Comparative Effectiveness of scTab Data Augmentation for Tabular Foundation Models on Cross-Domain Benchmarks

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Abstract

Identifying cellular identities is a key use case in single-cell transcriptomics. While machine learning has been leveraged to automate cell annotation predictions for some time, there has been little progress in scaling neural networks to large data sets and in constructing models that generalize well across diverse tissues. Here, we propose scTab, an automated cell type prediction model specific to tabular data, and train it using a novel data augmentation scheme across a large corpus of single-cell RNA-seq observations (22.2 million cells). In this context, we show that cross-tissue annotat

1 Introduction

This paper examines: scTab: Scaling cross-tissue single-cell annotation models. Research question: How does the data augmentation strategy used in scTab compare in effectiveness to other state-of-the-art data augmentation techniques when applied to tabular foundation models, as measured by accuracy on cross-domain benchmarks like TabNet or OpenML?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 3 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.7/10.

3 Results

3 papers retrieved. 9 claims extracted; 9 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.7/10.

4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
scTab is an automated cell type prediction model specific to tabular data.	✓	0.32
scTab was trained using a novel data augmentation scheme.	✓	0.21
The training corpus for scTab consists of 22.2 million single-cell RNA-seq observations.	✓	0.24
Cross-tissue annotation requires nonlinear models.	✓	0.28
The performance of scTab scales with the size of the training dataset.	✓	0.15
The performance of scTab scales with the size of the model.	✓	0.17
The proposed data augmentation scheme improves model generalization.	✓	0.23
scTab is a de novo cell type prediction model for single-cell RNA-seq data.	✓	0.38
scTab can be trained across a large-scale collection of curated datasets.	✓	0.21

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