

# Semantic Identifier Preservation and Robustness in CodeT5 vs Transformer Baselines

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## Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 10 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: What is the impact of semantic identifier preservation on the robustness of CodeT5 versus standard Transformer baselines when evaluated on obfuscated code datasets. 12 claims were extracted from source literature; 6 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 6.8/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: CodeT5: Identifier-aware Unified Pre-trained Encoder-Decoder Models for Code Understanding and Generation. Research question: What is the impact of semantic identifier preservation on the robustness of CodeT5 versus standard Transformer baselines when evaluated on obfuscated code datasets?.

## 2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 10 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 6.8/10.

## 3 Results

10 papers retrieved. 12 claims extracted; 6 independently verified. Quality review score: 6.8/10.

## 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
CodeT5 yields state-of-the-art results on the fourteen sub-tasks in CodeXGLUE.	×	0.05
CodeT5 can better capture the code semantics with the proposed identifier-aware pre-training and bimodal dual generation	✓	0.24
CodeT5 is a unified encoder-decoder model that supports both code-related understanding and generation tasks.	✓	0.26
CodeT5 allows for multi-task learning.	×	0.14
CodeT5 employs a novel identifier-aware pre-training objective that considers the crucial token type information (identi	✓	0.16
CodeT5 leverages the NL-PL pairs that are naturally available in source code to learn a better cross-modal alignment.	×	0.08
CodeT5 is built on the T5 architecture that employs denoising sequence-to-sequence pre-training.	×	0.06
CodeT5 considers the token type information in code.	×	0.06
CodeT5 leverages the developer-assigned identifiers in code.	×	0.13
CodeT5 employs a bimodal dual generation task for better NL-PL alignment.	✓	0.24
CodeT5 significantly outperforms prior models in defect detection and clone detection, and generation tasks across vario	✓	0.34
CodeT5 can better capture semantic information from code.	✓	0.15

## References

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