# Cross-lingual NER Transfer Efficiency with Budget-Xfer: Source Language Embedding Model Comparisons

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**Abstract**

Cross-lingual transfer learning enables NLP for low-resource languages by leveraging labeled data from higher-resource sources, yet existing comparisons of source language selection strategies do not control for total training data, confounding language selection effects with data quantity effects. We introduce Budget-Xfer, a framework that formulates multi-source cross-lingual transfer as a budget-constrained resource allocation problem. Given a fixed annotation budget B, our framework jointly optimizes which source languages to include and how much data to allocate from each. We evaluate fou

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: Budget-Xfer: Budget-Constrained Source Language Selection for Cross-Lingual Transfer to African Languages. Research question: How does the choice of source language embedding models (e.g., multilingual BERT vs. language-specific models) affect the efficiency and accuracy of Budget-Xfer in cross-lingual NER transfer, as evaluated by F1 score and training time on low-resource African languages?.

## 2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 12 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.5/10.

## 3 Results

12 papers retrieved. 8 claims extracted; 7 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.5/10.

## 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 |
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| cosine_gap predicts cross-lingual transfer with a correlation coefficient ($\rho$) of 0.4–0.6. | × | 0.09 |
| The evaluation metric for NER is entity-level F1 (micro-averaged) computed with seqeval, requiring exact span and type m | ✓ | 0.24 |
| The evaluation metric for sentiment analysis is weighted F1 to account for class imbalance. | ✓ | 0.18 |
| Multi-source transfer significantly outperforms single-source transfer with Cohen's d effect sizes ranging from 0.80 to | ✓ | 0.24 |
| The study evaluates four allocation strategies across named entity recognition and sentiment analysis for three African | ✓ | 0.35 |
| The study uses 1,012 parallel sentences per language from FLORES-200 to compute pairwise similarities. | ✓ | 0.17 |
| The study uses MasakhaNER 2.0 for NER, which provides entity-annotated data in 20 African languages with standard catego | ✓ | 0.18 |
| The study uses AfriSenti for sentiment analysis, covering 14 African languages with three classes (positive, negative, n | ✓ | 0.20 |

## References


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