

Évaluation de la qualité et de la fiabilité de méthodes de *Representation Learning* appliquées aux données du SNDS pour le cancer du sein

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- Administrative DataBase
- 60 million people
- 3 main data sources :
 - ▶ Health insurance expenditure (*Système National d'Information InterRégime de l'Assurance Maladie, CNAM*)
 - ▶ Healthcare establishments (*Programme de Médicalisation des Systèmes d'Information, ATIH*)
 - ▶ Medical causes of death (*CépiDc, INSERM*)



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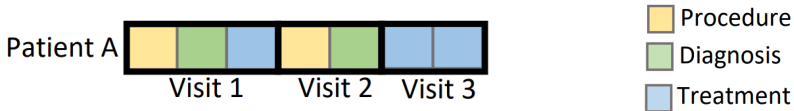


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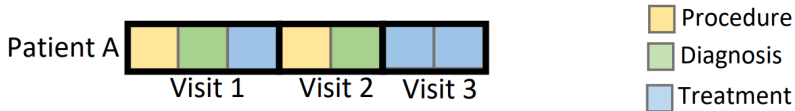


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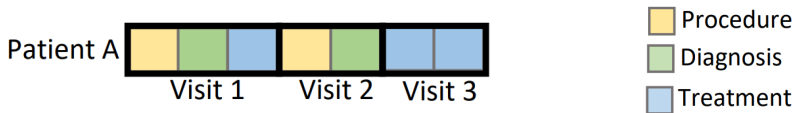


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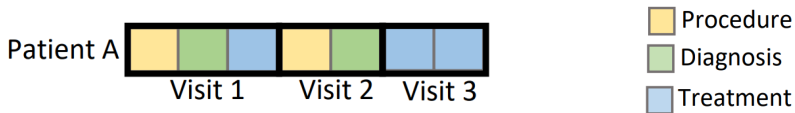
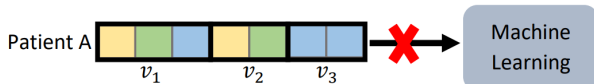


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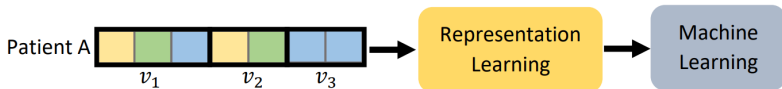
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- Highly dimensional: thousands of unique medical codes.

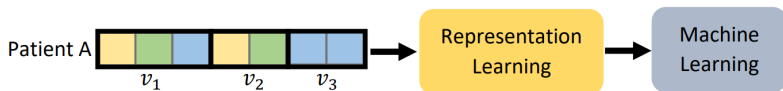
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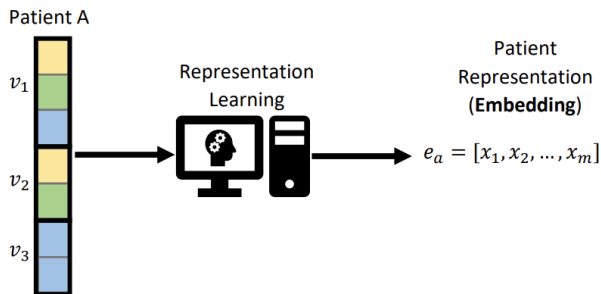
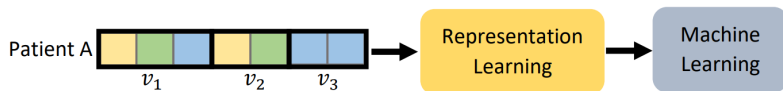
Definition (Representation Learning Task)

Patient Representation Learning task involves extracting meaningful information from the dense mathematical representation of a patient within an embedding space or latent space.

$$f_C : \mathbb{R}^L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m. \quad (1)$$

[Si, 2021], [Shickel, 2017]

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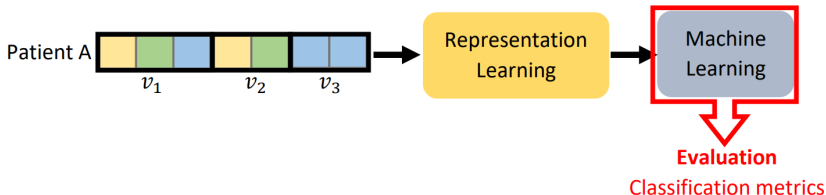
3 types of representation

- Medical Codes [Y. Choi, 2016], [E. Choi, 2016a,b,d], [Li, 2020], [Rasmy, 2021]
- Visit [E. Choi, 2016b-d], [Rasmy, 2021]
- Patient [E. Choi, 2016a], [Miotto, 2016], [Landi, 2020], [Baytas, 2017]

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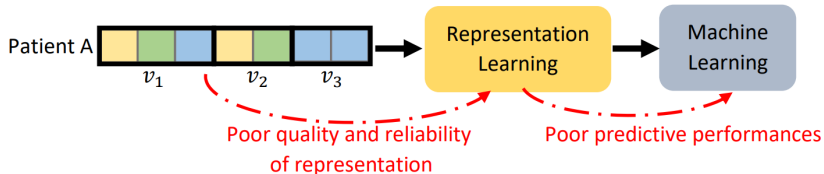


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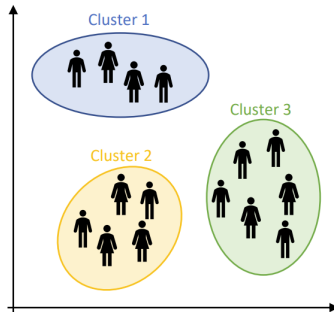


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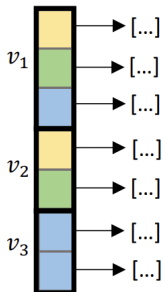
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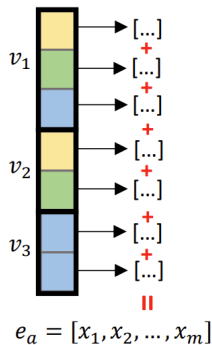
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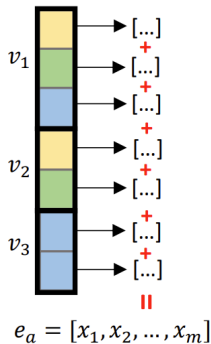
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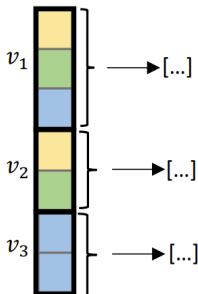
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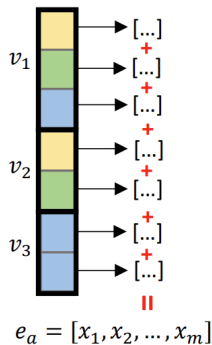
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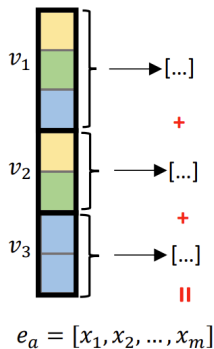
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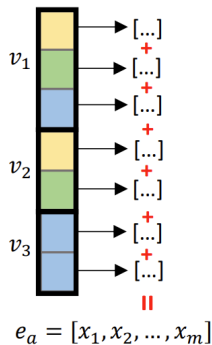
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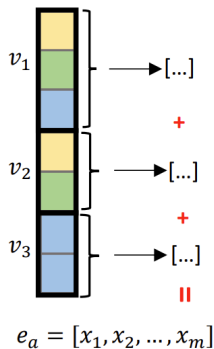
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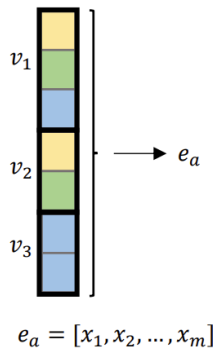
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- Reliability: Chi-squared test on the clusters ($p < 0.05$)

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Need of Representation Learning Tools !

Data

Characterization of the population

French Early Breast Cancer Cohort (FRESH) methodology [Dumas, 2022]

1. Cancer

- Sub-type (Luminal, TNBC, HER)
- Nodal Status (+/-)

2. Treatments

	Setting	Regimen
Surgery		Partial Mastectomy / Mastectomy
Chemotherapy	Neo / adj	Anthracyclines, Docetaxel, Paclitaxel, etc
Targeted Therapy	Neo / adj	Trastuzumab only, Pertuzumab +/- trastuzumab
Radiotherapy	Neo / adj	-
Endocrine Therapy	Neo / Adj	Aromatase Inhibitor, Tamoxifen, agonists and combinations

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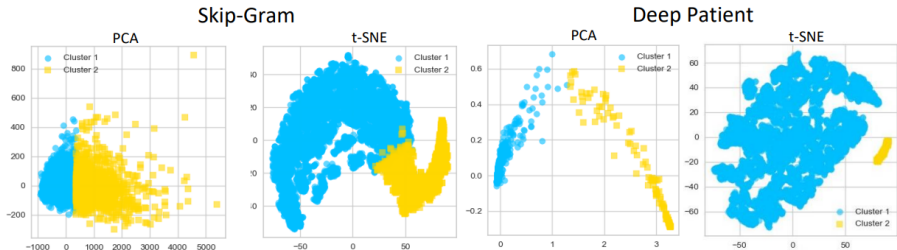
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Med2Vec	0.55 (0.004)	0.3 (0)	0.54 (0.006)	0.31 (0.005)
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Clinical Reliability

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Mastectomy	<0.05 (0)	0.37 (0.13)	<0.05 (0.01)
Axillary Surgery	<0.05 (0)	<0.05 (0)	0.7 (0.23)
Chemotherapy Y/N	<0.05 (0)	<0.05 (0)	0.5 (0.27)
Chemotherapy Setting	<0.05 (0)	<0.05 (0)	<0.05 (0.03)
Chemotherapy Regimen	<0.05 (0)	<0.05 (0)	0.1 (0.22)
Targeted Therapy Y/N	0.87 (0.12)	<0.05 (0)	0.6 (0.31)
Targeted Therapy Setting	0.7 (0.01)	<0.05 (0)	0.7 (0.2)
Targeted therapy Regimen	0.34 (0.12)	<0.05 (0)	0.6 (0.31)
Radiotherapy Y/N	<0.05 (0.03)	<0.05 (0)	0.4 (0.23)
Radiotherapy Setting	<0.05 (0.21)	<0.05 (0)	<0.05 (0)
Endocrine Therapy Y/N	<0.05 (0.01)	<0.05 (0)	0.2 (0.2)
Endocrine Therapy Setting	<0.05 (0.03)	<0.05 (0)	<0.05 (0)
Endocrine Therapy Regimen	<0.05 (0)	<0.05 (0)	<0.05 (0)
BC Sub Type	<0.05 (0)	<0.05 (0)	0.2 (0.12)
Nodal status	<0.05 (0.01)	<0.05 (0)	0.06 (0.07)
Metastatic	<0.05 (0)	<0.05 (0)	<0.05 (0)

Average (std) of Chi-squared test p-values between the k-means clusters and the BC characteristics obtained on 5 random sub samples.

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Future works

1. Develop an empirical metric to evaluate both performance and reliability of RL tools;
2. Develop an intrinsically interpretable RL tool, based on graphs representation learning tools.

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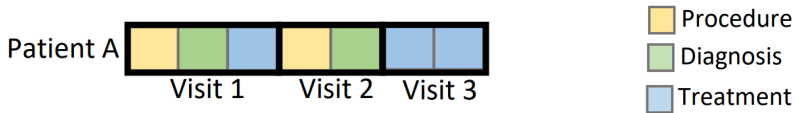


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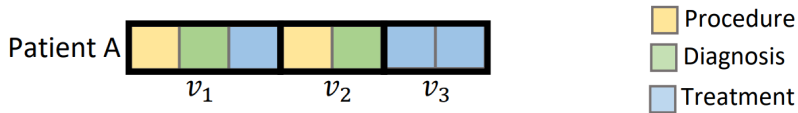


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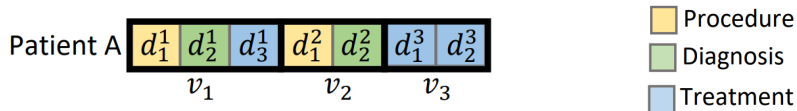


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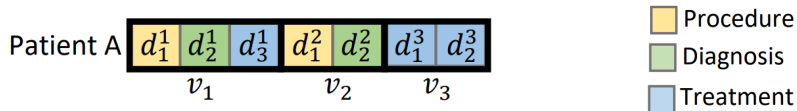


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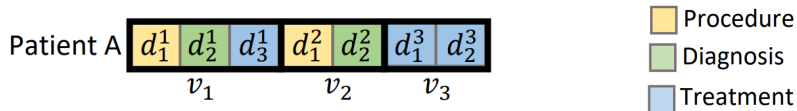


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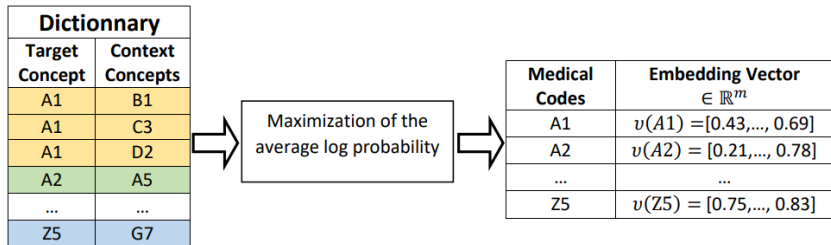
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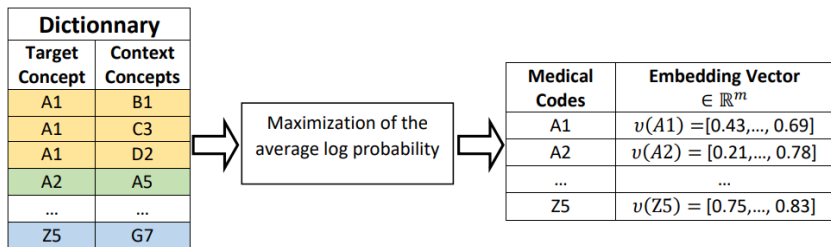


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[Y.Choi, 2016]

- Medical representation: $\nu(c)$

$$\frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{-w \leq j \leq w, j \neq 0} \log p(c_{t+j} | c_t), \quad (1)$$

with w representing the size of the context window and

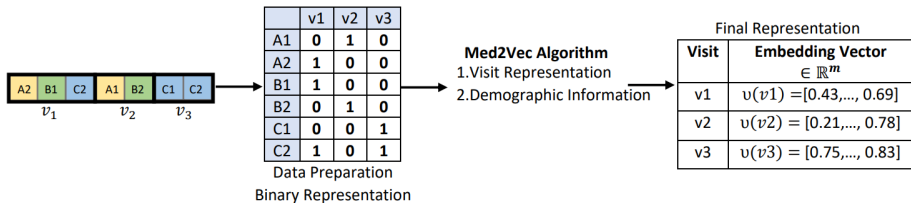
$$p(c_{t+j} | c_t) = \frac{\exp(\nu(c_{t+j})^T \nu(c_t))}{\sum_{c=1}^{|C|} \exp(\nu(c)^T \nu(c_t))}. \quad (2)$$

- Patient representation [E.Choi, 2016a]

$$e^{SG} = \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{k_t} \nu(d_j^t) \in \mathbb{R}^m. \quad (3)$$

Med2Vec Algorithm

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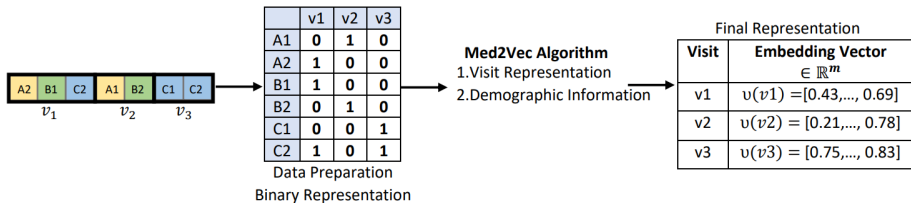


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● Visit representation

1. Intermediate visit representation given a visit
- $\bar{v}_t \in \{0, 1\}^{|\mathcal{C}|}$

$$u_t = \phi(W_c \bar{v}_t + b_c) \in \mathbb{R}^{m'}, \quad (4)$$

with $\phi(x) = \max\{0, x\}$, $W_c \in \mathbb{R}^{m' \times |\mathcal{C}|}$ and $b_c \in \mathbb{R}^{m'}$.

2. Concatenation with demographic information
- $d_t \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\nu_t = \phi(W_v [u_t, d_t] + b_v) \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad (5)$$

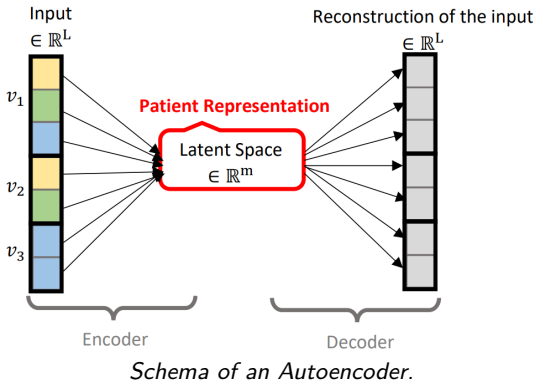
with $W_v \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (m' + d)}$ and $b_v \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

● Patient representation

$$e^{Med} = \sum_{t=1}^n \nu_t \in \mathbb{R}^m. \quad (6)$$

Deep Patient Algorithm

- Denoising Stacked Autoencoder
- Patient Representation [Miotto, 2016b]



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- Patient representation
- Denoising Stacked Autoencoder
 1. Masking Noise algorithm on the input $\tilde{V} \in \mathbb{R}^L$.

2. Encoder

$$y = f_{\theta}(\tilde{V}) = s(W\tilde{V} + b), \quad (7)$$

with $s(\cdot)$ a non-linear transformation, $W \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times L}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

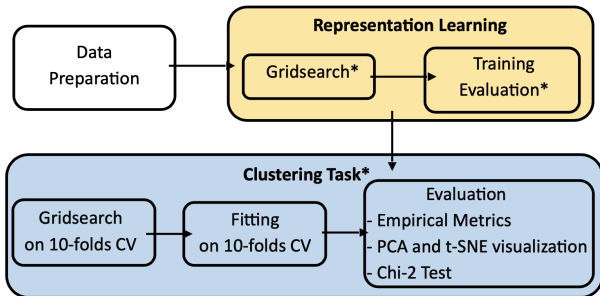
3. Decoder

$$z = g_{\theta'}(y) = s(W'y + b'), \quad (8)$$

with $W' \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times m}$ and $b' \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

- VICAN study [Bouhnik, 2015], a national survey on French cancer survivors
- Inclusion Criteria of patients : (i) Female, (ii) diagnosed with Breast Cancer, (iii) who have reached the age of majority and (iv) have undergone surgery
- Exclusion criteria of patients : affected by another form of cancer
- **1,304,361 events, 6111 patients** with an average of 213 visits (min 4, max 1111)
- 3,407 medical codes at first
 - ▶ 2447 diagnosis (ICD-10 Classification)
 - ▶ 1977 procedures (Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical, ATC)
 - ▶ 1043 medications (Classification Commune des Actes Médicaux, CCAM)
- Grouping of the medical codes based on their hierarchical structure [Y.Choi, 2016], [E.Choi, 2016a]
 - ▶ 2 digits
 - ▶ It remains **3,407 unique medical codes**

Experimental Settings



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2. Clustering Task

- ▶ Gridsearch of the optimal number of clusters
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 - ▶ 10-folds CV

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	Epoch	Learning Rate	Tested Parameters
Skip-Gram	40	1e-3	Window Size: { 5 , 10} # False neighbors: { 5 , 10} Embedding Dim: {10, 20, 50 , 100}
Med2Vec	5	1e-6	Temporary Dim: {20, 50 , 100} Final Dim: { 20 , 50, 100} Window Size: { 1 , 3, 5}
Deep Patient	100	1e-3	Embedding Dim: {10, 20 , 50, 100} # Layers: {1, 3 , 5} Corruption Rate: { 0.01 , 0.05, 0.01}

Settings for the Gridsearch step, optimal parameters are in bold.

Performance results

	Training Sample		Validation Sample	
	Silhouette Score	Davies-Bouldin ind.	Silhouette Score	Davies-Bouldin ind.
K-means				
SG	0.6 (0.005)	0.34 (0.005)	0.6 (0.006)	0.344 (0.02)
M2V	0.55 (0.004)	0.3 (0)	0.54 (0.006)	0.31 (0.005)
DP	0.98 (0)	0.13 (0.005)	0.98 (0.002)	0.13 (0.007)
Gaussian Mixture Model				
SG	0.37 (0.01)	0.52 (0.008)	0.35 (0.01)	0.52 (0.01)
M2V	0.06 (0.06)	1.1 (0.4)	0.3 (0.09)	0.8 (0.2)
DP	0.9 (0)	0.62 (0.01)	0.9 (0.005)	0.6 (0.09)

Average (standard deviation) results obtained on clustering over the 10–folds CV, for Skip-Gram (SG), Med2Vec (M2V) and Deep Patient (DP) algorithms.