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CORD-19 dataset

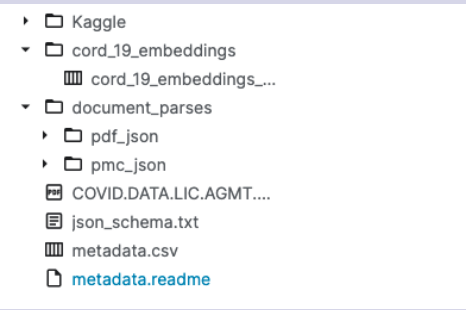
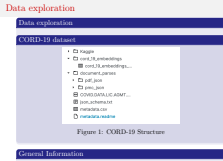


Figure 1: CORD-19 Structure

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- Data selection
 - Selecting articles with risk factors and severity key-words.
 - Clustering using Latent Dirichlet Allocation.
- NER (Named-entity recognition).

Risk factors and severity paper filtering

Dictionary of key words

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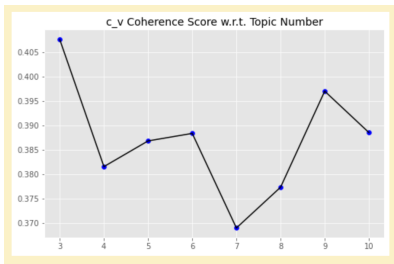
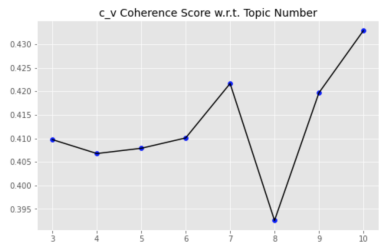
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