MedTrinity-25M: A Large-scale Multimodal Dataset with Multigranular Annotations for Medicine

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¹ Supplementary material

² A Data Source

Table 1: Data sources for MedTrinity-25M from various medical image datasets, detailing their modalities, biological structures, quantities, and annotations.

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Dataset Name	Modality	Biological Structures	Quantity Text		Disease Type		BBox Mask
PMC-VQA [75]	CT, MR, Endoscopy, X-Ray, Ultrasound, Histopathology, face, Dermoscopy, Microscopy, Fundus. PET	cell, brain, tissue, artery, bone. rib, vascular. liver. eye,etc.	203798	✓	Х	Х	х
QAMEBI [76] [77] [78]	Ultrasound	breast	232	Х	Х	Х	✓
QATA-cls [79, 80, 81, 82, 83]	X-Ray	lung	17855	$\overline{\bm{x}}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$	Х
QATA-seg	X-Ray	lung	13862	Х	Х	Х	\checkmark
$\overline{\text{Quilt-1M}$ [84]	Histopathology tissue		1017712	X	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$
Retinal OCT Images [85]	Fundus	eye	57919	$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$
ROCO [86]	CT, MR, Endoscopy, X-Ray, Ultrasound. Histopathology, renal, Dermoscopy, Microscopy, Fundus, PET	artery, bone, tissue. vascular, brain, liver. pelvis, bladder, etc.	58503	✓	Х	Х	x
RSNA-Pneumonia [87]	X-Ray	lung	21376	Х	Х	\checkmark	X
SA-SAM-Med2d [88]	X-Ray, PET. CT, MR. Endoscopy, dermoscopy	brain, kidney, liver, lung, pancreas, pulmonary, hepatic, skin, etc.	5243382	Х	X	Х	
SICAPv2 [89]	Histopathology prostate		18784	Х	✓	Х	
SIIM_Pneumothorax [90]	X-Ray	lung	24178	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
skin cancer [91] [92] [93]	Dermoscopy	skin	206	$\overline{\textsf{x}}$	X	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$	✓
SyntheticCXR [94]	X-Ray	lung	104801	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$	✓	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$
WSSS4LUAD_cls [95]	Histopathology lung		10092	X	\checkmark	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$
WSSS4LUAD_seg [95]	Histopathology lung		369	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$	$\overline{\textsf{x}}$	$\overline{\mathsf{x}}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$
Total			25001668				

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³ B Evaluation of Alignment to Human Annotations

⁴ To evaluate the validity and quality of the generated multigranular annotations, we compared them with their ⁵ original human annotations to assess the degree of alignment (for samples with human annotations).

 Since the generated multigranular annotations contains structured descriptions that may significantly differ from free-text radiology reports and question-answering pairs, we leveraged GPT-4V's vision and language understanding capabilities. Rather than focusing on the exact alignment of sentence structure or organization, GPT-4V assessed the alignment based on the accuracy of medical facts and diagnoses. Specifically, the structure of the generated multigranular annotations consists of five key attributes that characterize a medical image: modality, structure detection, ROI analysis, lesion texture, and local-global relation. To evaluate the generated data, we had GPT-4V perform a detailed comparison with human annotations based on these five attributes. Each attribute was scored on a scale from 0 to 2 points, with a maximum possible total score of 10 points. 14 We conducted an alignment study on SLAKE [\[96\]](#page-16-4) and MIMIC-CXR [\[97\]](#page-16-5), randomly selecting 50 samples to
15 compare with multigranular annotations for evaluating alignment scores against human annotations. As shown

compare with multigranular annotations for evaluating alignment scores against human annotations. As shown

¹⁶ in Table [2,](#page-3-0) the alignment scores were 8.2 and 8.9 for SLAKE and MIMIC-CXR, respectively. The criteria of ¹⁷ modality, structure detection, and ROI analysis nearly achieved perfect scores, demonstrating the validity and

Table 2: Comparison of alignment scores between our generated multigranular annotationsand human annotations.

(b) Alignment Scores on MIMIC-CXR

Figure 1: An example of a perfect score result evaluated by GPT-4V. GPT-4V assesses five criteria, each fully aligned with human annotations, resulting in perfect scores.

GPT-4V Rating Response:

Based on the provided information and the image, here is the scoring for the multigranular radiology report annotations A compared to the original correct
report B:

report B:
1. Modality Used for Imaging: - Report A mentions a "chest radiograph," which is consistent with the image provided and aligns with the
expected modality for such findings. - Score: 2 points

2. Specify the Organ and Anatomical Structures:- Report A correctly identifies the heart, lungs, major blood vessels, endotracheal tube, and right internal jugular vein catheter. These structures are also mentioned in report B and are visible in the image. - Score: 2 points **3. Locations of ROI (Regions of Interest):** - Report A specifies the ROIswith horizontal and vertical positions and area ratiosthat **match those in**

report B. The image analysis confirms the locations of these ROIs. - Score: 2 points
4. Analysis of Abnormal Characteristics: - Report A describes moderate cardiomegaly, diffuse opacities in the right lung, potential ple

Final scores: [2, 2, 2, 2, 2] No points are deducted as all attributes in Report A are consistent with the findings in Report B and the image **provided.**

¹⁸ accuracy of the generated data compared to human annotations. An example of perfect alignment score results

¹⁹ evaluated by GPT-4V is shown in Figure [1.](#page-3-1) In these examples, GPT-4V fully aligned with human annotations

²⁰ across all five criteria, resulting in perfect alignment scores.

²¹ The prompt used to query GPT-4V for evaluating the alignment score is shown in Figure [2.](#page-4-0)

Figure 2: Prompt used to evaluate the alignment of generated multigranular annotations.

Prompting MLLMs to evaluate the alignment of generated multi-granular annotations with human annotations

Let's think it step by step. Evaluate the multigranular radiology report annotations (Repor t A) compared to the radiology report B step by step. Both reports are based on the same i mage. Follow these guidelines to ensure accurate assessment:

Note: If neither the original question nor radiology report B mentions any abnormali ties or diseases, such as "the lungs are clear without confluent consolidation or effusion" or "no pneumothorax is seen", skip the evaluation and return "None." ### Basic Rating Rules:

1. Evaluate each attribute in Report A against radiology report B and verify the informati on by analyzing the image. Do not deduct points without image analysis.

2. Judge correctness based on the accuracy of medical facts and diagnoses, not on the exa ct alignment of sentence structure or organization.

3. If radiology report B does not mention any abnormalities or diseases, skip the evaluati on and return "None," such as "the lungs are clear without confluent consolidation or effu sion" or "no pneumothorax is seen".

4. Each of the 5 attributes should be judged independently. Errors in one attribute should not affect the scoring of other attributes.

Attributes and Corresponding Rating Rules:

1. **Modality Used for Imaging:**

- **Rating Rule:** Compare with radiology report B. Different names for the same moda lity (e.g., "chest X-ray" and "CXR") are acceptable.

2. **Specify the Organ and Anatomical Structures:**

- **Rating Rule:** Check if the organs and anatomical structures in Report A match thos

e in radiology report B or appear in the image.

- Mentioned in both: 2 points

- Mentioned in one: 1 point

- Not mentioned in either: 0 points

- Do not deduct points without image analysis.

3. **Locations of ROI (Regions of Interest):**

- **Rating Rule:** Compare the "horizontal" and "vertical" positions, and the "area ratio " of ROIs with radiology report B. A 5% error in the area ratio is acceptable. If Report A includes at least one ROI from radiology report B, no points are deducted, even if all ROI

s are not covered. 4. **Analysis of Abnormal Characteristics:**

- **Rating Rule:** Characteristics indicating pathology should match those in radiology report B or appear in the image.

- Mentioned in both: 2 points

- Mentioned in one: 1 point

- Not mentioned in either: 0 points

- Do not deduct points without image analysis.

5. **Comparison of Lesions and Surrounding Regions:**

- **Rating Rule:** Differences in features and disease progression should match those in radiology report B or appear in the image.

- Mentioned in both: 2 points

- Mentioned in one: 1 point
- Not mentioned in either: 0 points

- Do not deduct points without image analysis.

Note: Return the scores in a list. For example, if attributes 4 and 5 get deducted 1 po int each, while others score 2 points each, return [2, 2, 2, 1, 1]. Provide a short reason (wi thin 80 words) for each point deduction.

Table 3: Quantitative results of pre-training using our multigranular annotations. The symbol ✓under 'w/ MedTrinity-25M' indicates that the model has been pre-trained on the MedTrinity-25M dataset prior to training on the target dataset, while χ indicates no such pre-training. Multigranular annotations are reformatted to fit with the question and answer format.

Method	w/	VOA-RAD			SLAKE			
	MedTrinity-25M	Open	Close	Overall	Open	Close	Overall	
GPT-4V [98]		39.5	78.9	59.2	33.6	43.6	38.6	
LLaVA-Med		55.5	66.5	61.0	70.6	54.5	62.6	
$LLaVA-Med++$	х	64.6	77.0	70.8	79.3	84.0	81.7	
$LLaVA-Med++$		70.3	79.4	74.9	80.4	84.3	82.4	

Figure 3: Examples of ROIs for normal regions.

(a) A no infection sample from MIMIC-CXR. The ROIs highlight the left and right lungs.

(b) A healthy sample from SLAKE. The ROI points out the liver.

C Quantitative Comparison of LLaVA-Med++ with GPT-4V

 As detailed in Section 3.2.2 of the main paper, we developed an enhanced version of LLaVA-Med [\[63\]](#page-14-3), called LLaVA-Med++. This enhancement leverages the latest LLaMA3 [\[99\]](#page-16-7) to boost linguistic capabilities and

incorporates multi-scale feature extraction [\[100\]](#page-16-8) to improve vision capabilities.

 To justify the selection of our specialized medical model, LLaVA-Med++, over GPT-4V for generating textual descriptions, we conducted a quantitative comparison of the outputs generated by both models. We assessed

the level of detail by comparing the average word count of text descriptions generated for the same sample.

As shown in Figure [4,](#page-6-0) LLaVA-Med++, after task-specific fine-tuning, outperformed GPT-4V by 3.6% in word

count, indicating that the descriptions generated by LLaVA-Med++ are more detailed. Based on these findings,

we selected LLaVA-Med++ to generate multigranular annotations for our entire MedTrinity-25M.

D MedTrinity-25M Enhances Medical Visual Question Answering (VQA)

 To further demonstrate the validity of our dataset, we compare the performance of LLaVA-Med++ with and without training on our dataset. We select Visual Question Answering (VQA) as the evaluation task, which requires models to learn detailed visual and language representations. We assessed the performance of our model

on two biomedical VQA datasets: VQA-RAD [\[101\]](#page-16-9) and SLAKE [\[96\]](#page-16-4).

 We initially pretrained LLaVA-Med++ using the LLaVA-Med [\[63\]](#page-14-3) methodology as our baseline. Then, we augmented our training data with MedTrinity-25M to develop our final model. Finally, we fine-tuned the model on the VQA datasets for three epochs and evaluated its performance, as shown in Table [3.](#page-5-0) Comparing results from the same architecture with and without MedTrinity-25M pretraining, it is evident that pretraining with MedTrinity-25M significantly enhances performance.

 Specifically, LLaVA-Med++ boosts performance by approximately 4.1% on VQA-RAD and 0.7% on SLAKE compared to training the model from scratch without pretraining on MedTrinity-25M. This improvement demonstrates the effectiveness of pretraining on MedTrinity-25M for downstream multimodal medical tasks such as VQA.

E Examples of ROIs for Normal Regions

 As detailed in Section 3.1 of the main paper, the regions of interest (ROIs) identified using expert grounding models predominantly contain pathological findings such as lesions, inflammation, neoplasms, infections, or Figure 4: Qualitative comparison of the relative average word count of samples generated by LLaVA-Med++ and GPT-4V.

Table 4: List of expert models used to generate ROIs for different datasets.

other potential abnormalities. In the few instances where no abnormalities are present, the ROIs typically

 highlight the primary object or organ in the image. Examples of ROIs without abnormalities are shown in Figure [3.](#page-5-1)

F List of Expert models to locate ROIs

As detailed in Section 3.2.1 of the main paper, for datasets lacking localization information such as segmentation

masks and bounding boxes, we employ various pretrained expert models to identify the ROIs. The specific

expert models used for each dataset are listed in Table [4.](#page-6-1)

G Prompt Template for Generation of Multigranular Text Description

To generate multigranular textual descriptions, we design a multi-task prompting approach, breaking down this

 task into several smaller descriptive tasks. The model's responses to these different tasks collectively form the final fine-grained text description.

 Figure [5](#page-8-0) illustrates our prompt template consisting of a three-level hierarchical framework with questions to instruct MLLMs:

 Step 1 - Global Understanding: Instruct MLLMs to provide a comprehensive description of the image, de- tailing all modalities, identified anatomical structures, and their approximate locations. This step ensures that MLLMs gains an overarching understanding and basic information about the image.

Step 2 - Local Analysis: Instruct MLLMs to conduct a detailed analysis of the regions of interest (ROI), including

 their locations, abnormalities, and textures. This step guides MLLMs to focus on specific lesions for a thorough assessment.

Step 3 - Local-Global Relationship: Instruct MLLMs to examine the relationship between local and global

 regions and predict how the surrounding areas will be affected by the lesions in the ROI. This step aims to understand the interaction between local and global attributes, assessing the impact of local abnormalities on the

entire organ for accurate disease diagnosis.

H Datasheet for MedTrinity-25M

 In this section, we present a DataSheet [\[109\]](#page-16-17) for MedTrinity-25M, synthesizing many of the other analyses we performed in this paper.

Figure 5: Prompt used to generate multigranular annotations.

5. Dataset Distribution

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