Investigating anatomical bias in clinical machine learning algorithms

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Abstract

Clinical machine learning algorithms have shown promising results and could potentially be implemented in clinical practice to provide diagnosis support and improve patient treatment. Barriers for realisation of the algorithms' full potential include bias which is systematic and unfair discrimination against certain individuals in favor of others.

The objective of this work is to measure anatomical bias in clinical text algorithms. We define anatomical bias as unfair algorithmic outcomes against patients with medical conditions in specific anatomical locations. We measure the degree of anatomical bias across two machine learning models and two Danish clinical text classification tasks, and find that clinical text algorithms are highly prone to anatomical bias. We argue that datasets for creating clinical text algorithms should be curated carefully to isolate the effect of anatomical location in order to avoid bias against patient subgroups.

1 Introduction

Research in clinical machine learning algorithms have shown promising results for automating clinical tasks. The algorithms could potentially be implemented in clinical practice to provide diagnosis support, improve patient treatment and provide time-savings for medical doctors (Topol, 2019; Matheny et al., 2020).

However, despite appealing research results, there are currently limited examples of algorithms being successfully deployed into clinical practice (Kelly et al., 2019). Barriers for realisation of the algorithms' full potential include bias and generalisation issues (Char et al., 2018; Hovy and Prabhumoye, 2021; Carrell et al., 2017).

Algorithmic bias can be defined as systematic and unfair discrimination against certain individuals or groups of individuals in favor of others (Friedman and Nissenbaum, 1996). Previous studies have raised serious concerns of algorithms that contain age, gender and racial bias (Sun et al., 2019; Davidson et al., 2019) — even for algorithms that have been taken into use (Obermeyer et al., 2019). Although machine learning algorithms are trained to be able to generalise to previously unseen data, they tend to overfit to the data they have been trained on. As a consequence of this, bias can unintendedly arise if some subgroups of the target population are not represented in the data used to train the algorithm. Moreover, if the training data itself include biases against some populations, e.g. data reflecting a negative attitude against people with disabilities (Hutchinson et al., 2020), these biases might be encoded and reinforced.

If biased algorithms are adopted, healthcare systems risk doing injustice to certain patient groups and harming patient safety (Obermeyer et al., 2019). Therefore, identifying and mitigating bias is important for successful implementation of novel clinical machine learning algorithms.

This paper investigates anatomical bias in clinical machine learning algorithms developed to classify and extract specific medical conditions from the narrative text of electronic health records (EHR). We define anatomical bias as unfair algorithmic outcomes against a subgroup of patients with the same medical condition, where the algorithm performs differently depending on the anatomical location of the condition. If the performance of clinical algorithms varies depending

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on the anatomical location, it is reflected in some patient subgroups receiving worse treatment than others.

We hypothesised that careful dataset curation is needed to measure and mitigate anatomical bias because the text description of medical conditions in EHRs varies depending on the location, e.g. 'epistaxis' is a location-specific word describing nose bleedings.

Specifically, this paper investigates anatomical bias for classification of bleeding and venous thromboembolism (VTE) mentions in the narrative text of Danish EHRs. Automatic extraction of these conditions could be valuable for medical doctors in clinical practice, e.g. to guide diagnostic decision making and treatment options (Decousus et al., 2011). Previous papers (Hinz et al., 2013; Lee et al., 2017; Taggart et al., 2018; Li et al., 2019; Mitra et al., 2020, 2021; Elkin et al., 2021; Pedersen et al., 2021; Shi et al., 2021; Verma et al., 2022) have shown promising results for automatic extraction of these medical conditions but they did not investigate the performance of the algorithms across anatomical subgroups.

Our main contributions are:

- We find that clinical text algorithms are highly prone to anatomical bias.
- The performance of state-of-the-art algorithms developed to extract specific medical conditions varies significantly across anatomical locations with performance drops up to 89.1 percentage points (PP).
- We argue that datasets for creating clinical text algorithms should be curated carefully to isolate the effect of anatomical location in order to avoid bias against patient subgroups.

2 Methods

To investigate if machine learning algorithms are prone to anatomical bias, we performed two experiments. We (1) investigated the performance of a binary classifier on different anatomical subgroups of a medical condition when that subgroup was left out of the training set, and (2) measured how the performance on an anatomical subgroup varied depending on the amount of samples from that subgroup included in the training set. Table 1: Distribution of the training, validation, and test samples for the balanced bleeding detection dataset.

Label	Location	Train	Validation	Test
	Gastrointestinal	750	250	250
	Urogenital	750	250	250
	Internal	750	250	250
D. 141 C. 11. P.	Otorhinolaryngeal	750	250	250
Positive for bleeding	Dermatological	750	250	250
	Gynecological	750	250	250
	Cerebral	750	250	250
	Ophthalmological	750	250	250
Negative for bleeding		6,000	2,000	2,000
Sum		12,000	4,000	4,000

Table 2: Distribution of the training, validation, and test samples for the balanced VTE detection dataset.

Label	Location	Train	Validation	Test
	Lower extremity	1,600	200	200
	Lung	1,600	200	200
Positive for VTE	Liver	0	0	239
	Cerebral	0	0	218
	Upper extremity	0	0	176
Negative for VTE		3,200	400	1,033
Sum		6,400	800	2,066

2.1 Datasets

We used the binary bleeding classification dataset from Pedersen et al. (2022) and present a new binary VTE classification dataset. The bleeding dataset consists of 20,000 sentences from Danish EHRs labeled as either positive or negative for bleeding mentions. The VTE classification dataset consists of 9,266 sentences from Danish EHRs labeled as either positive or negative for VTE mentions. Both datasets were constructed from Danish EHRs from Odense University Hospital and were labeled with a consensus label from three medical doctors.

In addition to the main labels of each dataset (positive and negative for bleeding or VTE), we created a subgroup label for the positive samples describing the anatomical location of either the bleeding or VTE mention. Samples that did not describe the anatomical location or described multiple locations were omitted.

For the bleeding dataset, we used the following eight anatomical locations: gastrointestinal, urogenital, internal, otorhinolaryngeal, dermatological, gynecological, cerebral, and ophthalmological.

For the VTE dataset, we used the following five anatomical locations: lower extremity, lung, liver, cerebral, and upper extremity.

The locations included for each medical condition were selected by two medical doctors.

For each dataset, we created a balanced training, validation, and test set containing an equal amount

of positive and negative samples. Moreover, for the bleeding dataset, the positive samples of the training, validation, and test sets were distributed equally between anatomical locations. For the VTE dataset, only samples from the lower extremity and lung locations were distributed equally between the train, validation, and test sets. The liver, cerebral, and upper extremity locations were only used for the test set because of a limited number of samples.

All samples were preprocessed by removing special characters, superfluous spaces, and duplicate samples. After preprocessing the samples, the bleeding and VTE datasets had an average token length of 13.3 and 13.6, respectively. The dataset distributions can be seen in Table 1 and Table 2.

2.2 Training set distributions

To measure performance differences for specific anatomical locations, we systematically removed all samples from a specific location, x, from the training set, creating the training set $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$, trained a deep learning model on $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$, and evaluated it on the test set. For example, for the bleeding dataset, we created 8 different training sets, one for each anatomical location being removed, containing 10,500 samples.

For comparison, we created a balanced training set, \mathcal{T} , which included the same amount of samples as $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$, distributed equally between the positive and negative classes, and between anatomical locations.

2.3 Deep learning models

The deep learning models were a transformer-based ELECTRA model (Clark et al., 2020) and a Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) model (Hochreiter and Schmidhuber, 1997).

The ELECTRA model was a Danish clinical ELECTRA (Clin-ELECTRA) (Pedersen et al., 2022) pretrained on the narrative text from 299,718 EHRs from Odense University Hospital. The model had \sim 13M parameters and consisted of 12 transformer layers with 4 attention heads. We initialised Clin-ELECTRA from its pretrained checkpoint and followed the HuggingFace (Wolf et al., 2019) implementations for binary text classification.

The LSTM model had \sim 4M parameters and consisted of a bidirectional LSTM layer with a hidden layer size of 512. The last hidden state of the LSTM was followed by a dropout layer with probability 0.2, a dense layer of size 256, a ReLU activation

function, a dropout layer of probability 0.2, and a dense classification layer. For word representation, the LSTM model used 300-dimensional FastText (Bojanowski et al., 2017) word embeddings pre-trained on Danish EHRs consisting of 1.4B tokens.

2.4 Model evaluation

For each of the ELECTRA and LSTM deep learning models and training sets \mathcal{T} and $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$, we:

- 1. Trained the deep learning model with five different learning rates and random initialisations.
- 2. Computed the test set accuracy of the best performing model based on the loss on the validation set.
- 3. Repeated step 1 and 2 five times.

We used the five accuracies to perform bootstrapping with 9,999 replicates and calculated mean accuracy, standard error (SE), and 95% confidence interval (CI) for \mathcal{T} and $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$. Moreover, we computed the bootstrapped difference of means between \mathcal{T} and $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$ to evaluate statistically significant differences in performance.

For both deep learning models, we used the Adam optimizer (Kingma and Ba, 2015) and searched for the best model using learning rates 7e-5, 8e-5, 9e-5, and 1e-4. Clin-ELECTRA was fine-tuned for a maximum of 10 epochs and the LSTM for a maximum of 30 epochs. One epoch was trained in <1 and \sim 5 seconds for the LSTM and ELECTRA model, respectively, using an NVIDIA v100 GPU.

We measured anatomical bias as the difference in sensitivity on a specific location, x, between two deep learning models trained on \mathcal{T} and $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$.

3 Results

3.1 Bleeding classification

Table 3 shows the binary accuracy of the bleeding classifiers on the test set for each of the training sets \mathcal{T} and $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$. Appendix A shows additional metrics. With the exception of $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Otorhinolaryngeal}$ for the ELECTRA model, all training sets with an anatomical location removed resulted in models with significantly worse performance than when trained on \mathcal{T} .

The decreases in accuracy were caused by a significant drop in sensitivity for the anatomical locations which had been removed from the training



Figure 1: Sensitivity of models trained on $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$ and \mathcal{T} for each anatomical location, x.

Table 3: Accuracy (%), standard error (SE), and 95% confidence interval (CI) for the bleeding classification dataset. $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$ denotes the training set from which an anatomical location, x, has been removed. * denotes a significant difference at the 0.05 level between models trained on \mathcal{T} and $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$.

	ELECT	ГRA	LSTM		
	Accuracy±SE	CI	Accuracy±SE	CI	
Τ	95.6 ± 0.1	95.4 - 95.8	90.6 ± 0.1	90.4 - 90.7	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Gastrointestinal}$	94.4 ± 0.2*	94.0 - 94.7	88.8 ± 0.1*	88.6 - 88.9	
$T_{\not\subset Urogenital}$	93.9 ± 0.1*	93.7 - 94.2	88.5 ± 0.1*	88.3 - 88.6	
$T_{\not\subset Internal}$	95.0 ± 0.1*	94.8 - 95.2	88.8 ± 0.1*	88.5 - 89.0	
$T_{\not\subset Otorhinolaryngeal}$	95.6 ± 0.1	95.4 - 95.8	90.0 ± 0.2*	89.8 - 90.4	
$T_{\not\subset Dermatological}$	94.3 ± 0.1*	94.0 - 94.5	88.2 ± 0.1*	88.1 - 88.3	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Gynecological}$	93.8 ± 0.1*	93.6 - 94.0	89.1 ± 0.1*	88.9 - 89.4	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Cerebral}$	94.6 ± 0.2*	94.3 - 94.9	89.0 ± 0.1 *	88.8 - 89.2	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Ophthalmological}$	95.3 ± 0.1*	95.1 - 95.4	88.2 ± 0.2 *	87.8 - 88.5	

data. Figure 1 shows the test set sensitivity for each anatomical location, x, for each training set \mathcal{T} and $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$. The sensitivity for all anatomical locations was significantly worse when not present in the training set with performance drops up to 28.8 PP for ELECTRA and 36.3 PP for the LSTM model. On average, the sensitivity on the anatomies decreased with 17.8 PP (standard deviation \pm 8.8 PP) for ELECTRA and 24.5 PP (standard deviation \pm 9.4 PP) for the LSTM model.

Moreover, it is seen that even though models trained on $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$ achieved high accuracies on the test set overall, the sensitivity on the anatomical location not present in the training set was low. E.g., for ELECTRA, $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Gynecological}$ had a 93.8% accuracy on the test set, but the sensitivity for gynecological bleedings was only 64.8%. Appendix A shows the sensitivity, SE, and the differences of means for all anatomical locations and training sets.

Figure 2 shows the sensitivity on each anatomical location by the percentage of total subgroup samples in the training set. It is seen that the accuracy increased as more samples were present in the training set. For the LSTM model, the sensitivity on gastrointestinal, urogenital, cerebral, and ophthalmological bleedings was significantly worse even when 80% of samples were present in the

Table 4: Accuracy (%), standard error (SE), and 95% confidence interval (CI) for the VTE classification dataset. $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$ denotes the training set from which an anatomical location, x, has been removed. * denotes a significant difference at the 0.05 level between models trained on \mathcal{T} and $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$.

	ELECT	TRA	LSTM		
	Accuracy±SE	CI	Accuracy±SE	CI	
\mathcal{T}	84.8 ± 0.3	84.2 - 85.4	75.9 ± 0.3	75.4 - 76.4	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lower\ extremity}$	67.6 ± 0.6*	66.5 - 68.7	71.6 ± 0.4*	70.8 - 72.6	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lung}$	74.0 ± 1.1*	71.9 - 76.1	$69.9 \pm 0.1*$	69.7 - 70.2	

training set. For ELECTRA, the sensitivity on urogenital and internal bleedings was significantly worse when 80% of samples were present in the training set. Appendix A shows the accuracies and differences of means.

3.2 Venous thromboembolism classification

Table 4 shows the binary accuracy of the VTE classifiers on the test set for each of the training sets \mathcal{T} and $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$. Appendix B shows additional metrics. Models trained on $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lower\ extremity}$ and $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lung}$ performed significantly worse than those trained on \mathcal{T} .

Similar to the bleeding classifier results, the decrease in the overall accuracy was caused by a significant drop in sensitivity on the anatomical locations which had been removed from the training data. Figure 3 shows the sensitivity for each anatomical location, x, for each training set \mathcal{T} and $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$. The sensitivity on liver, cerebral, and lower extremity VTEs is only reported when not being present in the training set because of limited samples.

The sensitivity on lower extremity and lung VTEs was significantly worse when not present in the training set, e.g. the performance for the ELEC-TRA classifier decreased by 89.1 PP for lower extremity VTEs and 81.0 PP for lung VTEs. Appendix B shows the sensitivity, SE, and the differences of means for all anatomical locations and



Figure 2: Test set sensitivity on the anatomical locations when removing a fraction of samples from that anatomy from the training set.



Figure 3: Sensitivity of models trained on $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$ and \mathcal{T} for each anatomical location, x. The sensitivity on liver, cerebral, and lower extremity VTEs is only reported when not being present in the training set because of limited samples.

training sets.

Figure 4 shows the sensitivity for lower extremity and lung VTEs by the percentage of total subgroup samples in the training set. Both locations performed significantly worse when 15% and 30% of samples from that location were present in the training set for the ELECTRA and LSTM classifier, respectively. Appendix B shows the accuracies and differences of means.

4 Analysis of word distributions

Medical conditions are often described using different words depending on the anatomical location for which the condition occurs. Table 5 shows the top-3 most frequent words used to describe VTE events for each anatomical location. The column *Location uniqueness* shows the fraction of times a word appears in samples from a specific anatomical Table 5: Most frequent words used to describe VTE events for each anatomical location of the VTE classification dataset. Words are translated from Danish to English and, therefore, some cells include two words. PE = pulmonary embolism.

Word	Frequency	Location uniqueness
Locati	on: Lower ext	remity
dvt	1384	0.92
thrombus	135	0.70
blood clot	108	0.47
I	Location: Lung	g
pulmonary embolism	1058	0.98
le (PE)	483	0.99
pulmonary embolisms	242	0.99
Ι	Location: Live	r
porta thrombosis	71	1.00
thrombosis	70	0.36
thrombus	22	0.11
La	ocation: Cereb	ral
infarct	93	0.97
sinus thrombosis	32	0.97
blood clot	26	0.11
Locati	on: Upper ext	remity
dvt	99	0.07
thrombus	28	0.14
thrombosis	14	0.07

location compared to the complete dataset:

$$Location \ uniqueness = \frac{f_x}{f_D} \tag{1}$$

where f_x is the frequency of the word in samples from anatomical location x and f_D is the total frequency of the word in the dataset, i.e. a value of 1 means that the word is unique for an anatomical location.

The top-3 words for upper extremity had a low uniqueness score (<0.15). This indicates that the vocabulary used to describe VTEs in the upper extremity was also used for other locations — e.g.



Figure 4: Test set sensitivity on the anatomical locations when removing a fraction of samples from that anatomy from the training set.

'dvt' (deep vein thrombosis) was the most frequent word but the uniqueness score was only 0.07. This might explain why the sensitivity for upper extremity was relatively high, as seen in Figure 3, even when samples from that location were not present in the training set. On the contrary, some of the frequent words from the lower extremity, lung, and cerebral locations were close to unique which could explain why the sensitivity of those locations were low. Appendix C shows word frequency and location uniqueness for the bleeding classification dataset which shows similar results.

5 Discussion

This paper has presented evidence that clinical natural language processing (NLP) classification algorithms are prone to anatomical bias, which is unfair algorithmic outcomes against patients with medical conditions in specific anatomical locations. We found that the performance of algorithms for both bleeding and VTE classification can vary significantly depending on the anatomical location with differences up to 36.3 PP and 89.1 PP, respectively.

Moreover, we found that small fluctuations in the training set distribution of anatomical locations can lead to significant performance drops for the underrepresented anatomical locations. For the datasets presented in this study, we showed that the words used to describe medical conditions vary depending on the anatomical location. If classifiers do not learn to properly represent the full vocabulary for describing a medical condition, its performance will decrease for some anatomical locations.

We argue that datasets for clinical NLP algo-

rithms should be created to be able to carefully measure anatomical bias, e.g. by subdividing each sample into an anatomical location. This is essential to avoid implementing clinical algorithms that might discriminate against specific subgroups of patients. For example, one of the developed VTE classifiers in this study performed with sensitivities of >96% for VTEs in the lungs and lower extremity while it performed with a sensitivity of only 11.5% for cerebral VTEs. Applying such a model in clinical practice or research would provide unfair algorithmic outcomes against patients with cerebral VTEs. We also showed that an algorithm not exposed to gynecological bleedings would perform worse on this anatomical location. This would lead to unfair algorithmic outcomes against woman with gynecological bleedings. Similarly, because alcoholics have an increased prevalence of gastrointestinal bleedings (Singal et al., 2018), this group of people would have a higher risk of unfair algorithmic outcomes if the algorithm has not been trained on such bleeding locations.

To the best of our knowledge, anatomical bias has not been investigated in previous research. However, some studies tried to automatically create datasets distributed between different patient groups by extracting data based on International Classification of Diseases 10 (ICD) codes — e.g. Pedersen et al. (2021) extract data based on different bleeding disorders. While this approach could, to some degree, mitigate the problem, studies (Valkhoff et al., 2014; Øie et al., 2018) found that ICD codes have low accuracy and, therefore, this does not ensure an evenly distributed dataset. Moreover, in order to isolate and measure the performance on different anatomical locations, the dataset should be constructed with a known distribution of these anatomies.

Our work is closely related to the field of domain adaption. For example, MacAvaney et al. (2017) find that an algorithm trained to extract temporal information from a specific patient population performs worse on another related patient population. Their results highlight that it is a challenging task to develop algorithms that can generalise well across domains. The main difference between our study and theirs is that the algorithms described in this paper are not developed to work on different domains. Rather, the algorithms are specifically developed to work on a specialised domain in the clinical field, e.g. bleeding detection. As our results have shown, the algorithms perform worse on some subpopulations of the population it is supposed to work on, and therefore, we describe this as a bias issue.

6 Conclusion

This paper presented evidence that clinical NLP algorithms are prone to anatomical bias. We found that the performance of clinical classification algorithms for both bleeding and VTE classification can vary significantly depending on the anatomical location of the medical condition. We argue that anatomical bias should be carefully examined when developing clinical text algorithms in order to avoid unfair algorithm performance against patient subgroups.

7 Limitations

Future work should investigate the degree of anatomical bias in other clinical areas and tasks, e.g. named entity recognition, to be able to compare the severity of the bias problem between algorithms and other clinical areas. Moreover, as the datasets used in this study are only from a single institution, the findings of the paper might not be widely representative.

The objective of this work was to stress the need for measuring anatomical bias. We leave it to future work to investigate algorithmic solutions other than dataset balancing for mitigating the problem, e.g. using techniques such as oversampling and data augmentation. Such techniques could also help mitigating anatomical bias in algorithms for which training set balancing is not sufficient.

The classification datasets and machine learning

models presented in this paper cannot be shared publicly due to privacy concerns but we advise interested researchers to contact us for sharing possibilities.

Ethics Statement

Machine learning researchers must be proactive in recognising and counteracting biases such as the one described in this paper. We hope that the findings and focus of this paper will lead other researchers to test and mitigate other kinds of algorithmic biases.

All datasets used in this research were obtained according to each dataset's respective data usage policy. The datasets were stored and processed on a secure platform¹ in compliance with GDPR regulations. According to section 14(2) of the Danish Act on Research Ethics Review of Health Research Projects², studies using retrospective data that do not involve human biological material do not require ethical approval.

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A Bleeding classification results

Table 6: Precision, recall, and F1 performance for the bleeding classification dataset.

Table 7: Sensitivity and standard error for all anatomical locations of the bleeding classification dataset.

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Table 9: Bleeding test set sensitivity and standard error on an anatomical location by percentage of subgroup samples in the modified training set.

Table 10: Bootstrapped 95% confidence intervals for difference of means between models trained on a modified training set, including a percentage of subgroup samples, and models trained on the full training set, \mathcal{T} , of the bleeding classification dataset.

B VTE classification results

Table 11: Precision, recall, and F1 performance for the VTE classification dataset.

Table 12: Sensitivity and standard error for all anatomical locations of the VTE classification dataset.

Table 13: Bootstrapped 95% confidence intervals for difference of means between models trained on $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$ and \mathcal{T} of the VTE classification dataset.

Table 14: VTE test set sensitivity and standard error on an anatomical location by percentage of subgroup samples in the modified training set.

Table 15: Bootstrapped 95% confidence intervals for difference of means between models trained on a modified training set, including a percentage of subgroup samples, and models trained on the full training set, T, of the VTE classification dataset.

C Bleeding word distribution

Table 16: Most frequent words used to describe bleeding mentions for each anatomical location of the bleeding classification dataset.

Table 6: Precision, recall, and F1 performance for the bleeding classification dataset. $T_{\zeta x}$ denotes the training set from which an anatomical location, x, has been removed. SE = Standard error. CI = 95% confidence interval.

		ELECTRA		LSTM			
	Precision ± SE (CI)	Recall ± SE (CI)	F1 ± SE (CI)	Precision ± SE (CI)	Recall ± SE (CI)	F1 ± SE (CI)	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Gastrointestinal}$	94.7 ± 0.2 (94.2 - 95.0)	94.2 ± 0.4 (93.4 - 95.0)	94.4 ± 0.2 (94.0 - 94.8)	89.1 ± 0.7 (8.77 - 90.5)	88.5 ± 0.7 (87.2 - 89.8)	88.8 ± 0.1 (88.6 - 88.9)	
$T_{\not\subset Urogenital}$	94.3 ± 0.3 (93.6 - 94.8)	93.5 ± 0.4 (92.6 - 94.3)	93.9 ± 0.1 (93.6 - 94.2)	89.5 ± 0.1 (89.3 - 89.8)	87.3 ± 0.2 (87.0 - 87.7)	88.5 ± 0.1 (88.3 - 88.6)	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Internal}$	95.0 ± 0.4 (94.2 - 95.0)	95.1 ± 0.6 (93.8 - 96.1)	$95.0 \pm 0.1 \ (94.8 - 95.2)$	89.9 ± 0.4 (89.3 - 90.7)	$87.6 \pm 0.5 \ (86.6 - 88.6)$	88.8 ± 0.1 (88.5 - 89.0)	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Otorhinolaryngeal}$	95.2 ± 0.2 (94.8 - 95.6)	96.2 ± 0.1 (96.0 - 96.3)	95.7 ± 0.1 (95.5 - 95.8)	89.7 ± 0.3 (89.1 - 90.3)	90.7 ± 0.6 (89.6 - 91.7)	90.1 ± 0.2 (89.8 - 90.5)	
$T_{\not \subset Dermatological}$	94.7 ± 0.5 (93.6 - 95.5)	93.7 ± 0.4 (93.1 - 94.5)	94.2 ± 0.1 (94.0 - 94.4)	89.5 ± 0.3 (89.0 - 90.2)	$87.0 \pm 0.3 \ (86.5 - 87.6)$	88.2 ± 0.1 (88.1 - 88.3)	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Gynecological}$	94.2 ± 0.2 (93.7 - 94.6)	93.5 ± 0.2 (93.1 - 93.8)	93.8 ± 0.1 (93.6 - 94.0)	89.6 ± 0.1 (89.4 - 89.8)	88.7 ± 0.2 (88.3 - 89.0)	89.1 ± 0.1 (88.9 - 89.4)	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Cerebral}$	95.2 ± 0.2 (94.7 - 95.6)	$94.0 \pm 0.2 (93.5 - 94.5)$	94.6 ± 0.1 (94.3 - 94.8)	89.1 ± 0.2 (88.7 - 89.5)	$88.9 \pm 0.2 \ (88.6 - 89.4)$	89.0 ± 0.1 (88.8 - 89.2)	
$T_{\not \subset Ophthalmological}$	95.0 ± 0.1 (94.7 - 95.3)	95.6 ± 0.2 (95.2 - 96.0)	95.3 ± 0.1 (95.1 - 95.5)	88.8 ± 0.4 (88.0 - 89.6)	87.7 ± 0.5 (87.0 - 88.8)	88.2 ± 0.2 (87.8 - 88.5)	
\mathcal{T}	95.9 ± 0.2 (95.5 - 96.2)	95.4 ± 0.3 (94.7 - 96.0)	$95.6 \pm 0.1 \ (95.4 - 95.8)$	90.5 ± 0.5 (89.6 - 91.4)	90.4 ± 0.6 (89.3 - 91.7)	90.5 ± 0.1 (90.3 - 90.6)	

Table 7: Sensitivity (%) and standard error for all anatomical locations of the bleeding classification dataset. * denotes a significant difference at the 0.05 level between models trained on $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$ and \mathcal{T} .

	Gastrointestinal	Urogenital	Internal	Otorhinolaryngeal	Dermatological	Gynecological	Cerebral	Ophthalmological	
	ELECTRA								
$T_{\not \subset Gastrointestinal}$	75.7± 2.4*	98.6± 0.3*	96.2±0.3	96.2± 0.4*	94.3± 0.4*	95.9± 0.4*	97.3±0.3*	99.1±0.1*	
$T_{\not \subset Urogenital}$	97.1±0.3*	68.5±2.2*	97.4± 0.1*	96.6± 0.2*	95.8± 0.6*	95.8± 0.5*	98.1±0.1*	98.7±0.3	
$T_{\not \subset Internal}$	96.6±0.2*	98.8± 0.2*	82.3± 2.0*	96.2± 0.3*	94.6± 0.6*	95.6± 1.0*	97.3± 0.3*	99.0± 0.2*	
$\dot{\mathcal{T}}_{\not\subset Otorhinolaryngeal}$	96.2±0.4	98.2± 0.2*	96.2 ± 0.3	92.6± 0.4*	94.6± 0.2*	95.1±0.5*	97.4± 0.1*	99.1±0.2*	
$T_{\not \subset Dermatological}$	96.6±0.4	98.2± 0.3*	96.2± 0.4*	95.8 ± 0.5	70.6± 1.4*	96.0± 0.7*	97.6± 0.2*	98.7 ± 0.2	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not \subset Gynecological}$	97.0±0.2*	98.6± 0.3*	97.2± 0.3*	97.2± 0.2*	95.5± 0.4*	64.8± 0.8*	97.9± 0.4*	99.4± 0.1*	
$\mathcal{T}_{\sigma Cerebral}$	96.2±0.3	98.3± 0.3*	96.6± 0.4	99.1± 0.1*	94.4± 0.5*	95.8± 0.4*	75.4± 0.7*	99.1±0.1*	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not \subset Ophthalmological}$	96.6±0.2*	98.5± 0.2*	96.5± 0.2*	95.2 ± 0.3	93.8± 0.6	95.4± 0.6*	97.4± 0.3*	90.7± 0.5*	
τ	95.4± 0.4	97.3 ± 0.4	95.6± 0.5	95.2 ± 0.2	92.4 ± 0.8	93.4 ± 0.2	95.3 ± 0.4	98.4± 0.3	
				LS	STM				
$T_{\not \subset Gastrointestinal}$	63.6 ± 3.0*	$94.6 \pm 0.7*$	$85.8 \pm 1.0^{*}$	96.1 ± 0.5*	88.2 ± 0.9	92.2 ± 0.8	$90.6 \pm 0.7*$	96.6 ± 0.6*	
$T_{\not \subset Urogenital}$	90.2 ± 0.4	56.7 ± 1.6*	86.0 ± 0.5	$97.4 \pm 0.2*$	89.8 ± 0.3*	91.6 ± 0.4	$90.9 \pm 0.3^*$	96.2 ± 0.1	
$T_{\not \subset Internal}$	86.9 ± 0.6	93.0 ± 0.7	$62.6 \pm 1.2^{*}$	95.1 ± 0.5	86.9 ± 0.5	89.7 ± 0.4	90.6 ± 0.5	96.1 ± 0.4	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Otorhinolaryngeal}$	88.5 ± 0.6	93.8 ± 0.6	85.2 ± 1.0	$89.8 \pm 0.5^*$	89.4 ± 0.8	92.4 ± 0.7	$90.2 \pm 0.5^{*}$	$96.1 \pm 0.4*$	
$T_{\not \subset Dermatological}$	90.6 ± 0.3	93.4 ± 0.5	$85.4 \pm 0.4*$	$96.0 \pm 0.1*$	$53.4 \pm 0.5*$	91.8 ± 0.5	$90.4 \pm 0.6^{*}$	95.2 ± 0.2	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Gynecological}$	89.3 ± 0.5	92.4 ± 0.3	$86.4\pm0.2^*$	96.1 ± 0.3	89.2 ± 0.4	69.1 ± 1.2*	$90.8 \pm 0.4*$	96.2 ± 0.2	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not \subset Cerebral}$	87.8 ± 0.6	93.7 ± 0.2	85.6 ± 0.6	96.8 ± 0.3*	89.0 ± 0.4	$93.0 \pm 0.2*$	$68.8\pm0.5^*$	$96.7 \pm 0.2*$	
$\dot{\mathcal{T}}_{\not \subset Ophthalmological}$	89.5 ± 1.0	93.1 ± 0.7	$86.6 \pm 0.9^{*}$	$96.9 \pm 0.4*$	89.4 ± 1.0	93.6 ± 0.3*	$90.9 \pm 0.3^*$	$61.5 \pm 2.1*$	
\mathcal{T}	88.9 ± 1.1	93.0 ± 0.8	85.2 ± 0.8	95.4 ± 0.2	87.8 ± 0.8	90.9 ± 0.6	88.7 ± 0.3	94.6 ± 0.7	

Table 8: Bootstrapped 95% confidence intervals for difference of means between models trained on $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$ and \mathcal{T} of the bleeding classification dataset. Means are computed as performance of models trained on $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$ minus \mathcal{T} . Total = difference of means on the full test set.

	Total	Gastrointestinal	Urogenital	Internal	Otorhinolaryngeal	Dermatological	Gynecological	Cerebral	Ophthalmological
					ELECTRA	1			
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Gastrointestinal}$	-1.5 , -0.9	-23.6 , -15.0	0.2, 2.3	-0.6 , 2.0	0.5, 1.5	0.6, 3.3	1.6, 3.3	1.4 , 2.6	0.5, 1.1
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Urogenital}$	-2.0, -1.4	0.6, 2.8	-33.2 , -24.7	1.0, 2.7	0.9, 2.1	1.8 , 5.0	1.2, 3.6	1.8,3.8	-0.6 , 1.3
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Internal}$	-0.8 , -0.4	0.2, 2.4	0.7, 2.4	-18.5 , -9.1	0.1, 2.2	0.1,4.6	0.4, 3.9	1.2, 3.0	0.1, 1.2
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Otorhinolaryngeal}$	-0.3, 0.4	-0.2 , 1.6	0.2, 1.7	-0.5 , 1.9	-2.9 , -2.1	0.7,4.0	0.7, 2.5	1.5 , 2.6	0.2, 1.4
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Dermatological}$	-1.8 , -1.1	0.0, 2.4	0.4, 1.7	0.1, 1.3	-0.2, 1.6	-23.5 , -19.8	1.8, 3.6	1.9, 2.9	-0.1, 1.2
$T_{\not\subset Gynecological}$	-2.2 , -1.5	1.1, 2.3	0.7, 2.1	0.8, 2.2	1.3 , 2.7	1.6, 4.9	-29.5 , -27.3	2.1, 3.4	0.6, 1.4
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Cerebral}$	-1.5 , -0.5	-0.1, 1.6	0.2, 1.9	-0.2 , 2.3	0.5, 1.6	0.4, 3.5	1.7, 3.3	-21.3 , -18.7	0.3, 1.3
$\dot{\mathcal{T}}_{\not\subset Ophthalmological}$	-0.6 , -0.1	0.5, 2.3	0.5, 2.1	0.1, 1.7	-0.7,0.7	-0.1, 3.7	1.0, 3.4	1.5 , 2.9	-8.6 , -6.5
					LSTM				
$T_{\not \subset Gastrointestinal}$	-1.9 , -1.4	-30.3 , -18.6	1.0, 2.1	1.0, 2.2	0.1, 1.4	-0.6 , 1.4	-0.2 , 2.6	0.8, 2.9	1.2, 3.0
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Urogenital}$	-2.1, -1.8	-1.7,4.0	-38.6 , -34.0	-0.5, 3.6	1.4 , 2.8	0.1,4.1	-1.3, 2.6	1.2, 3.1	-0.1, 3.0
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Internal}$	-1.8 , -1.4	-4.6, 0.7	-1.4 , 1.7	-23.0 , -20.3	-1.4 , 1.1	-2.1, 1.0	-2.6, 0.2	-2.6, 0.2	0.0, 3.0
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Otorhinolaryngeal}$	-0.7 , -0.1	-2.7, 1.8	-0.8, 2.1	-1.2, 3.4	-6.9, -4.5	-1.3, 4.1	-0.6, 3.0	0.1, 2.6	0.2, 2.7
$T_{\not \subset Dermatological}$	-2.2 , -2.0	-1.1,4.2	-2.2, 2.5	-1.3, 3.0	0.2, 1.0	-36.3, -32.1	-0.2, 2.0	0.4, 3.4	-1.0, 2.2
$T_{\not \subset Gynecological}$	-1.5 , -1.1	-1.9, 2.7	-2.0, 0.4	0.3, 3.8	-0.1, 1.6	-0.4, 3.7	-24.3 , -19.0	1.4, 2.8	0.0, 2.8
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Cerebral}$	-1.7 , -1.2	-3.4,0.4	-1.0, 1.7	-0.3, 3.0	1.0, 1.8	-0.6, 3.4	1.4, 2.7	-21.0 , -19.0	0.6, 3.4
$\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_{\not \subset Ophthalmological}$	-2.6 , -1.8	-2.9, 3.8	-1.1 , 1.4	0.1,4.8	0.7, 2.4	-0.2, 3.4	1.4 , 3.9	1.3 , 3.0	-38.5 , -28.5

Table 9: Bleeding test set sensitivity (%) and standard error on an anatomical location by percentage of subgroup samples in the modified training set. * denotes a significant difference at the 0.05 level between models trained on the modified training set and the full training set, \mathcal{T} .

			Anatomi	cal subgroup	fraction		
	0.0	0.01	0.15	0.30	0.60	0.80	1.0
				ELECTRA			
Gastrointestinal	75.7±2.4*	76.6± 0.6*	90.4± 1.1*	93.2± 0.3*	94.5±0.5*	96.6± 0.5	95.8 ± 0.4
Urogenital	68.5±2.2*	72.4± 1.1*	91.0± 1.3*	96.6± 0.3*	97.1±0.1*	97.0± 0.1*	98.4 ± 0.4
Internal	82.3±2.0*	84.3±1.8*	91.8± 0.6*	93.6± 0.2*	94.8±0.5*	95.9± 0.4*	96.4 ± 0.4
Otorhinolaryngeal	92.6±0.4*	$92.2 \pm 0.7 *$	92.9± 0.3*	$94.8 \pm 0.2*$	95.4 ± 0.6	95.8 ± 0.2	95.6 ± 0.3
Dermatological	70.6±1.4*	74.6±1.3*	87.9± 0.7*	88.7± 0.9*	93.3 ± 0.7	93.4 ± 0.3	94.5 ± 0.6
Gynecological	64.8±0.8*	63.4±1.3*	87.3±0.6*	89.2±0.3*	92.0±0.7*	93.7 ± 0.2	93.9 ± 0.4
Cerebral	75.4±0.7*	80.0±1.5*	89.4± 0.4*	91.5± 0.7*	95.6± 0.5*	96.6± 0.6	97.2 ± 0.3
Ophthalmological	90.70±0.5*	93.6± 0.3*	96.7± 0.4*	97.8± 0.3*	98.8 ± 0.1	98.7 ± 0.1	98.9 ± 0.2
				LSTM			
Gastrointestinal	63.6 ± 3.0*	$60.0 \pm 1.0^{*}$	$71.9 \pm 1.7*$	$79.2 \pm 0.7*$	$86.6 \pm 0.5^{*}$	$88.0\pm0.9^*$	89.1 ± 0.6
Urogenital	56.7 ± 1.6*	$58.6 \pm 0.9^{*}$	$79.3 \pm 0.7*$	$87.2 \pm 0.6^{*}$	$90.6 \pm 0.2*$	$92.2 \pm 0.3^*$	93.7 ± 0.1
Internal	$62.6 \pm 1.2^*$	$65.6 \pm 0.8*$	$72.6 \pm 0.8*$	$77.2 \pm 0.5*$	$80.2 \pm 0.8^{*}$	83.9 ± 0.5	85.5 ± 0.5
Otorhinolaryngeal	$89.8 \pm 0.5^{*}$	$88.5 \pm 0.3^*$	$91.8 \pm 0.3^*$	$93.6 \pm 0.3^*$	$93.8 \pm 0.1*$	95.2 ± 0.5	95.5 ± 0.3
Dermatological	$53.4 \pm 0.5*$	$56.5 \pm 1.5^{*}$	$73.5 \pm 2.4*$	$77.4 \pm 0.6^{*}$	$84.5 \pm 0.3^*$	86.8 ± 0.4	88.1 ± 0.5
Gynecological	69.1 ± 1.2*	$69.3 \pm 0.5^{*}$	$80.1 \pm 0.7*$	$86.6 \pm 0.7*$	$89.3 \pm 0.5*$	$90.7 \pm 0.4*$	91.6 ± 0.3
Cerebral	$68.8 \pm 0.5 *$	$72.2 \pm 1.6^{*}$	$79.7 \pm 0.4*$	$83.1 \pm 0.6^{*}$	$86.4 \pm 0.4*$	$88.4\pm0.5^*$	90.5 ± 0.2
Ophthalmological	61.5 ± 2.1*	$65.4 \pm 1.4^{*}$	$89.4 \pm 0.4*$	$90.3 \pm 0.5*$	$93.0\pm0.7*$	$94.4 \pm 0.4*$	95.7 ± 0.4

Table 10: Bootstrapped 95% confidence intervals for difference of means between models trained on a modified training set, including a percentage of subgroup samples, and models trained on the full training set, \mathcal{T} , of the bleeding classification dataset. Means are computed as performance of models trained on the modified training set minus \mathcal{T} .

		Ana	tomical subgr	oup fraction		
	0.0	0.01	0.15	0.30	0.60	0.80
			ELECTI	RA		
Gastrointestinal	-23.6 , -15.0	-20.2 , -18.2	-8.3 , -2.6	-4.2 , -1.2	-2.6 , -0.2	-0.2, 1.8
Urogenital	-33.2 , -24.7	-27.7 , -24.0	-10.0 , -4.8	-2.6 , -1.4	-2.2 , -0.4	-2.2 , -0.6
Internal	-18.5 , -9.1	-15.2 , -9.0	-5.8 , -3.4	-3.8 , -1.8	-2.4 , -1.0	-3.0 , -0.1
Otorhinolaryngeal	-2.9 , -2.1	-4.8 , -2.1	-3.5 , -1.8	-1.5 , -0.2	-0.7, 0.3	-0.6 , 1.0
Dermatological	-23.5 , -19.8	-22.6 , -16.5	-7.8 , -5.0	-7.8 , -3.4	-3.0, 1.0	-2.4 , 0.1
Gynecological	-29.5 , -27.3	-33.6 , -27.5	-8.1 , -5.3	-5.5 , -3.8	-3.6 , -0.8	-0.8 , 1.5
Cerebral	-21.3 , -18.7	-20.1 , -13.8	-8.4 , -7.3	-7.0 , -4.4	-2.6 , -0.7	-1.3, 0.0
Ophthalmological	-8.6 , -6.5	-6.0 , -4.5	-2.7 , -1.8	-1.8 , -0.5	-0.6 , 0.6	-0.2, 0.6
			LSTM	[
Gastrointestinal	-31.7 , -19.8	-31.0 , -27.2	-21.4 , -14.3	-12.3 , -7.6	-4.1 , -0.6	-1.9 , -0.1
Urogenital	-39.8 , -33.8	-36.7 , -32.9	-15.8 , -13.0	-7.8 , -4.8	-3.5 , -2.5	-2.1 , -0.9
Internal	-25.7 , -19.6	-22.3 , -17.4	-15.0 , -10.6	-9.5 , -7.1	-7.4 , -3.1	-3.4, 0.4
Otorhinolaryngeal	-7.0 , -4.5	-8.2 , -6.2	-4.5 , -3.0	-2.5 , -1.4	-2.3 , -1.1	-1.8 , 1.0
Dermatological	-35.6 , -33.8	-35.5 , -28.6	-19.0 , -10.1	-12.8 , -9.0	-4.9 , -2.5	-3.1,0.0
Gynecological	-25.4 , -19.5	-23.3 , -21.2	-13.4 , -10.3	-6.5 , -3.4	-3.9 , -0.9	-1.2 , -0.6
Cerebral	-22.3 , -21.2	-21.1 , -15.1	-11.8 , -9.8	-8.7 , -5.8	-5.0, -3.2	-3.4 , -0.8
Ophthalmological	-38.4 , -30.5	-33.4 , -27.2	-7.4 , -5.1	-6.5 , -4.1	-3.9 , -1.1	-2.1 , -0.6

Table 11: Precision, recall, and F1 performance for the VTE classification dataset. $T_{\not \subseteq x}$ denotes the training set from which an anatomical location, x, has been removed. SE = Standard error. CI = 95% confidence interval.

		ELECTRA		LSTM			
	Precision ± SE (CI)	Recall ± SE (CI)	F1 ± SE (CI)	Precision ± SE (CI)	Recall ± SE (CI)	F1 ± SE (CI)	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lower\ extremity}$	86.3 ± 0.7 (84.9 - 87.7)	41.8 ± 1.5 (39.1 - 44.7)	56.3 ± 1.3 (53.8 - 58.8)	77.2 ± 0.2 (76.9 - 77.6)	61.4 ± 1.5 (58.8 - 64.5)	68.3 ± 0.8 (66.8 - 70.1)	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lunq}$	86.1 ± 1.0 (84.1 - 87.9)	57.4 ± 3.2 (51.8 - 63.8)	68.6 ± 2.0 (64.9 - 72.7)	78.6 ± 0.5 (77.6 - 79.6)	54.8 ± 0.7 (53.5 - 56.1)	64.6 ± 0.3 (63.9 - 65.3)	
\mathcal{T}	96.4 ± 0.3 (95.9 - 97.0)	72.3 ± 0.7 (71.0 - 73.6)	82.7 ± 0.4 (81.9 - 83.5)	91.4 ± 0.1 (91.2 - 91.6)	$57.2 \pm 0.6 \ (56.0 - 58.4)$	$70.4 \pm 0.4 (69.4 - 71.2)$	

	Lower extremity	Lung	Liver	Cerebral	Upper extremity
			ELECTRA		
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lower\ extremity}$	$9.3 \pm 0.8*$	$98.6 \pm 0.2*$	$50.1 \pm 3.6^*$	$23.8 \pm 1.9^{*}$	$25.3 \pm 1.4*$
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lung}$	$99.7 \pm 0.2*$	$16.6 \pm 3.5^{*}$	65.7 ± 7.7	13.6 ± 4.1	$99.0 \pm 0.3^*$
\mathcal{T}	99.1 ± 0.2	97.6 ± 0.3	66.3 ± 1.6	11.5 ± 1.6	96.7 ± 0.3
			LSTM		
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lower\ extremity}$	34.2 ± 1.5*	$92.6 \pm 0.5^{*}$	$76.2 \pm 2.2*$	$52.6 \pm 2.2*$	$47.6 \pm 2.8*$
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lung}$	$95.3 \pm 0.2*$	$15.7 \pm 0.4*$	$54.2 \pm 1.8^{*}$	$24.7 \pm 1.3^*$	$91.4 \pm 0.4*$
\mathcal{T}	93.8 ± 0.6	86.6 ± 0.6	29.8 ± 1.6	7.0 ± 0.5	81.8 ± 1.3

Table 12: Sensitivity (%) and standard error for all anatomical locations of the VTE classification dataset. * denotes a significant difference at the 0.05 level between models trained on $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$ and \mathcal{T} .

Table 13: Bootstrapped 95% confidence intervals for difference of means between models trained on $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$ and \mathcal{T} of the VTE classification dataset. Means are computed as performance of models trained on $\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset x}$ minus \mathcal{T} . Total = difference of means on the full test set.

	Total	Lower extremity	Lung	Liver	Cerebral	Upper extremity	
	ELECTRA						
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lower\ extremity}$	-18.0 , -16.3	-91.3 , -88.3	0.2,1.6	-23.9 , -7.3	8.0, 16.6	-74.0 , -68.7	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lung}$	-12.4, -9.2	0.3, 0.9	-87.2 , -73.7	-12.6 , 11.6	-2.0,8.3	1.8 , 2.7	
	LSTM						
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lower\ extremity}$	-5.1 , -3.5	-63.0 , -56.5	4.3 , 7.7	43.8,50.0	40.3, 49.6	-41.9 , -28.2	
$\mathcal{T}_{\not\subset Lung}$	-6.6 , -5.4	0.6, 2.6	-72.5 , -69.5	18.9 , 28.8	14.9 , 19.7	7.5 , 11.9	

Table 14: VTE test set sensitivity (%) and standard error on an anatomical location by percentage of subgroup samples in the modified training set. * denotes a significant difference at the 0.05 level between models trained on the modified training set and the full training set, \mathcal{T} .

		Anatomical subgroup fraction							
		0.0	0.01	0.15	0.30	0.60	0.80	1.0	
			ELECTRA						
	Lower extremity	$9.3 \pm 0.8*$	77.6 ± 3.7*	$97.2 \pm 0.3*$	97.7 ± 0.4	98.6 ± 0.3	98.8 ± 0.2	98.4 ± 0.2	
•	Lung	$16.6 \pm 3.5^*$	$57.1 \pm 8.1*$	$94.6 \pm 0.3^*$	96.6 ± 0.3	97.7 ± 0.2	98.2 ± 0.1	97.6 ± 0.3	
		LSTM							
	Lower extremity	34.2 ± 1.5	40.6 ± 0.7	83.7 ± 0.6	90.7 ± 0.5	94.4 ± 0.6	95.5 ± 0.6	94.9 ± 0.7	
	Lung	15.7 ± 0.4	16.0 ± 0.9	71.5 ± 1.1	81.6 ± 0.7	88.0 ± 0.9	88.3 ± 0.9	89.2 ± 0.8	

Table 15: Bootstrapped 95% confidence intervals for difference of means between models trained on a modified training set, including a percentage of subgroup samples, and models trained on the full training set, T, of the VTE classification dataset. Means are computed as performance of models trained on the modified training set minus T.

	Anatomical subgroup fraction						
	0.0	0.01	0.15	0.30	0.60	0.80	
	ELECTRA						
Lower extremity	-91.3 , -88.3	-28.8 , -15.0	-2.2 , -0.4	-1.9,0.4	-0.2, 0.7	-0.4 , 1.1	
Lung	-87.2 , -73.7	-58.8 , -27.4	-3.6 , -2.2	-2.0,0.0	-0.7, 0.8	-0.1 , 1.2	
	LSTM						
Lower extremity	-63.0 , -56.5	-56.2 , -52.2	-13.2 , -9.4	-5.6 , -2.9	-2.3, 1.2	-1.3 , 2.2	
Lung	-72.5 , -69.5	-76.3 , -70.1	-20.6 , -14.4	-9.2 , -6.0	-3.5, 0.8	-3.6, 1.9	

Table 16: Most frequent words used to describe bleeding mentions for each anatomical location of the bleeding classification dataset. Words are translated from Danish to English and, therefore, some cells include two words.

Word	Frequency	Location uniqueness	Word	Frequency	Location uniqueness	
Lo	cation: Otorhi	nolaryngeal	Location: Gynecological			
bleeding	324	0.13	bleeding	714	0.29	
nose bleeding	273	1.0	uterus	108	0.97	
epistaxis	254	0.99	allowable	78	0.94	
nostril	148	1.0	vagina	69	1.0	
L	ocation: Derm	atological	Location: Cerebral			
haematoma	354	0.56	sah	217	0.99	
bleeding	170	0.07	bleeding	190	0.08	
skin	122	0.73	ct	185	0.63	
right	97	0.29	haematoma	161	0.25	
Location: Urogenital			Location: Internal			
haematuria	536	0.99	bleeding	273	0.11	
urine	311	0.98	haemothorax	249	1.0	
blood	205	0.23	fluid	174	0.80	
macroscopic	186	0.99	blood	140	0.16	
Location: Gastrointestinal			Location: Ophthalmological			
bleeding	560	0.23	corpus hemorrhagicu	ım 270	1.0	
blood	247	0.28	corpus hem	205	1.0	
fresh	180	0.48	bleeding	198	0.08	
melaena	165	0.98	haemorrhage	180	0.70	