What cleaves? Is proteasomal cleavage prediction reaching a ceiling?

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Abstract

Epitope vaccines are a promising direction to enable precision treatment for cancer, autoimmune diseases, and allergies. Effectively designing such vaccines requires accurate prediction of proteasomal cleavage in order to ensure that the epitopes in the vaccine are presented to T cells by the major histocompatibility complex (MHC). While direct identification of proteasomal cleavage *in vitro* is cumbersome and low throughput, it is possible to implicitly infer cleavage events from the termini of MHC-presented epitopes, which can be detected in large amounts thanks to recent advances in high-throughput MHC ligandomics. Inferring cleavage events in such a way provides an inherently noisy signal which can be tackled with new developments in the field of deep learning that supposedly make it possible to learn predictors from noisy labels. Inspired by such innovations, we sought to modernize proteasomal cleavage predictors by benchmarking a wide range of recent methods, including LSTMs, transformers, CNNs, and denoising methods, on a recently introduced cleavage dataset. We found that increasing model scale and complexity appeared to deliver limited performance gains, as several methods reached about 88.5% AUC on C-terminal and 79.5% AUC on N-terminal cleavage prediction. This suggests that the noise and/or complexity of proteasomal cleavage and the subsequent biological processes of the antigen processing pathway are the major limiting factors for predictive performance rather than the specific modeling approach used. While biological complexity can be tackled by more data and better models, noise and randomness inherently limit the maximum achievable predictive performance. All our datasets and experiments are available at `https://anonymous.4open.science/r/cleavage_prediction-E8FD`.

1 Introduction

Proteasomal cleavage digestion of antigens is a major step of the antigen processing pathway, as by cleaving proteins in smaller peptides it determines what may be subsequently presented by the major histocompatibility complex (MHC) to T cells, potentially triggering an immune response [1]. Therefore, an important task for computational design of epitope vaccines (EV) is the prediction of this cleavage process, so that this information can be used by existing computational approaches [2, 3] to improve the efficacy of the vaccine.

Due to the difficulty of collecting large quantities of data *in vitro*, proteasomal cleavage events are usually inferred implicitly from MHC ligandomics data [4] by matching eluted ligands to their progenitor protein to recover sequence information surrounding the terminals [5]. This procedure, however, does not give an indication of which amino acid sequences *cannot* result in a cleavage event, since missed cleavage sites are not observed in MHC ligands. Therefore, decoy negative samples are usually generated synthetically either by randomly shuffling the amino acids in a short window

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around the cleavage site or by considering artificial negative sites located around observed cleavage events [6]. Even though such negative samples are not entirely reliable, the growing availability of this kind of data [7] spurred continuous development and improvement of proteasomal cleavage predictors [5, 8, 9, 10] which have been recently revised in light of new innovations in the deep learning field [11, 12, 13, 14].

As a consequence of these developments, we implemented and tested several binary classification methods on a proteasomal cleavage prediction task, carefully benchmarking a wide choice of architectures, embeddings, and training regimes.

2 Methods

In this benchmark study we consider three main axis of variation: the initial embedding of amino acids, the neural architecture of the predictor, and their training regime via noise handling and data augmentations.

2.1 Embedding

The choice of embedding is crucial as it influences what intrinsic information a model can exploit for classification [15]; we thus consider various embeddings in our analysis, while keeping the base architecture equal. Specifically, we analyze the performance of a randomly initialized embedding layer that is optimized in conjunction with the loss function of the whole model, and the dedicated Prot2Vec [16] embeddings trained with the well-established Word2Vec [17, 18] algorithm. Analogous to natural language, we design sequence embeddings by concatenating independently trained forward and backward amino acid representations of each input [19].

Trainable tokenizers learn to form a given number of complex intra-token splits. This leads to a setting where the vocabulary size is now a tunable hyperparameter and thus has a direct impact on the size and quality of subsequently trained embedding representations. We extend our experiment with a vocabulary size 1000 and a vocabulary size $50\,000$ version of the byte-level byte pair encoding [20, BBPE], as well as a vocabulary size $50\,000$ version of the WordPiece [21, WP] algorithm.

2.2 Neural architectures

Recurrent: Bidirectional long short-term memory networks (BiLSTM) [22] are well suited for a wide range of text classification tasks, thus we based nine of 12 model architectures around BiLSTMs. The fundamental structure for our BiLSTMs is built around the architecture proposed by Ozols et al. [23], in which multiple sequential BiLSTMs are followed by a hidden and an output layer. For eight of our nine BiLSTM-related experiments, we choose two sequential BiLSTMs, where sequence dimensionality is reduced by taking the maximum value of the depth-wise per-residue output of the last layer. For the hidden layer, we used the Gaussian Error Linear Units (GELU) [24] activation function. We additionally include an adjusted five BiLSTM version of a residual architecture between LSTM blocks, which aims to combat the shallow layer problem of deep LSTM architectures while also trying to improve the decoder quality with attention [25].

Transformers: Besides RNNs, the attention mechanism introduced by Vaswani et al. enabled a whole new architecture capable of processing sequences: the transformer [26]. We, therefore, integrated ProtTrans' T5-XL encoder-only model [27] featuring 1.2 billion parameters, as well as ESM2 transformer [28] in its 150 million parameter version. Additionally, we include a fine-tuning performance of ESM2 by adding a linear layer projection from its vocabulary-sized per-residue Roberta Language Model Head [29, 30] to our binary classification target.

Convolutional and Perceptron: We take the DeepCleave [31] attention-enhanced convolutional neural network [32, CNN] architecture into our benchmark analysis. Furthermore, stacking fully connected layers without any convolutional or recurrent features, e.g., in DeepCalpain [33] or Terminitor [34], has also been successfully applied to protein data. As baseline, we include a single hidden layer perceptron [35] with Rectified Linear Units [36] as activation function into the analysis.

2.3 Training

Dataset: We used the dataset introduced in [12], which contains 229 163 and 222 181 N- and C-terminals cleavage sites respectively. Each cleavage site is captured into a window comprising six amino acids to its left and four to its right, and is associated with six decoy negative samples obtained by considering the three residues preceding and following it, resulting in a total of 1 434 989 and 1 419 501 samples after deduplication for N- and C-terminals. As the decoy negatives are situated in close proximity to real cleavage sites and due to the probabilistic nature of proteasomal cleavage, some of the negative samples are likely to be actual, unmeasured cleavage sites, and may influence the performance of predictors trained using such data.

Noisy labels: To reduce the impact of asymmetric label noise on the performance of our classifiers, we take five recent deep learning-specific denoising approaches into consideration: a noise adaptation layer, which attempts to learn the noise distribution in the data [37], co-teaching, where two models are trained simultaneously by deciding for the respective other network which samples from a mini-batch to use for training [38], and co-teaching-plus [39], which updates co-teaching with the disagreement learning approach of decoupling [40]. We additionally consider a joint training method with co-regularization (JoCoR) [41] and DivideMix [42] for benchmarking. DivideMix is a holistic approach originally developed for computer vision and integrates multiple frameworks, such as co-teaching and MixMatch [43], into one. As MixMatch builds upon MixUp [44], which was developed for image data, we adjust it for sequential data by mixing up the embedded sequence representation [45] instead of the pixel input in the data loading process.

Data augmentation: For all models, we apply data augmentation directly on the input sequences to combat overfitting and improve generalizability by masking a random amino acid per sequence as unknown [46]. All predictors except ESM2 fine-tuning use adaptive momentum [47] as their optimization technique, whereas ESM2 fine-tuning uses adaptive momentum with decoupled weight decay [48]. All models without denoising techniques use (binary) cross-entropy loss [49], while all denoising models calculate dedicated losses.

3 Experimental protocol

Evaluation: As previously mentioned, some negative samples may actually result in a proteasomal cleavage event *in vivo* due to the way these negative samples are generated. For this reason, traditional binary classification metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, etc. are misleading and model evaluation should instead be based on the AUC [50]. We reserved a random 10% of each terminal dataset as test dataset used for the final evaluation of the best hyperparameters.

Hyperparameter optimization: Due to computational limitations, we split up the hyperparameter search into three priority groups: group one used Ray Tune's [51] implementation of the asynchronous hyperband algorithm [52] and evaluated each configuration in a ten-folds cross-validation (CV), while for groups two and three we chose hyperparameters manually and evaluated each configuration with five-folds CV (group two) or a single run on a held-out validation set (group three). We then used the best hyperparameter combination to train each architecture with all denoising methods, except for DivideMix where we only trained the overall best performing architecture due to computational limitations. Information on the different architectures is in Appendix A.1, while the exact hyperband ranges and chosen hyperparameters for all models can be found in Appendix A.2.

4 Results

The overall best performing C-terminal model architecture as measured by AUC was the BiLSTM at 88.55% without any denoising methods, while for the N-term, the BiLSTM+T5 with noise adaptation layer version narrowly outperformed the base BiLSTM version by 0.04 percentage points at a level of 79.54% AUC (Figure 1 and Appendix A.3 and A.4). If denoising techniques were applied, the noise adaptation layer consistently performed best for both the C- and N-terminal. However, in 11 (10) of 12 models for the C-terminal (N-terminal), no denoising method resulted in superior results. Co-teaching-plus dominated co-teaching along all (11) model architectures in the C-terminal (N-terminal). JoCoR appeared to significantly hinder model performance in all architectures, whereas

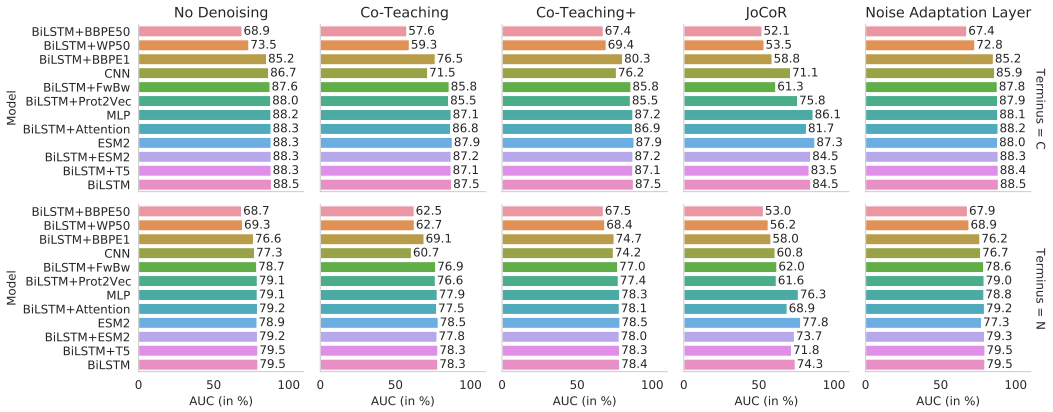

Figure 1: Model performances on C- and N-terminal

DivideMix also reduced the BiLSTM AUC score by around 2.4 percentage points in both terminals. While the best-performing BiLSTM consisted of 4.6 million parameters, the MLP with 30.529 parameters only lacked 0.38 percentage points AUC behind and additionally beat the pre-trained Prot2Vec as well as DeepCleave architectures, both featuring around 16 million parameters in the C-terminal. All transformer architectures in the ranges of 148 million (ESM2-based) and 1.2 billion (T5) parameters ranked behind the BiLSTM architecture but narrowly outperformed the MLP with AUC scores of around 88.32%.

For the C-terminal, models including trainable tokenizer dropped to their worst-performing state compared to their fixed-vocabulary counterpart, especially when increasing the number of to-be-learned amino acid sub-string combinations. Whereas the BiLSTM with BBPE vocabulary size 1000 drops 3.3 percentage points to 85.25% AUC, the same model architecture with 50 000 learned sub-string combinations was only able to reach 68.92% AUC. A similar but less severe pattern could be observed with WordPiece encodings, where the size 50 000 vocabulary version reached 73.46% AUC. If these models additionally featured denoising methods, the performance loss intensified up to a level of almost random-guessing (52.09% AUC for 50 000 BBPE and JoCoR).

Interestingly, the N-terminal showed a different behavior for certain architecture combinations. BiLSTM+Attention and BiLSTM+Prot2Vec had significantly larger performance drop-offs from their best-performing model for JoCoR-denoising (10.7 and 18 percentage points, respectively) compared to the C-terminal (6.8 and 12.7 percentage points, respectively). On the other hand, the performance loss due to trainable tokenizers paired with JoCoR was less severe in the N-terminal (21.5, 26.5, 23.2 percentage points, respectively) for BBPE-1000, BBPE-50 000, and WP-50 000 than in the C-terminal (29.7, 36.4, 35.1 percentage points, respectively).

Replacing the embedding layer with a forward-backward representation yielded comparable performance to the base BiLSTM architecture. Nonetheless, the base BiLSTM architecture was preferable as the additional forward-backward encoding steps increased training time by a factor of six.

5 Conclusion

Our benchmarking of various deep learning architectures for the task of proteasomal cleavage prediction has shown that several embedding techniques in combination with model architectures of vastly different scale and complexity can reach a performances of around 885.5% AUC for C-terminals and 79.5% AUC for N-terminals. Denoising techniques as well as trainable tokenizers appeared to offer limited to no, or even negative benefit. Such saturated results suggest that different modeling choices of architectures, embeddings, or training regimes are unlikely to yield significantly better predictive performance, and further efforts for proteasomal cleavage prediction should focus on a more comprehensive modeling of the antigen pathway. Another possibility is that these biological processes are simply too noisy and random to allow more accurate predictions, in which case we may already be close to the boundary of what is possible to achieve.

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A Appendix

A.1 Architecture information

Table 1: Number of parameters and training time for each model, without considering denoising (see later tables for this)

Models	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable
BiLSTM	25	15	4 655 984	4 655 984
BiLSTM+Attention	20	20	1 632 391	1 632 391
BiLSTM+Prot2Vec	20	15	16 009 371	5 830 371
CNN	45	60	16 084 198	16 084 198
MLP	4	30	30 529	30 529
BiLSTM+ESM2	330	10	152 998 267	4 858 113
ESM2	900	3	148 140 188	148 140 188
BiLSTM+T5	780	10	1 214 572 801	6 430 977
BiLSTM+BBPE1	13	15	5 319 409	5 319 409
BiLSTM+BBPE50	12	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
BiLSTM+WP50	16	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
BiLSTM+FwBw	120	15	4 315 369	4 315 369

A.2 Hyperparameters

Table 2: BiLSTM

Hyperparameter	Range (Uniformly random choice)	Final value	
		C-terminal	N-terminal
Epochs trained	≤ 25	15	15
Learning rate	$\{5 \times 10^{-5}, 10^{-4}, 3 \times 10^{-4}\}$	3×10^{-4}	3×10^{-4}
Dropout rate	$\{0.45, 0.46, \ldots, 0.51, 0.52\}$	0.5	0.5
Linear layer size	$[120, 181)$	164	179
Embedding dimension	$[50, 201)$	91	76
LSTM size 1	$[220, 281)$	228	252
LSTM size 2	$[450, 520)$	506	518

Table 3: BiLSTM+Attention

Hyperparameter	Range (Uniformly random choice)	Final value	
		C-terminal	N-terminal
Epochs trained	≤ 25	20	20
Learning rate	$\{3 \times 10^{-5}, 5 \times 10^{-5}, 8 \times 10^{-5}, 10^{-4}\}$	10^{-4}	10^{-4}
Dropout rate	$\{0.45, 0.46, \ldots, 0.51, 0.52\}$	0.5	0.5
Linear layer size	$[100, 181)$	147	150
Embedding dimension	$\{120, 124, \ldots, 216, 220\}$	216	216
LSTM size	$[64, 131)$	108	111
Attention heads	$\{1, 2, 4\}$	4	1

Table 4: BiLSTM+Prot2Vec

Hyperparameter	Range (Uniformly random choice)	Final value	
		C-terminal	N-terminal
Epochs trained	≤ 60	60	60
Learning rate	$\{8 \times 10^{-5}, , 10^{-4}, 3 \times 10^{-4}, 5 \times 10^{-4}\}$	3×10^{-4}	3×10^{-4}
Dropout rate	$\{0.45, 0.46, \ldots, 0.51, 0.52\}$	0.5	0.5
Linear layer size	$[120, 180)$	145	139
LSTM size	$[480, 531)$	480	531

Table 5: CNN

Hyperparameter	**Range** (Uniformly random choice)	**Final value**	
		C-terminal	**N-terminal**
Epochs trained	≤ 60	60	60
Learning Rate	$\{8 \times 10^{-5}, 10^{-4}, 3 \times 10^{-4}, 5 \times 10^{-4}\}$	3×10^{-4}	3×10^{-4}
Dropout Rate	$\{0, 0.02, \ldots, 0.08, 0.1\}$	0.04	0.08
Linear layer size 1	$[64, 101)$	79	89
Linear layer size 2	$[15, 33)$	24	15
Attention heads 1	$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$	3	4
Attention heads 2	$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$	2	3
Filter size 1	-	1	1
Number filters 1	$[220, 301)$	220	249
Number filters 2	$[220, 301)$	262	229
Filter size 2a	$\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$	3	1
Filter size 2b	$\{15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25\}$	17	15
Filter size 3c	$\{13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23\}$	13	13
Number filters 3	$[350, 431)$	398	400
Filter size 3a	$\{11, 13, 15, 17, 19\}$	11	13
Filter size 3b	$\{13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23\}$	15	21
Filter size 3c	$\{11, 13, 15, 17, 19\}$	19	15

Table 6: MLP

Hyperparameter	**Range** (Uniformly random choice)	**Final value**	
		C-terminal	**N-terminal**
Epochs trained	≤ 60	30	30
Learning rate	$\{10^{-4}, 5 \times 10^{-4}, 8 \times 10^{-4}, 10^{-3}\}$	10^{-3}	10^{-3}
Dropout rate	$\{0.1, 0.12, \ldots, 0.24, 0.26\}$	0.24	0.24
Linear layer size	$[120, 201)$	144	167

Table 7: BiLSTM+ESM2

Hyperparameter	**Final value**	
	C-terminal	**N-terminal**
Epochs trained	10	10
Learning rate	3×10^{-4}	3×10^{-4}
Dropout rate	0.5	0.5
Linear layer size	128	128
LSTM size	512	512

Table 8: ESM2

Hyperparameter	**Final value**	
	C-terminal	**N-terminal**
Epochs trained	3	3
Learning rate	2×10^{-5}	2×10^{-5}
Dropout rate	0.5	0.5

Table 9: BiLSTM+T5

Hyperparameter	**Final value**	
	C-terminal	**N-terminal**
Epochs trained	10	10
Learning rate	3×10^{-4}	3×10^{-4}
Dropout rate	0.5	0.5
Linear layer size	128	128
LSTM size	512	512

Table 10: BiLSTM+BBPE1, BiLSTM+BBPE50, BiLSTM+WP50

Hyperparameter	Final value	
	C-terminal	N-terminal
Epochs trained	15	15
Learning rate	10^{-4}	10^{-4}
Dropout rate	0.5	0.5
Embedding dimension	150	150
Linear layer size	128	128
LSTM size	512	512

Table 11: BiLSTM+FwBw

Hyperparameter	Final value	
	C-terminal	N-terminal
Epochs trained	15	15
Learning rate	10^{-4}	10^{-4}
Dropout rate	0.5	0.5
Linear layer size 1	128	128
LSTM size 1	128	128
LSTM size 2	512	512
Sequence encoding embedding dimension	100	100
Sequence encoding BiLSTM size	200	200

Table 12: Co-Teaching, Co-Teaching+, JoCoR

Hyperparameter	Final value		
	Co-teaching	Co-teaching+	JoCoR
Number scale-up epochs	10	10	10
Noise rate	0.2	0.2	0.2
Forget rate	0.2	0.2	0.1
Exponent	1	1	1

Table 13: DivideMix

Hyperparameter	Final value
Number warm-up epochs	1
α	0.5
λ_u	0
Probability threshold	0.5
Temperature	0.5
Number scale-up epochs	5

Table 14: Noise adaptation layer

Hyperparameter	Final value
Number warm-up epochs	1
β	0.8

A.3 Results without denoising methods

Table 15: Model performances on C- and N-terminals

Priority	Models	C-terminal AUC	C-terminal ACC	N-terminal AUC	N-terminal ACC
1	BiLSTM	88.55 ± 0.12	79.50 ± 0.11	79.50 ± 0.11	83.51 ± 0.11
	BiLSTM+Attention	88.28 ± 0.08	79.24 ± 0.11	79.24 ± 0.11	83.36 ± 0.13
	BiLSTM+Prot2Vec	87.99 ± 0.14	79.10 ± 0.11	79.10 ± 0.11	83.22 ± 0.13
	CNN	86.66 ± 0.17	77.30 ± 0.82	77.30 ± 0.82	82.89 ± 0.22
	MLP	88.17 ± 0.11	79.08 ± 0.11	79.08 ± 0.11	83.33 ± 0.12
2	BiLSTM+ESM2	88.34 ± 0.05	79.24 ± 0.10	79.24 ± 0.10	83.35 ± 0.09
	ESM2	88.32 ± 0.16	78.91 ± 0.18	78.91 ± 0.18	82.63 ± 0.64
	BiLSTM+T5	88.32 ± 0.05	79.48 ± 0.11	79.48 ± 0.11	83.45 ± 0.08
3	BiLSTM+BBPE1	85.25	76.56	76.56	82.88
	BiLSTM+BBPE50	68.92	68.67	68.67	82.03
	BiLSTM+WP50	73.46	69.28	69.28	82.08
	BiLSTM+FwBw	87.59	78.71	78.71	83.15

A.4 Results with denoising methods

Table 16: BiLSTM with denoising on C-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	87.50	86.64	41	15	4 655 984	4 655 984
Co-Teaching+	87.50	86.64	41	15	4 655 984	4 655 984
JoCoR	84.53	85.49	41	15	4 655 984	4 655 984
DivideMix	86.25	84.02	210	15	4 656 149	4 656 149
Noise Adaptation Layer	88.49	87.02	22	15	4 656 149	4 656 149

Table 17: BiLSTM with denoising on N-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	78.28	83.21	44	15	5 096 135	5 096 135
Co-Teaching+	78.37	83.17	44	15	5 096 135	5 096 135
JoCoR	74.26	82.12	44	15	5 096 135	5 096 135
DivideMix	77.08	81.52	210	15	5 096 315	5 096 315
Noise Adaptation Layer	79.48	83.43	23	15	5 096 315	5 096 315

Table 18: BiLSTM+Attention with denoising on C-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	86.82	86.20	40	20	1 632 391	1 632 391
Co-Teaching+	86.91	86.16	40	20	1 632 391	1 632 391
JoCoR	81.70	85.04	38	20	1 632 391	1 632 391
Noise Adaptation Layer	88.23	86.90	18	20	1 632 539	1 632 539

Table 19: BiLSTM+Attention with denoising on N-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	77.48	83.13	43	20	1 718 233	1 718 233
Co-Teaching+	78.09	83.13	42	20	1 718 233	1 718 233
JoCoR	68.86	82.40	41	20	1 718 233	1 718 233
Noise Adaptation Layer	79.21	83.37	22	20	1 718 384	1 718 384

Table 20: BiLSTM+Prot2Vec with denoising on C-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	85.47	85.78	32	15	16 009 371	5 830 371
Co-Teaching+	85.47	85.78	31	15	16 009 371	5 830 371
JoCoR	75.80	82.20	32	15	16 009 371	5 830 371
Noise Adaptation Layer	87.93	86.60	15	15	16 009 517	5 830 517

Table 21: BiLSTM+Prot2Vec with denoising on N-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	76.64	83.00	40	15	16 772 049	6 593 049
Co-Teaching+	77.44	82.90	40	15	16 772 049	6 593 049
JoCoR	61.62	81.91	40	15	16 772 049	6 593 049
Noise Adaptation Layer	78.96	83.15	19	15	16 772 189	6 593 189

Table 22: CNN with denoising on C-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	71.51	82.35	102	60	16 084 198	16 084 198
Co-Teaching+	76.18	82.91	102	60	16 084 198	16 084 198
JoCoR	71.10	82.92	102	60	16 084 198	16 084 198
Noise Adaptation Layer	85.91	85.50	49	60	16 084 223	16 084 223

Table 23: CNN with denoising on N-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	60.71	81.88	102	60	15 237 057	15 237 057
Co-Teaching+	74.15	82.05	102	60	15 237 057	15 237 057
JoCoR	60.81	81.88	102	60	15 237 057	15 237 057
Noise Adaptation Layer	76.68	82.78	47	60	15 237 073	15 237 073

Table 24: MLP with denoising on C-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	87.14	86.45	6	30	30 529	30 529
Co-Teaching+	87.16	85.85	6	30	30 529	30 529
JoCoR	86.11	85.56	5	30	30 529	30 529
Noise Adaptation Layer	88.07	86.73	3	30	30 674	30 674

Table 25: MLP with denoising on N-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	77.89	83.21	6	30	35 405	35 405
Co-Teaching+	78.34	83.11	5	30	35 405	35 405
JoCoR	76.31	82.30	5	30	35 405	35 405
Noise Adaptation Layer	78.82	83.32	4	30	35 573	35 573

Table 26: BiLSTM+ESM2 with denoising on C-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	87.19	86.52	660	10	152 998 267	4 858 113
Co-Teaching+	87.19	86.52	660	10	152 998 267	4 858 113
JoCoR	84.52	84.93	660	10	152 998 267	4 858 113
Noise Adaptation Layer	88.32	86.88	330	10	152 998 396	4 858 242

Table 27: BiLSTM+ESM2 with denoising on N-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	77.76	83.25	660	10	152 998 267	4 858 113
Co-Teaching+	78.03	83.15	660	10	152 998 267	4 858 113
JoCoR	73.71	81.96	660	10	152 998 267	4 858 113
Noise Adaptation Layer	79.29	83.37	360	10	152 998 396	4 858 242

Table 28: ESM2 with denoising on C-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	87.93	85.56	2160	3	148 140 188	148 140 188
Co-Teaching+	87.93	85.56	2100	3	148 140 188	148 140 188
JoCoR	87.31	86.25	2100	3	148 140 188	148 140 188
Noise Adaptation Layer	87.97	86.58	960	3	148 140 222	148 140 222

Table 29: ESM2 with denoising on N-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	78.53	80.54	2220	3	148 140 188	148 140 188
Co-Teaching+	78.53	80.54	2220	3	148 140 188	148 140 188
JoCoR	77.83	83.02	2160	3	148 140 188	148 140 188
Noise Adaptation Layer	77.31	82.13	930	3	148 140 222	148 140 222

Table 30: BiLSTM+T5 with denoising on C-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	87.11	86.40	1500	10	1 214 572 801	6 430 977
Co-Teaching+	87.11	86.40	1500	10	1 214 572 801	6 430 977
JoCoR	83.48	83.88	1500	10	1 214 572 801	6 430 977
Noise Adaptation Layer	88.36	86.85	720	10	1 214 572 930	6 431 106

Table 31: BiLSTM+T5 with denoising on N-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	78.30	83.22	1560	10	1 214 572 801	6 430 977
Co-Teaching+	78.32	83.26	1560	10	1 214 572 801	6 430 977
JoCoR	71.76	82.28	1500	10	1 214 572 801	6 430 977
Noise Adaptation Layer	79.54	83.48	780	10	1 214 572 930	6 431 106

Table 32: BiLSTM+BBPE1 with denoising on C-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	76.55	83.84	33	15	5 319 409	5 319 409
Co-Teaching+	80.31	83.44	34	15	5 319 409	5 319 409
JoCoR	58.81	82.20	33	15	5 319 409	5 319 409
Noise Adaptation Layer	85.15	85.45	17	15	5 319 538	5 319 538

Table 33: BiLSTM+BBPE1 with denoising on N-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	69.12	82.19	34	15	5 319 409	5 319 409
Co-Teaching+	74.65	82.37	34	15	5 319 409	5 319 409
JoCoR	58.03	81.88	33	15	5 319 409	5 319 409
Noise Adaptation Layer	76.15	82.58	17	15	5 319 538	5 319 538

Table 34: BiLSTM+BBPE50 with denoising on C-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	57.62	82.28	30	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
Co-Teaching+	67.40	82.35	30	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
JoCoR	52.09	82.20	30	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
Noise Adaptation Layer	67.42	82.38	16	15	12 669 538	12 669 538

Table 35: BiLSTM+BBPE50 with denoising on N-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	62.52	81.88	31	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
Co-Teaching+	67.45	81.98	32	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
JoCoR	53.02	81.88	31	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
Noise Adaptation Layer	67.90	81.95	15	15	12 669 538	12 669 538

Table 36: BiLSTM+WP50 with denoising on C-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	59.31	82.25	40	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
Co-Teaching+	69.37	82.57	40	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
JoCoR	53.45	82.20	39	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
Noise Adaptation Layer	72.80	82.98	20	15	12 669 538	12 669 538

Table 37: BiLSTM+WP50 with denoising on N-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	62.66	81.92	37	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
Co-Teaching+	68.44	81.97	37	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
JoCoR	56.25	81.88	36	15	12 669 409	12 669 409
Noise Adaptation Layer	68.91	81.99	20	15	12 669 538	12 669 538

Table 38: BiLSTM+FwBw with denoising on C-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	85.84	84.92	270	15	4 315 369	4 315 369
Co-Teaching+	85.84	84.92	270	15	4 315 369	4 315 369
JoCoR	61.26	82.20	270	15	4 315 369	4 315 369
Noise Adaptation Layer	87.75	86.09	120	15	4 315 498	4 315 498

Table 39: BiLSTM+FwBw with denoising on N-terminal

Denoising methods	AUC	ACC	Time (s/epoch)	Epochs	Parameters	Trainable parameters
Co-Teaching	76.86	82.45	270	15	4 315 369	4 315 369
Co-Teaching+	77.02	82.88	270	15	4 315 369	4 315 369
JoCoR	62.00	81.88	270	15	4 315 369	4 315 369
Noise Adaptation Layer	78.64	83.09	120	15	4 315 498	4 315 498