symbol	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibration
INS	HSPA4	conclusions : intact insulin only weakly interacts with the <b>hsp70</b> chaperone dnak whereas monomeric proinsulin and peptides from 3 distinct <b>proinsulin</b> regions show substantial chaperone binding .	0.834	0.574
NMT1	S100B	values for k ( cat ) indicated that , once gag or <b>nef</b> binds to the enzyme , myristoylation by <b>nmt1</b> and nmt2 proceeds at comparable rates .	0.826	0.571
VEGFA	HIF1A	mechanistically , we demonstrated that resveratrol inhibited <b>hif-1alpha</b> and <b>vegf</b> expression through multiple mechanisms .	0.82	0.569
ITGAV	PECAM1	antigens expressed on emp and ec were assayed flow cytometrically and included constitutive markers ( <b>cd31</b> , <b>cd51/61</b> , cd105 ) , inducible markers ( cd54 , cd62e and cd106 ) , and annexin v binding .	0.81	0.566
F10	PF4	these compounds inhibit both <b>factor xa</b> and thrombin , in the presence of antithrombin , while they are devoid of undesirable non-specific interactions , particularly with <b>platelet factor 4</b> ( pf4 ) .	0.766	0.554
NFKB2	RELB	the results indicate that dystrophic muscle is characterized by increases in the whole cell expression of ikappab-alpha , p65 , p50 , <b>relb</b> , <b>p100</b> , p52 , ikk , and traf-3 .	0.76	0.553
SSSCA1	CDKN1B	conclusion : hl-60 / ht cells have lower <b>p27 ( kip1 )</b> expression compared with hl-60 cells .	0.757	0.552

Gene1 Symbol	Gene2 Symbol	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibration
PTH2R	PTH2	thus , the juxtamembrane receptor domain specifies the signaling and binding selectivity of <b>tip39</b> for the <b>pth2 receptor</b> over the pth1 receptor .	0.749	0.55
MMP9	MMP2	all these factors markedly influenced the secretion and/or activation of <b>mmp-2</b> and <b>mmp-9</b> .	0.738	0.547
CCND1	ABL1	synergy with <b>v-abl</b> depended on a motif in <b>cyclin d1</b> that mediates its binding to the retinoblastoma protein , suggesting that abl oncogenes in part mediate their mitogenic effects via a retinoblastoma protein-dependent pathway .	0.736	0.547

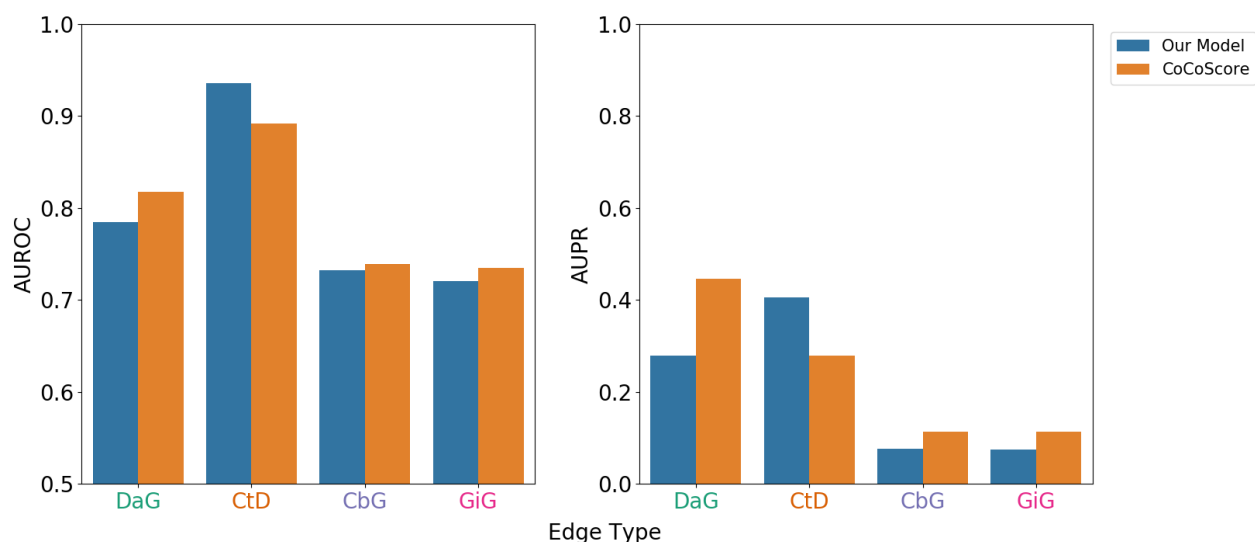
**Table 10:** Contains the bottom ten Gene-interacts-Gene confidence scores before and after model calibration. Both gene mentions highlighted in blue.

Gene1 Symbol	Gene2 Symbol	Text	Before Calibration	After Calibration
IFNG	IL6	in the control group , the positive rate for il-4 , <b>il-6</b> , il-10 were 0/10 , 2/10 and 1/10 , respectively , and those for il-2 and <b>ifn-gamma</b> were both 1/10 .	0.012	0.306
ACHE	BCHE	anticholinesterase activity was determined against acetylcholinesterase ( <b>ache</b> ) and butyrylcholinesterase ( <b>bche</b> ) , the enzymes vital for alzheimer 's disease , at 50 , 100 and 200 g ml ( -1 ) .	0.011	0.306
CCL2	AGT	we found no significant increase in <b>mcp-1</b> concentrations by <b>ang ii</b> alone ; but it enhanced the tnfr-alpha-induced mcp-1 mrna expression in a dose-dependent manner .	0.011	0.306
CXCL8	IL1B	furthermore , somatostatin completely abrogated the increased secretion of <b>il-8</b> and <b>il-1beta</b> after invasion by salmonella .	0.011	0.303
SULT1A2	SULT1A3	to date , the laboratory has cloned seven unique human sulfotransferases ; five aryl sulfotransferases ( <b>hast1</b> , <b>hast2</b> , <b>hast3</b> , <b>hast4</b> and <b>hast4v</b> ) , an estrogen sulfotransferase and a dehydroepiandrosterone sulfotransferase .	0.009	0.295
IFNG	IL10	results : we found weak mrna expression of interleukin-4 ( <b>il-4</b> ) and il-5 , and strong expression of il-6 , <b>il-10</b> and <b>ifn-gamma</b> before therapy .	0.008	0.292
IL2	IFNG	prostaglandin e2 at priming of naive cd4 + t cells inhibits acquisition of ability to produce <b>ifn-gamma</b> and <b>il-2</b> , but not il-4 and il-5 .	0.007	0.289
IL2	IFNG	the detailed distribution of lymphokine-producing cells showed that <b>il-2</b> and <b>ifn-gamma-producing</b> cells were located mainly in the follicular areas .	0.007	0.287
IL2	IFNG	pbl of ms patients produced more pro-inflammatory cytokines , <b>il-2</b> , <b>ifn-gamma</b> and tnfr/lymphotoxin , and less anti-inflammatory cytokine , tgf-beta , during wk 2 to 4 in culture than pbl of normal controls .	0.006	0.283
NFKB1	TNF	<b>nf-kappab-dependent</b> reporter gene transcription activated by <b>tnf</b> was also suppressed by calagualine .	0.005	0.276

## Baseline Comparison



## Hetionet Edge Prediction

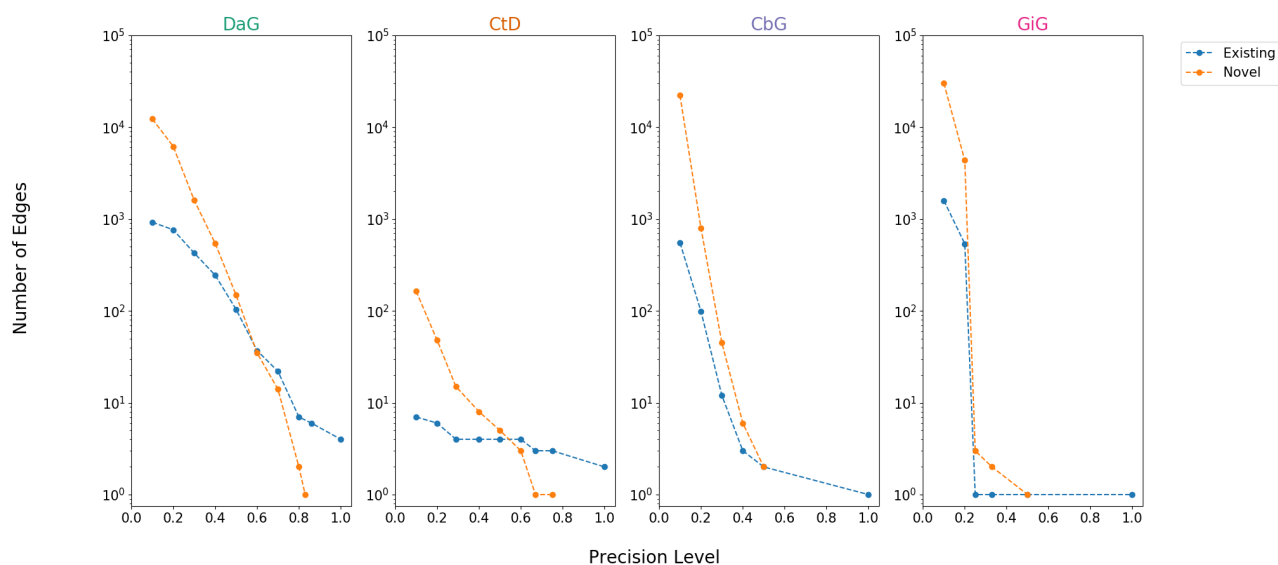


**Figure 10:** Comparison between our model and CoCoScore model [13]. We report both model's performance in terms of AUROC and AUPR. Our model achieves comparable performance against CoCoScore in terms of AUROC. As for AUPR, CoCoScore consistently outperforms our model except for CtD.

Once our discriminator model is calibrated, we grouped sentences based on mention pair (edges). We assigned each edge the maximum score over all grouped sentences and compared our model's ability to predict pairs in our test set to a previously published baseline model [13]. Performance is reported in terms of AUROC and AUPR (Figure 10). Across edge types our model shows comparable performance against the baseline in terms of AUROC. Regarding AUPR, our model shows hindered performance against the baseline. The exception for both cases is CtD where our model performs better than the baseline.

## Reconstructing Hetionet

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**Figure 11:** A scatter plot showing the number of edges (log scale) we can add or recall at specified precision levels. The blue depicts edges existing in hetionet and the orange depicts how many novel edges can be added.

We evaluated how many edges we can recall/add to Hetionet v1 (Supplemental Figure 11 and Table 11). In our evaluation we used edges assigned to our test set. Overall, we can recall a small amount of edges at high precision thresholds. A key example is CbG and GiG where we recalled only one existing

edge at 100% precision. Despite the low recall, we are still able to add novel edges to DaG and CtD while retaining modest precision.

**Table 11:** Contains the top ten predictions for each edge type. Highlighted words represent entities mentioned within the given sentence.

Edge Type	Source Node	Target Node	Gen Model Prediction	Disc Model Prediction	Number of Sentences	Text
DaG	lung cancer	VEGFA	1.000	0.912	3293	conclusion : the plasma <b>veg</b> f level is increased in <b>nscl</b> c patients with approximate1y one fourth to have cancer cells in the peripheral blood.
DaG	hematologic cancer	TP53	1.000	0.905	8660	mutations of the <b>p53</b> gene were found in four cases of <b>cml</b> in blastic crisis ( bc ).
DaG	obesity	MC4R	1.000	0.901	1493	several mutations in the <b>melanocortin 4 receptor</b> gene are associated with <b>obesity</b> in chinese children and adolescents.
DaG	Alzheimer's disease	VLDLR	1.000	0.886	86	the 5-repeat allele in the <b>very-low-density lipoprotein receptor</b> gene polymorphism is not increased in sporadic <b>alz</b> heimer 's <b>disease</b> in japanese.
DaG	lung cancer	XRCC1	1.000	0.885	662	results : <b>xrcc1</b> gene polymorphism is associated with increased risk of <b>lung cancer</b> when the arg/arg genotype was used as the reference group.
DaG	prostate cancer	ESR1	1.000	0.883	500	conclusion : these results suggest that variants of the ggga polymorphism from the <b>estrogen receptor alpha</b> gene may be associated with an increased risk of developing <b>prostate cancer</b> .
DaG	breast cancer	REG1A	1.000	0.878	37	conclusion : high levels of <b>reg1a</b> expression within tumors are an independent predictor of poor prognosis in patients with <b>breast cancer</b> .
DaG	breast cancer	INSR	1.000	0.877	200	we have previously reported that <b>insulin receptor</b> expression is increased in human <b>breast cancer</b> specimens ( v. papa et al. , j. clin.

Edge Type	Source Node	Target Node	Gen Model Prediction	Disc Model Prediction	Number of Sentences	Text
DaG	rheumatoid arthritis	AR	1.000	0.877	53	conclusion : our results suggest no correlation between cag repeat polymorphism in the <b>ar</b> gene and response to treatment with lef in women with <b>ra</b> .
DaG	coronary artery disease	CTLA4	1.000	0.875	12	conclusion : the g/g genotype polymorphism of the <b>ctla-4</b> gene is associated with increased risk of <b>ami</b> .
CtD	Zonisamide	epilepsy syndrome	1.000	0.943	1011	adjunctive <b>zonisamide</b> therapy in the long-term treatment of children with <b>partial epilepsy</b> : results of an open-label extension study of a phase iii , randomized , double-blind , placebo-controlled trial.
CtD	Metformin	polycystic ovary syndrome	1.000	0.942	3217	in the present study , 23 <b>pcos</b> subjects [ mean ( + / - se ) body mass index 30.0 + / - 1.1 kg/m2 ] were randomly assigned to double-blind treatment with <b>metformin</b> ( 500 mg tid ) or placebo for 6 months , while maintaining their usual eating habits.
CtD	Piroxicam	rheumatoid arthritis	1.000	0.928	184	methods : a double-blind , randomized , crossover trial in 49 patients with active <b>ra</b> compared 6 weeks of treatment with tenidap ( 120 mg/day ) versus 6 weeks of treatment with <b>piroxicam</b> ( 20 mg/day ).
CtD	Irinotecan	stomach cancer	1.000	0.918	968	randomized phase ii trial of first-line treatment with tailored <b>irinotecan</b> and s-1 therapy versus s-1 monotherapy for advanced or recurrent <b>gastric carcinoma</b> ( jfmc31-0301 ).
CtD	Treprostinil	hypertension	1.000	0.913	536	oral <b>treprostinil</b> for the treatment of <b>pulmonary arterial hypertension</b> in patients receiving background endothelin receptor antagonist and phosphodiesterase type 5 inhibitor therapy ( the freedom-c2 study ) : a randomized controlled trial.

Edge Type	Source Node	Target Node	Gen Model Prediction	Disc Model Prediction	Number of Sentences	Text
CtD	Colchicine	gout	1.000	0.911	78	this is the first in vivo data to provide a biological rationale that supports the implementation of low dose , non-toxic , <b>colchicine</b> therapy for the treatment of <b>gouty arthritis</b> .
CtD	Propranolol	stomach cancer	1.000	0.898	45	74 cirrhotic patients with a history of variceal or <b>gastric bleeding</b> were randomly assigned to treatment with <b>propranolol</b> ( 40 to 360 mg/day ) or placebo.
CtD	Reboxetine	endogenous depression	1.000	0.894	439	data were obtained from four short-term ( 4-8-week ) , randomized , placebo-controlled trials of <b>reboxetine</b> for the treatment of <b>mdd</b> .
CtD	Diclofenac	ankylosing spondylitis	1.000	0.892	61	comparison of two different dosages of celecoxib with <b>diclofenac</b> for the treatment of active <b>ankylosing spondylitis</b> : results of a 12-week randomised , double-blind , controlled study.
CtD	Tapentadol	osteoarthritis	1.000	0.880	29	driving ability in patients with severe chronic low back or <b>osteoarthritis</b> knee pain on stable treatment with <b>tapentadol</b> prolonged release : a multicenter , open-label , phase 3b trial.
CbG	Dexamethasone	NR3C1	1.000	0.850	1119	submicromolar free calcium modulates <b>dexamethasone</b> binding to the <b>glucocorticoid receptor</b> .
CbG	Vitamin A	RBP4	1.000	0.807	5512	the authors give serum <b>retinol</b> binding protein ( <b>rbp</b> ) normal values , established by immunonephelometry , for two healthy populations in their hospital laboratory.
CbG	D-Proline	IGFBP4	1.000	0.790	1	the insulin-like growth factor-i-stimulated <b>l-proline</b> uptake was inhibited by one of its binding protein , <b>insulin-like growth factor binding protein-4</b> , in a concentration-dependent manner.

Edge Type	Source Node	Target Node	Gen Model Prediction	Disc Model Prediction	Number of Sentences	Text
CbG	Sucrose	AR	0.996	0.789	37	the amount ( maximal binding capacity of 24 to 30 fmol/mg protein ) and hormone binding affinity ( half-maximal saturation of 0.2 nm ) of the <b>androgen receptor</b> in cultured skin fibroblasts was normal , but the receptor was qualitatively abnormal as evidenced by instability on <b>sucrose</b> density gradient centrifugation.
CbG	D-Lysine	PLG	1.000	0.787	403	in both elisa and rocket immunoelectrophoresis systems , complex formation was inhibited by 10 mm epsilon-amino-n-caproic acid , implying that there is a role for the <b>lysine</b> binding sites of <b>plg</b> in mediating the interaction.
CbG	Adenosine	INSR	1.000	0.785	129	these findings demonstrate basal state binding of <b>atp</b> to the ckd leading to cis-autophosphorylation and novel basal state regulatory interactions among the subdomains of the <b>insulin receptor</b> kinase.
CbG	Adenosine	PLK1	1.000	0.783	104	most kinase inhibitors interact with the <b>atp</b> binding site on <b>plk1</b> , which is highly conserved.
CbG	Calcium Chloride	ITPR3	0.995	0.777	1954	control of <b>ca2</b> + influx in human neutrophils by inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate ( ip3 ) binding : differential effects of micro-injected <b>ip3 receptor</b> antagonists.
CbG	D-Arginine	C5AR1	1.000	0.775	808	thus , selected out of a multiplicity of possibilities by the natural binding partner , <b>arg37</b> as well as arg40 appear to be anchor residues in binding to the <b>c5a receptor</b> .
CbG	Ticagrelor	P2RY12	1.000	0.773	322	purpose : <b>ticagrelor</b> is a reversibly binding <b>p2y12</b> receptor antagonist used clinically for the prevention of atherothrombotic events in patients with acute coronary syndromes ( acs ).

Edge Type	Source Node	Target Node	Gen Model Prediction	Disc Model Prediction	Number of Sentences	Text
GiG	ABL1	ABL1	0.999	0.600	9572	the acquired resistance in patients who failed to respond to imatinib seemed to be induced by several point mutations in the <b>bcr-abl</b> gene , which were likely to affect the binding of imatinib with <b>bcr-abl</b> .
GiG	TP63	TP53	1.000	0.595	2557	<b>tp63</b> , a member of the <b>p53</b> gene family gene , encodes the np63 protein and is one of the most frequently amplified genes in squamous cell carcinomas ( scc ) of the head and neck ( hnscc ) and lungs ( lusc ).
GiG	FERMT1	FERMT1	0.004	0.590	194	ks is caused by mutations in the <b>fermt1</b> gene encoding <b>kindlin-1</b> .
GiG	GRN	GRN	1.000	0.590	3842	background : mutations in the <b>progranulin</b> gene ( <b>pgrn</b> ) have recently been identified as a cause of frontotemporal lobar degeneration with ubiquitin-positive inclusions ( ftld-u ) in some families.
GiG	FASN	EP300	0.999	0.589	6	here , we demonstrated that <b>p300</b> binds to and increases histone h3 lysine 27 acetylation ( h3k27ac ) in the <b>fasn</b> gene promoter.
GiG	SETBP1	SETBP1	1.000	0.588	354	the critical deleted region contains <b>setbp1</b> gene ( <b>set binding protein 1</b> ).
GiG	BCL2	BAK1	0.118	0.587	1220	different expression patterns of <b>bcl-2</b> family genes in breast cancer by estrogen receptor status with special reference to pro-apoptotic <b>bak</b> gene.
GiG	SP1	INSR	0.948	0.587	23	thus , the efficient expression of the human <b>insulin receptor</b> gene possibly requires the binding of transcriptional factor <b>sp1</b> to four g-c boxes located -593 to -618 base pairs upstream of the atg translation initiation codon.

Edge Type	Source Node	Target Node	Gen Model Prediction	Disc Model Prediction	Number of Sentences	Text
GiG	ABCD1	ABCD1	1.000	0.586	410	x-linked adrenoleukodystrophy ( x-ald ) is caused by mutations in the <a href="#">abcd1</a> gene encoding the peroxisomal abc transporter adrenoleukodystrophy protein ( <a href="#">aldp</a> ).
GiG	CYP1A1	AHR	0.996	0.586	1940	the liganded <a href="#">ah receptor</a> activates transcription by binding to a specific dna-recognition motif within a dioxin-responsive enhancer upstream of the <a href="#">cyp1a1</a> gene.

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1. Labeled sentences are available [here](#).↵