

# Pairwise Contrastive Fine-Tuning for Patent Classification

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# CPC Hierarchy: Structure, Size, and Complexity

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(54) **LEAKAGE DETECTING DEVICE OF HYDROGEN STORING SYSTEM**

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## (57) **ABSTRACT**

An embodiment device for detecting a leak in a hydrogen storing system includes a case having an accommodation space defined therein, wherein the accommodation space is configured to accommodate a plurality of storage tanks and a component part therein, the component part including a component configured to fill a fuel into the plurality of storage tanks or supply the fuel to a fuel consumer, and a sensor part disposed in the case, the sensor part including a pressure sensor configured to measure a pressure of a fluid inside the accommodation space and a temperature sensor configured to detect a temperature of the fluid.

G - Physics

└ G01 - Measuring; Testing

└ G01M - Testing static or dynamic balance of machines or structures; Testing of structures or apparatus, not otherwise provided for

└ G01M 3/3209 - Leak testing using fluid detection, etc.

F - Mechanical Engineering; Lighting; Heating; Weapons; Blasting

└ F17 - Storing or distributing gases or liquids

└ F17C - Vessels for storing or distributing compressed, liquefied or solidified gases

└ F17C 13/025 - Arrangements for detecting or preventing leakage

└ F17C 13/026 - Arrangements for preventing corrosion

└ F17C 2205/0134 - Type of vessel: Rigid vessel with outer jacket

└ F17C 2205/0323 - Material: Metal only (e.g., aluminum, steel)

└ F17C 2221/012 - Insulating means: Vacuum insulation

└ F17C 2250/043 - Leak detection using pressure or vacuum change

└ F17C 2250/0439 - Leak detection by means of acoustic sensing

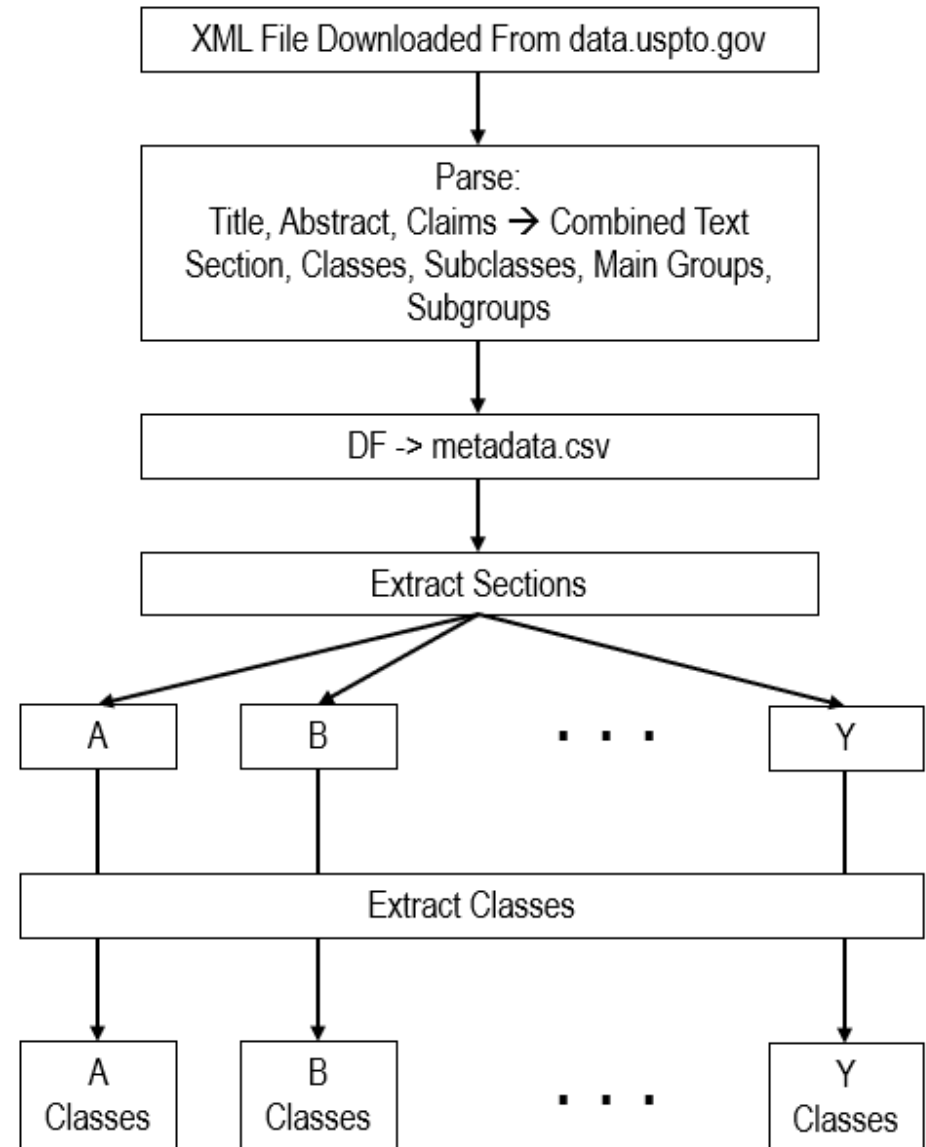
└ F17C 2250/0694 - Protective devices or arrangements (e.g., relief valves)

└ F17C 2260/038 - Use or application: Cryogenic liquefied gases (e.g., LNG, liquid nitrogen)

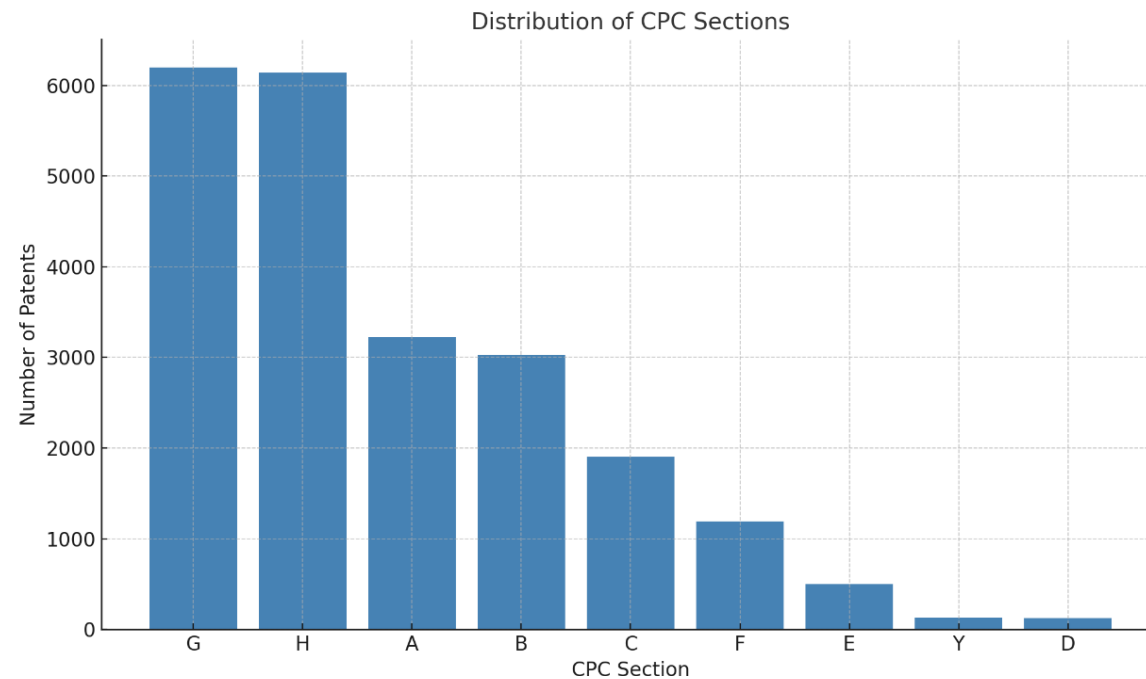
└ F17C 2270/0168 - Features related to maintenance: Monitoring of physical parameters

└ F17C 2270/0184 - Features related to maintenance: Data processing or control arrangements

# Data Preprocessing



# Highly Imbalanced Distribution



# Two-Stage Process: Contrastive Fine-Tuning and Mixture of Experts Classification

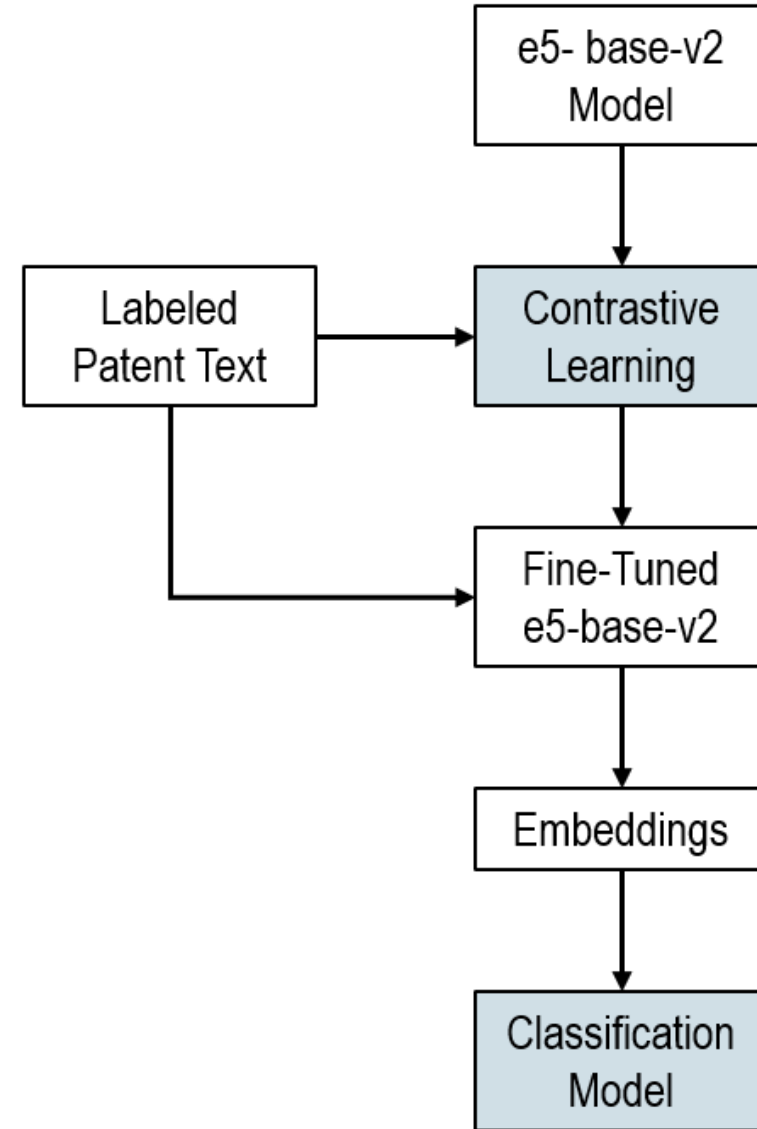
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## Contrastive Fine-Tuning

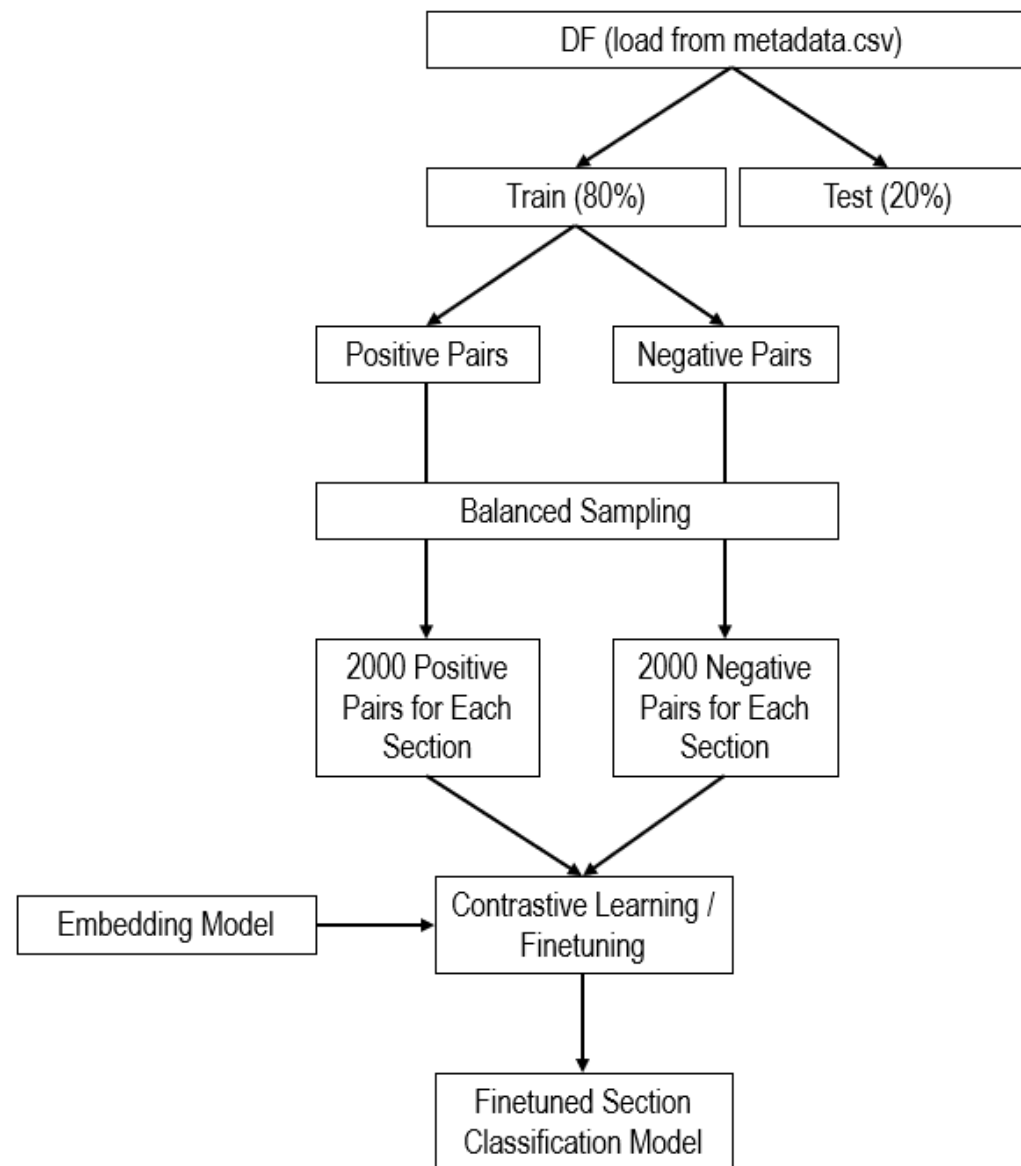
Fine-tuning E5-Base-V2 embeddings enhances semantic separation through contrastive learning techniques.

## Mixture of Experts Classifier

Expert classifier integrates embeddings and taxonomy features to accurately predict CPC sections.



# Stage 1: Contrastive Fine-Tuning of E5-Base-V2 Embeddings



# Incorporation of Taxonomy-Aware Features Using CPC Descriptions

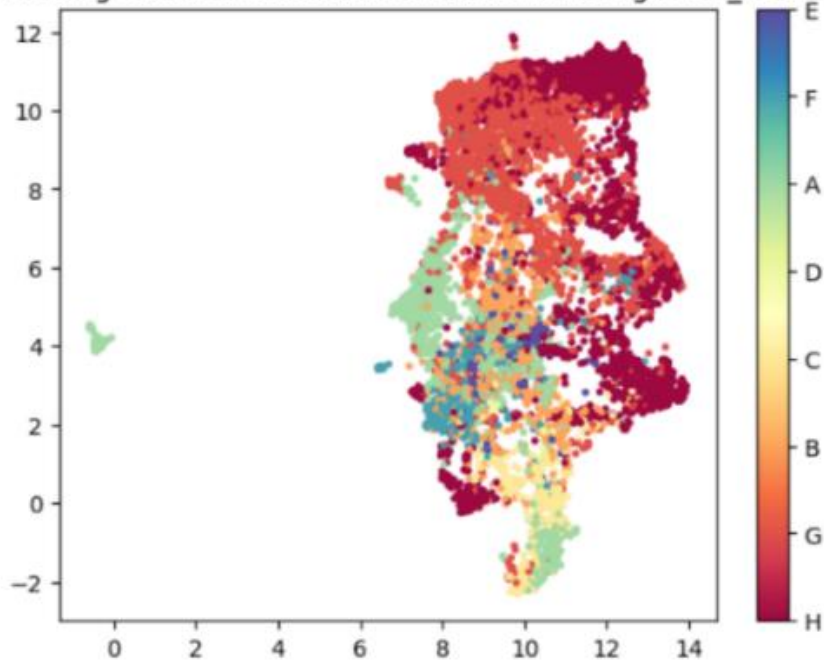


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cpc_class_list = [  
    ["A01", "Agriculture; Forestry; Animal Husbandry;  
    Hunting; Trapping; Fishing"],  
    ["A21", "Baking; Equipment for making or processing  
    doughs; Doughs for baking"],  
    ["A22", "Butchering; Meat treatment; Processing  
    poultry or fish"],  
    ["A23", "Foods or foodstuffs; Their treatment, not  
    covered by other classes"],  
    ["A24", "Tobacco; Cigars; Cigarettes; Smokers'  
    requisites"],  
    ["A41", "Wearing apparel"],  
    ["A42", "Headwear"],  
    ["A43", "Footwear"],  
    ["A44", "Haberdashery; Jewelry"],  
    ["A45", "Hand or travelling articles"],  
    ["A46", "Brushware"],  
    ["A47", "Furniture; Domestic articles or appliances"],  
    ["A61", "Medical or veterinary science; Hygiene"],  
    ["A62", "Life-saving; Fire-fighting"],  
    ["A63", "Sports; Games; Amusements"],  
    ...  
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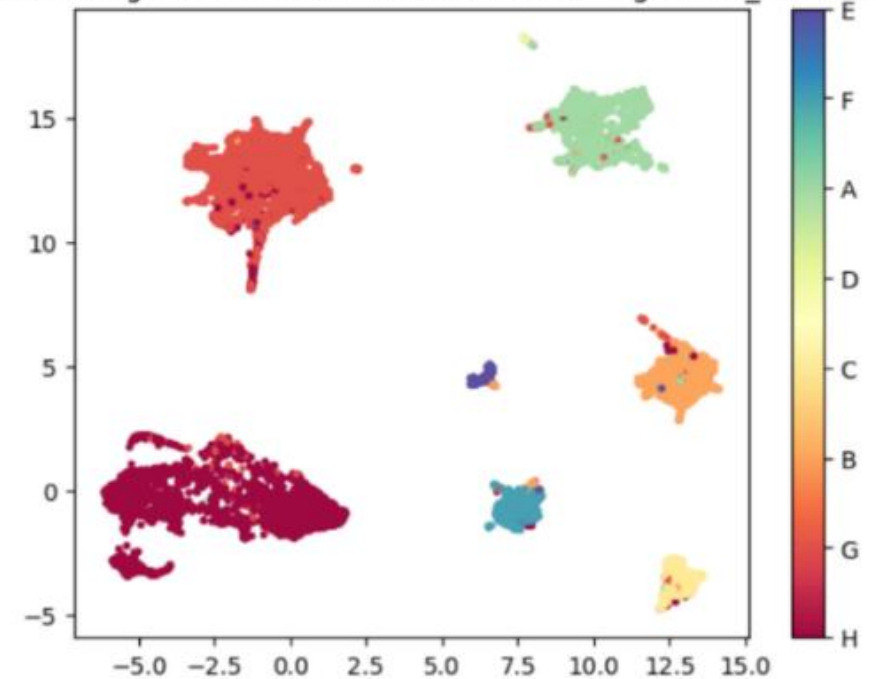
# Embedding Space Before vs. After Fine-Tuning

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Patent Embedding Clusters without finetuned embedding on df\_cleaned split

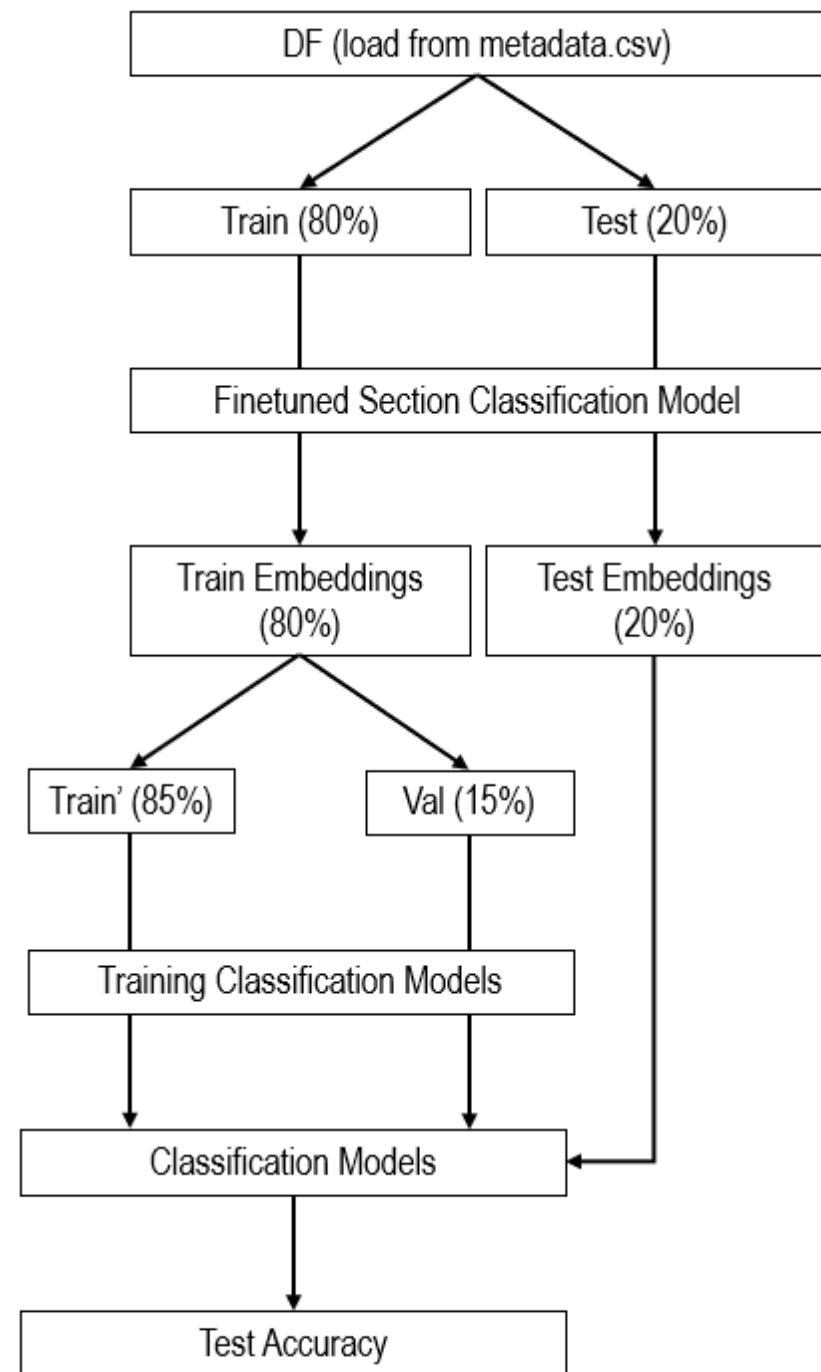


Patent Embedding Clusters with finetuned embeddings on df\_cleaned split





## Stage 2: Training Classification Models



# Results & Discussion

Section	Our Model (MoE)	Our Model (Taxonomy Aware)	PatentSBERTa (2024)	Shajalal et al. (2023)
A	0.87	0.85	N/A	0.85
B	0.75	0.72	0.76	0.70
C	0.80	0.76	0.86	0.81
D	0.37	0.16	0.64	0.73
E	0.64	0.64	0.74	0.67
F	0.72	0.68	0.78	0.70
G	0.83	0.83	0.85	0.82
H	0.84	0.84	0.86	0.82
Y	0.07	0.00	0.56	0.41
Micro Avg.	0.81	0.80	0.80	0.78
Macro Avg.	0.65	0.61	0.80	N/A
Instance Avg.	0.84	0.83	0.82	N/A



## Next Steps

- **Expand training data for rare sections.**
- **Extend to subclass, main group, subgroup.**
- **Explore zero-shot classification using taxonomy embeddings.**