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

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#### Abstract

This paper introduces MedTrinity-25M, a comprehensive, large-scale multimodal dataset for medicine, covering over 25 million images across 10 modalities, with multigranular annotations for more than 65 diseases. These enriched annotations encompass both global textual information, such as disease/lesion type, modality, region-specific descriptions, and inter-regional relationships, as well as detailed local annotations for regions of interest (ROIs), including bounding boxes, segmentation masks. Unlike existing approach which is limited by the availability of image-text pairs, we have developed the first automated pipeline that scales up multimodal data by generating multigranular visual and texual annotations (in the form of image-ROI-description triplets) without the need for any paired text descriptions. Specifically, data from over 90 different sources have been collected, preprocessed, and grounded using domain-specific expert models to identify ROIs related to abnormal regions. We then build a comprehensive knowledge base and prompt multimodal large language models to perform retrieval-augmented generation with the identified ROIs as guidance, resulting in multigranular texual descriptions. Compared to existing datasets, MedTrinity-25M provides the most enriched annotations, supporting a comprehensive range of multimodal tasks such as captioning and report generation, as well as vision-centric tasks like classification and segmentation. Pretraining on MedTrinity-25M, our model achieves state-of-the-art performance on VQA-RAD and PathVQA, surpassing both multimodal large language models and other representative SoTA approaches. This dataset can also be utilized to support large-scale pre-training of multimodal medical AI models, contributing to the development of future foundation models in the medical domain. The dataset is publicly available at https://yunfeixie233.github.io/MedTrinity-25M/.

#### 1 Introduction

Large-scale multimodal foundation models [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] have demonstrated remarkable success across various domains due to their ability to understand complex visual patterns in conjunction with natural language. This success has sparked significant interest in applying such models to medical vision-language tasks. Much progress has been made to improve the medical capacity of general domain multimodal foundation models by constructing medical datasets with image-text pairs and fine-tuning general domain models on these datasets [6, 7, 8, 9, 10].

However, current medical datasets have several limitations. Firstly, these datasets lack **multigranular** annotations that reveal the correlation between local and global information within medical images. Medical images often contain detailed cues, such as regional abnormal textures or structures, which

may indicate specific types of lesions. Therefore, multimodal models need the ability to infer global information, such as disease or lesion type, from local details. The absence of such data limits the models' capacity to comprehensively understand medical images. Moreover, current dataset construction methods heavily rely on medical images paired with reports or captions, which restricts their scalability.

In this paper, we address the above challenges by proposing an automated data construction pipeline using multimodal large language models (MLLMss) without relying on paired text descriptions. To address the lack of comprehensive medical knowledge in general-purpose MLLMs, we leverage domain-specific expert grounding models and retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) to extract relevant medical knowledge. We then prompt MLLMs to generate multigranular visual and textual annotations enriched with this knowledge based on identified regions of interest (ROIs). We utilize this pipeline to transform the collected data, including large-scale unpaired images, into image-ROI-description triplets. These triplets provide multigranular annotations that encompass both global textual information, such as disease/lesion type, modality, and inter-regional relationships, as well as detailed local annotations for ROIs, including bounding boxes, segmentation masks, and region-specific textual descriptions. Using the proposed pipeline, we create a large-scale multimodal multigranular medical dataset containing over 25 million triplets, named **MedTrinity-25M**. To our best knowledge, this is the largest multimodal dataset in medicine to date.

Initially, we assemble a large amount of medical data from over 90 online resources such as TCIA, Kaggle, Zenodo, Synapse, etc. In addition to images with a small amount of high-quality paired manual reports, this assembled data also includes two types of coarse medical data: 1) Image data with segmentation masks, lesion bounding boxes, or only disease types but lacking detailed textual descriptions, and 2) Images paired with coarse captions that describe only global modality or disease information, but lack detailed descriptions of local regions. To generate multigranular annotations from the massive coarse medical data, we first identify ROIs that contain disease or lesion patterns by applying expert grounding models. We then build a comprehensive knowledge base from online corpora (e.g., PubMed) and retrieve image-related medical knowledge. Finally, we prompt MLLMs to integrate medical knowledge with guidance of identified ROIs to generate multigranular textual descriptions.

#### 2 Related Work

Medical Multimodal Foundation Models. Due to the effectiveness of multimodal foundation models in understanding visual features, adapting these models to perform medical vision-language tasks has garnered increasing attention in recent years [11, 12, 9, 5]. Several papers attempt to adapt general domain multimodal foundation models with varying architecture to medical domain through end-to-end training on medical datasets. For example, Med-Flamingo [11] enhances the medical capacity of OpenFlamingo-9B [13] by fine-tuning it with 0.8M interleaved and 1.6M paired medical image-text data. While Med-PalM [12] adapts PaLM-E [14] to medical domain using approximately 1M medical data points, demonstrating competitive or surpassing performance compared to state-of-the-art models. Additionally, LLaVA-Med [9] employs end-to-end visual instruction tuning [1] with two stages, achieving remarkable results in medical Visual Question Answering (VQA) tasks. Similarly, Med-Gemini [15] employs a long-form question answering dataset to enhance the multimodal and long-context capabilities of baseline Gemini [16]. Although these models have achieved remarkable performance, they are still limited by the scale of training data. Prior research [17] has shown that scaling up the training data improves the performance of large multimodal foundation models. In this paper, we aim to build a large-scale medical dataset to facilitate the development of more powerful medical multimodal foundation models.

**Multimodal Datasets for medicine.** The significance of construting comprehensive medical multimodal datasets has garnered considerable attention [9, 18, 19, 7]. Several works attempt to collect images and paired clinical reports prepared by pathology specialist [19, 7, 8], which provide comprehensive descriptions of images, including disease types and corresponding reasoning. For example, MIMIC-CXR[8] comprises 227,835 images for 65,379 patients, containing pathological findings and impressions in reports paired with each images. However, manually constructing such reports is both time-consuming and expensive, thereby limiting the scale of these datasets. PMC-OA [20] aims to expand the dataset scale by extracting a large number of image-caption pairs from medical papers, increasing the number of data samples to 1.65 million. However, the extracted



Q: "What modality is used to take this image?". A: "CT" the heart not visible. The left-center horizontally and middle "Which part of the body does this image belong to?", A: "Chest' vertically situated region of interest, covering 1.0% of the area, Q: "What is the main organ in the image?", A: "Lung" shows a potential abnormality in lung tissue. This area contains a Q: "Does the picture contain lung?", A: texture or density that differs from the surrounding lung tissue, Q: "Does the picture contain heart?", A: "No" possibly indicating lung cancer. The affected area might be "What diseases are included in the picture?", A: "Lung Cancer influencing adjacent tissues, suggesting a local progression of the "Where is/are the abnormality located?", A: "Right Lung, Left" led-Trinity-25M SLAKE disease without direct implication on distant parts of the lung. (Ours) Structure Modality Structure ROI Detection Analysis ROI Analysis Modality (b) Qualitative Comparison with sample in visual QA dataset SLAKE [22]. The image is an axial T2W TSE fat-suppressed MRI focusing on the liver and surrounding areas, A 49-year-old man presenting highlighting two hepatic pericapsular implants indicative of peritoneal carcinomatosis, marked by a pancreatic neoplasia with their high signal intensity and biconvex shape. These abnormalities, located on the right side of the eritoneal carcinomatosis liver, are positioned horizontally to the left and vertically at the bottom of the image, occupying Axial T2W TSE fat-suppressed about 1.5% of the area. The region of interest reveals these unusual features, contrasting with the MRI shows two hepatic normal liver texture and appearance. These hepatic implants are significant as they suggest a pericapsular implants of spread from the primary pancreatic neoplasia, indicating a direct relationship where the primary peritoneal carcinomatosis

Modality Structure ROI Detection Analysis

Med-Trinity-25M

(Ours)

disease has metastasized to adjacent organs, further complicating the patient's condition.

Lesion

(c) Qualitative Comparison with sample in radiology objects caption dataset ROCO [18].

Figure 1: Qualitative comparison with different types of dataset.

captions are less detailed compared to manual clinical reports, resulting in a lack of multigranular annotations. RadGenome-Chest CT [19] includes more detailed annotations, such as segmentation masks and medical reports generated by MLLMs. Nonetheless, its construction method still relies on paired image-text data, which limits its scalability. Unlike these existing methods, we devise the first automated data construction pipeline to generate multigranular annotations for unpaired images, achieving a comprehensive multigranular dataset with 25 million data samples.

## 3 MedTrinity-25M Dataset

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Structure Detection

#### 3.1 Data Triplet

ROCO

Our dataset comprises triplets of {image, ROI, description}. Each ROI is associated with an abnormality and is represented by a bounding box or a segmentation mask, specifying the relevant region within the image. For each image, we provide a multigranular textual description, which includes the disease/lesion type, modality, region-specific description, and inter-regional relationships as illustrated in Figure 2.

**Images.** We use the original medical image in the source dataset, we extensively collected medical datasets from the following sources: (1) online resources such as TCIA, Kaggle, Zenodo, Synapse, Hugging Face, Grand Challenge, GitHub, etc. (2) relevant medical dataset research, such as CheXpert [7] and DeepLesion [23]. These datasets were first categorized into two types: (1) datasets containing local annotations, such as MIMIC-CXR [8] with corresponding radiology reports, and PMC-OA [24] with corresponding captions, where the reports or captions provide analysis of specific local conditions in the images; another example is the 3D image segmentation dataset BraTS2024 [25], which marks the tumor regions in CT scans with masks. (2) datasets containing global annotations: such as image classification datasets ISIC2019 [26] and ISIC2020 [27], whose classification labels



Figure 2: **Data construction pipeline.** 1) Data processing: extracting essential information from collected data, including **metadata integration** to generate coarse caption, **ROI locating**, and **medical knowledge collection**. 2) Multigranular textual description generation: using this information to prompt MLLMs to generate fine-grained captions.

reflect the overall pathological condition of tissue sections; another example is the CheXpert [7] dataset, which provides detailed classification of disease types for each chest X-ray. We collect 25,001,668 samples spanning 10 modalities and over 65 diseases. For 3D volumetric images stored in DICOM or NIfTI formats, we converted each 2D slice to PNG format. Additional caption and annotations like masks and bounding boxes from these datasets were utilized to construct ROIs and corresponding textual descriptions as below.

**ROIs.** For each image, ROIs are highlighted using segmentation masks or bounding boxes. These ROIs mostly contain pathological findings such as lesions, inflammation, neoplasms, infections, or other potential abnormalities. In the few cases without abnormalities, the ROIs generally indicate the primary object or organ in the image, as shown in examples in the supplementary material.

**Textual Descriptions.** The textual descriptions for each image are provided with detailed information across various aspects. Unlike the unstructured free-text descriptions found in previous medical report datasets[7, 8, 6] or simple short sentences in visual QA dataset[28, 22] and caption dataset[18, 24], our textual descriptions are multigranular and structured. General attributes related to the image are described first, including the image modality, the specific organ depicted, and the type of disease presented. Subsequently, ROI-related information is provided, including their locations and the abnormal characteristics within them that indicate underlying pathology, such as distinctive color and texture. Additionally, comparisons between the ROIs and surrounding regions are presented to highlight differences in features and the extent of disease progression.

We also demonstrate the multigranular textual descriptions in our dataset with those in other common forms. As illustrated in Figure 1, our textual description is multigranular with more attributes than radiology report of chest x-rays dataset MIMIC-CXR [21], visual QA dataset SLAKE[22] and radiology objects caption dataset ROCO[18].

#### 3.2 Data Construction Pipeline

Given a medical image, we aim to generate corresponding multigranular visual and texual annotations by leveraging MLLMs. Specifically, as shown in Figure 2, our pipeline can be decomposed into two stages - **Data Processing** and **Generation of Multigranular Text Description**. In the **Data Processing** stage (Section 3.2.1), we address the lack of domain-specific knowledge in general-purpose MLLMs by leveraging expert grounding models and retrieval-augmented generation (RAG). This stage includes three key steps: 1) **Metadata Integration** to produce coarse captions encapsulating fundamental image information such as modality and disease types; 2) **ROI Locating** to identify



Figure 3: A qualitative comparison example of generated textual description with and without coarse caption. Without a coarse caption, MLLMs fails to detect diseases. On the contrary, providing a caption mentioning "COVID-19" allows MLLMs to identify and categorize the disease, facilitating further analysis.



Figure 4: A qualitative comparison example of generated textual description with and without locating ROIs. Without ROIs, the caption offers only a brief global analysis; with ROIs, MLLMs conducts detailed local analysis and assesses the impact of lesion ROIs on adjacent normal regions.

regions of abnormalities; and 3) **Medical Knowledge Retrieval** to extract relevant fine-grained medical details. Based on the processed data, we then prompt MLLMs to generate multigranular text descriptions, resulting in the creation of fine-grained captions, as detailed in Section 3.2.2.

#### 3.2.1 Data Processing

**Coarse Caption Generation via Metadata Integration.** We aim to generate coarse captions that provide fundamental information for a given image, including modality, organ labels, disease types, and optionally, camera views and equipment information. Instead of extracting features directly from the images, we generate these captions by integrating dataset metadata. We first extract metadata from the datasets and then apply a fixed rule to integrate this information into coarse captions. For example, for an image from the QaTa-COV19 dataset<sup>1</sup>, we derive metadata from the dataset's accompanying paper or documentation, indicating that it consists of COVID-19 chest X-ray images. Next, we construct coarse captions like "A chest X-ray image with COVID-19 in the lungs" highlighting the modality, organ types, and disease labels. If the image contains additional textual information like radiological findings, this is also integrated to enhance the richness of the caption. The effectiveness of adding coarse captions when generating fine-grained captions is illustrated in Figure 3. In contrast to the scenario without a coarse caption where MLLMs fails to recognize the disease, providing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://www.kaggle.com/aysendegerli/qatacov19-dataset.



Figure 5: A qualitative comparison example of generated textual description with and without external medical knowledge. MLLMs can standardize medical terminology in its expressions and refine its diagnosis based on disease progressions detailed in medical literature.



(a) Example of locating ROI via SAT[29].

(b) Example of locating ROI via BA-Transformer [30].



(c) Example of locating ROI via Chexmask [31].

Figure 6: Example of ROIs and their corresponding textual descriptions.

MLLMs with a coarse caption that includes the disease type "COVID-19" enables it to identify and categorize the disease, thereby laying the foundation for further analysis.

**ROI Locating.** We employ various strategies to locate Regions of Interest (ROIs) in images. For datasets that already include localization annotations, such as segmentation masks or bounding boxes, we derive the ROIs from these existing annotations. Specifically, bounding boxes are directly used as the ROIs, while segmentation masks are converted to ROIs by creating the smallest bounding box that covers the mask. When such localization annotations are not available, we apply different pretrained expert models listed in the Appendix to generate ROIs. For text-prompt driven grounding model[29], we use disease and organ information in coarse captions as text prompts to guide the model in segmenting specific parts. Examples of generated ROIs from various modalities with different models are demonstrated in Figure 6. It is important to note that for modalities such as X-ray and MRI scans viewed from the z-axis, our ROI localization employs a coordinate system relative to the human body, resulting in a left-right reversal in the image representation.

Without ROIs, the original description is limited to a brief global analysis of the image. However, with ROIs, MLLMs can perform a more detailed local analysis of the ROIs and assess the impact of lesion ROIs on the surrounding normal regions, as demonstrated in Figure 4.

Medical Knowledge Retrieval. General-purpose MLLMs often produce content that lacks specialized medical terminology and professional expression. To address this issue, we build a medical knowledge database following the approach in MedRAG [32]. We collect three main corpora: PubMed<sup>2</sup> for biomedical knowledge, StatPearls<sup>3</sup> for clinical decision support, and medical textbooks [33] for domain-specific knowledge. We segment these corpora into short snippets and encode them into high-dimensional vectors using the text encoder from Med-CPT [34]. These vectors are then indexed into a specialized vector knowledge base using Faiss[35], optimized for efficient retrieval.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>https://www.statpearls.com/

#### Knowledge 1:

Title: Mobile chest X-ray manifestations of 54 deceased patients with coronavirus disease 2019: Retrospective study.

Content: ...... We found that 50 (93%) patients with lesions occurred in the bilateral lung, 4 (7%) patients occurred in the right lung, 54 (100%) patients were multifocal involvement. The number of lung fields involved was 42 (78%) patients in 6 fields, 3 (6%) patients in 5 lung fields, 4 (7%) patients in 4 lung fields, and 5 (9%) patients in 3 lung fields. Fifty-three (98%) patients had patchy opacities, 3 (6%) patients had round or oval solid nodules, 9 (17%) patients had fibrous stripes, 13 (24%) patients had pleural effusion, 8 (15%) patients had pleural thickening, 6 (11%) patients had the progression of the lesions, 8 (33%) patients had no significant change of the lesions, and there was no case of reduction of the lesions. The mobile chest X-ray manifestations of deceased patients with COVID-19 were mostly bilateral lung, multifocal involvement, and extensive lung field, and pleural effusion, pleural thickening, and pneumothorax probably could be observed. The serial mobile chest X-ray showed that the chest lesions were progressive with a high probability.

Figure 7: **An example of the Top-8 retrieval results.** By leveraging COVID-19-related medical knowledge, MLLMs can standardize medical terminology and enhance diagnoses according to the disease progressions described in medical literature.

For a given image, we retrieve relevant medical knowledge by using its coarse caption, which is generated through metadata integration. Specifically, we encode the coarse captions, including disease and organ classifications, into vectors using the Med-CPT text encoder. We then perform a vector similarity search in the medical vector database, retrieving the top eight medical knowledge snippets that semantically match the query. These snippets provide the external medical knowledge paired with the image. A qualitative example demonstrating the effectiveness of incorporating external medical knowledge is shown in Figure 7. With access to COVID-19-related medical knowledge, MLLMs can standardize medical terminology and refine diagnoses based on the disease progressions outlined in medical literature.

#### 3.2.2 Generation of Multigranular Text Description

After data processing, a comprehensive prompt is utilized to guide the MLLMs in generating multigranular descriptions. The prompt template consists of a three-level hierarchical framework with questions to instruct MLLMs: (1) a global description that captures all details of the image (2) a local-focused analysis of specific ROIs that potentially are unusual; and (3) a local-global examination of the interaction between local and global attributes to understand the impact of local abnormalities on the entire organ. Detailed prompt template is presented in supplementary materials.

To ensure that the MLLMs are guided by relevant medical information not inherently present in their training data, we incorporate the processed data (coarse captions, ROIs, and retrieved medical knowledge) into the prompts. Specifically, for global information, coarse captions are directly integrated into the prompt. For local information, ROIs on images are converted into textual descriptions based on their coordinates and area ratio within the images. Examples of these textual descriptions are shown in Figure 6, using terms such as "left-center" and "area ratio: 1.2%".

To refine terminology and diagnosis within ROIs, relevant medical knowledge about specific diseases is incorporated into the prompt. Instead of merely inserting this knowledge, we instruct MLLMs to identify and align the relevant knowledge to ROIs that require analysis.

**Choice of MLLMs** We first prompt GPT-4V with the provided medical coarse captions, ROIs, and medical knowledge to generate a subset of 200,000 samples, maintaining a similar modality and organ distribution to our full 25 million dataset. The goal of curating this subset is to calibrate a medical knowledge-guided MLLM to adhere to the formatting instructions specified for our text. Subsequently, we employ our model, LLaVA-Med Captioner, which is based on LLAVA-Med [9], the state-of-the-art medical MLLM. To further improve this model, we leverage the latest LLaMA3[36] to enhance its linguistic capabilities, and incorporate multi-scale feature extraction [37] to improve its vision capabilities. LLaVA-Med Captioner undergoes continuous training on medical multimodal data and is fine-tuned using our multigranular annotations, resulting in a specialized medical model.

After fine-tuning, we then use this specialized model to generate the multigranular text descriptions on our entire dataset, resulting in 25 million image-ROI-description triplets. The fine-tuning process leverages the advanced language organization capabilities of GPT-4V, providing an effective template for fine-grained captions, which our model uses to learn the formatting of fine-grained captions. As a result, our model generates more detailed descriptions compared to GPT-4V, as illustrated in Figure 8. We also show a detailed quantitative comparison in appendix B in the supplementary material.

#### 3.3 Dataset Analysis

**Diversity** Our dataset encompasses a wide range of 10 imaging modalties, with more than 65 diseases across various anatomical structures in human. The distribution of Anatomical and biological



Figure 8: Qualitative Comparison with sample generated by GPT-4V. Compared to GPT-4V, our model generate more detailed caption.

Brain

Lung



Figure 9: Statistical overview of MedTrinity-25M.

structures in MedTrinity-25M is shown in Figure 9b. Meanwhile, the number of samples in the dataset for each modality are shown in Figure 9a, spanning from common ones with over 1 million samples each (CT, MRI, X-ray) to rare modalities(ultrasound, dermoscopy), demonstrating a much more balanced distribution compared to other large-scale dataset like SA-Med2D-20M[38], which only contain thousands of ultrasound and dermoscopy samples.

**Scale** Figure 9c shows the amount of our dataset, which is significantly larger than previous datasets. To the best of our knowledge, this is the largest open-source, multi-modal multigranular medical dataset to date.

**Diseases** The datasets involved in constructing MedTrinity-25M primarily focus on disease diagnosis and medical discovery. In MedTrinity-25M, diseases are given in the free-form text. The same disease may be referred to using different terms, allowing for elaborate identification and analysis. Figure 9d illustrates the frequently used words related to diseases in our dataset.

Dataset	Modalit	Lesion y Type	Lesion BBox/Mas	Color Texture sk Description	Region Relationship
MedMNIST [39]	×	$\checkmark$	x	×	X
DeepLesion [40]	$\checkmark$	X	$\checkmark$	X	×
BraTS 2024 [41]	$\checkmark$	X	$\checkmark$	×	×
MIMIC-CXR [21]	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×
Quilt-1M [10]	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
VQA-RAD [42]	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	X	$\checkmark$	×
CRC100K [43]	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	X	×	×
SA-Med2D-20M [44]	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	×
MedTrinity-25M(Ours	) 🗸	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

Table 1: Comparison of dataset types based

on provided attributes of annotations.



Figure 10: Comparison of the average word count of text descriptions.

Table 2: Comparison of alignment scores between our generated fine-grained captions and human annotations.

Score	SLAKE							
Score	Overall Modality	Modality	Structure Detection	ROI Analysis	Lesion Texture	Local-Global Relation		
Ours	8.2/10.0	2.0/2.0	1.7/2.0	1.8/2.0	1.6/2.0	1.1/2.0		

(a) Alignment	Scores of	1 SLAKE
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#### (b) Alignment Scores on MIMIC-CXR

Score	MIMIC-CXR							
Score	Overall Modality	Structure Detection	ROI Analysis	Lesion Texture	Local-Global Relation			
Ours	8.9/10.0	2.0/2.0	1.9/2.0	1.8/2.0	1.6/2.0	1.6/2.0		

**Richness** We provide both quantitative analysis and qualitative examples to show the richness of our generated multigranular compare to other medical dataset. Qualitative examples are shown in Figure 1, our textual description is multigranular with more attributes than radiology report of chest x-rays dataset MIMIC-CXR [21], visual QA dataset SLAKE[22] and radiology objects caption dataset ROCO[18]. To demonstrate the multi-granularity of our data, we compared the average word count of text descriptions in our dataset, MedTrinity-25M, with those in other medical datasets, as illustrated in Figure 10. The word count in our dataset is significantly higher, indicating greater richness.

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

Since the generated fine-grained captions 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 fine-grained captions 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.

We conducted an alignment study on SLAKE [22] and MIMIC-CXR [21], randomly selecting 50 samples to compare with fine-grained captions for evaluating alignment scores against human annotations. As shown in Table 2, the alignment scores were 8.2 and 8.9 for SLAKE and MIMIC-CXR, respectively. The criteria of modality, structure detection, and ROI analysis nearly achieved perfect scores, demonstrating the validity and accuracy of the generated data compared to human

Figure 11: 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.



4. Analysis of Abnormal Characteristics: - Report A describes moderate cardiomegaly, diffuse opacities in the right lung, potential pleural effusions, and left retrocardiac atelectasis, which are all consistent with the findings in report B and the image.- Score: 2 points

5. Comparison of Lesions and Surrounding Regions: - Report A compares the abnormalities in the left and right hemithorax and suggests a possible relationship with pleural effusions and atelectasis, which is consistent with the findings in report B and the image. - Score: 2 points Final scores: [2, 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.

annotations. An example of perfect alignment score results evaluated by GPT-4V is shown in Figure 11. In these examples, GPT-4V fully aligned with human annotations across all five criteria, resulting in perfect alignment scores.

The prompt used to query GPT-4V for evaluating the alignment score is shown in Figure 14 of supplementary.

#### LLaVA-Med++: Experimental Training with MedTrinity-25M 4

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 three biomedical VQA datasets: VQA-RAD [42], SLAKE [22] and PathVQA [45].

We initially pretrained LLaVA-Med++ using the methodology of LLaVA-Med [9] as our baseline. Subsequently, for each VQA dataset evaluation, we further pretrained our model on the corresponding MedTrinity-25M subset to achieve multigranular alignment. The model was then fine-tuned on VQA datasets for three epochs, with performance results presented in Table 3. A comparative experiment was conducted without pretraining on MedTrinity-25M, maintaining all other settings. Results clearly demonstrate that LLaVA-Med++ achieves state-of-the-art performance in two of the three VQA benchmarks and ranks third in the remaining one. Pretraining on MedTrinity-25M exhibits performance improvements of approximately 10.75% on VQA-RAD, 6.1% on SLAKE, and 13.25% on PathVQA compared to the model trained without pretraining on it. This enhancement underscores the efficacy of pretraining on MedTrinity-25M for downstream multimodal medical tasks, particularly in visual question answering.

		VQA-RA	D		SLAKE	C		PathVQ	4
Method	Ref	Open	Closed	Ref	Open	Closed	Ref	Open	Closed
Supervised finet-tuning result	ts with a	our own experie	ment runs						
GPT-4V [2]		39.5	78.9		33.6	43.6		-	-
LLaVA		50.0	65.1		78.2	63.2		7.7	63.2
LLaVA-Med		55.5	66.5		70.6	54.5		35.9	89.2
LLaVA-Med++(Ours, w/o)		64.6	77.0		79.3	84.0		55.0	94.0
LLaVA-Med++(Ours, w/)		<b>77.1</b> (+12.5)	<b>86.0</b> (+9.0)		<b>86.2</b> (+ 6.9)	<b>89.3</b> (+ 5.3)		<b>66.5</b> (+11.5)	<b>99.0</b> (+ 5.0)
Representative & SoTA metho	ods with	h numbers repo	rted in the lite	erature					
VL Encoder–Decoder [46]	71.5		82.5				71.5		85.6
Q2ATransformer [47]	79.2		81.2				54.9		88.9
Prefix T. Medical LM [48]				84.3		82.0	40.0		87.0
PubMedCLIP [49]	60.1		80.0	78.4		82.5			
BiomedCLIP [50]	67.6		79.8	82.1		89.7			
M2I2 [51]	66.5		83 5	747		91.1	36.3		88.0

Table 3: **Comparison with Existing Supervised Methods.The notation w/ and w/o indicate models with and without pretraining on MedTrinity-25M, respectively.** Employing multigranular alignment pretraining on MedTrinity-25M, LLaVA-Med++achieves state-of-the-art performance in two of the three VQA benchmarks and ranks third in the remaining one. Our model surpasses both multimodal large language models and other representative SoTA approaches.

#### 5 Conclusion

This paper introduces MedTrinity-25M, a large-scale multimodal medical dataset comprising over 25 million image-ROI-description triplets sourced from more than 90 online resources, spanning 10 modalities and covering over 65 diseases. Unlike existing dataset construction methods that rely on image-text pairs, we have developed the first automated pipeline to scale up multimodal data by generating multigranular visual and textual annotations from unpaired image inputs, leveraging expert grounding models, retrieval-augmented generation techniques, and advanced MLLMs. MedTrinity-25M's enriched annotations have the potential to support a wide range of multimodal tasks, such as captioning, report generation, classification, and segmentation, as well as facilitate the large-scale pre-training of multimodal medical AI models.

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## Appendix

### **Supplementary material**

We present the following items in the supplementary material section:

- 1. Data source about MedTrinity-25M. (Section A)
- 2. Quantitative comparison between GPT-4V and LLaVA-Med Captioner (Section B).
- 3. Example of ROI for normal regions (Section C).
- 4. The list of expert ROI models (Section D).
- 5. Prompt for evaluating MedTrinity-25M alignment with human annotations (Section E).
- 6. Prompt for generating MedTrinity-25M. (Section F).
- 7. A Datasheet [52] for MedTrinity-25M (Section G).

### A Data Source

Table 4: Data sources for MedTrinity-25M from various medical image datasets, detailing their modalities, biological structures, quantities, and annotations.

Dataset Name	Modality	Biological Structures	Quantity	Text	Disease Type	BBox	Mask
BHX[53]	MRI	brain	973908	X	X	X	$\checkmark$
BRATS24-MICCAI[54]	MRI	brain	2535132	X	X	$\checkmark$	X
BRATS-ISBI[55]	MRI	brain	987340	X	X	$\checkmark$	X
breast histopathology[56, 57]	Histopathology	breast	547403	X	$\checkmark$	X	X
BreastCancer[58]	Histopathology	breast	1824	X	X	$\checkmark$	X
CheXpert[7]	X-Ray	lung	183242	X	$\checkmark$	X	X
CISC[59]	Histopathology	Adrenal, Bile duct, Bladder, Breast, Colon, Cervix, Esophagus Kidney, Liver,etc	16285	x	V	~	x
CPD[60]	Histopathology	skin	204	X	X	$\checkmark$	X
CT-RATE[61]	СТ	lung, liver, mediastinum, kidney, heart, etc.	3869640	~	x	x	x
DeepLesion[40]	СТ	bone, abdomen, mediastinum, liver, lung, kidney, soft tissue, pelvis	2889672	×	×	×	~

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FLARE23[62]	СТ	kidney, spleen, pancreas, Aorta, adrenal gland, Gallbladder, esophagus, stomach, dundenum etc	13770	x	V	V	x
ihc4bc[63]	Microscopy	cell	102535	X	$\checkmark$	X	X
KIPA22[64, 65, 66, 67]	СТ	kidney, cervix	26878	x	×	~	x
LLaVA-Med[68]	CT, MR, Endoscopy, X-Ray, Ultrasound, Histopathology Dermoscopy, Microscopy, Fundus, PET	cell, rib, tissue, face, brain, ,vascular, liver, bone, lymph, etc.	22550	V	x	x	x
LLD-MMRI[69]	MRI	liver	21523	X	X	$\checkmark$	X
MAMA-MIA[70]	MRI	breast	316113	X	X	$\checkmark$	X
MIMIC-CXR-JPG[8]	X-Ray	lung	240506	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	X	$\checkmark$
NCT-CRC-HE-100K[43]	Histopathology	colon	100361	X	$\checkmark$	X	X
NIH-CXR[71, 72, 73]	X-Ray	lung	986	X	X	X	$\checkmark$
PadChest[6]	СТ	lung	96284	$\checkmark$	X	X	X
PatchGastricADC22[74]	MRI	brain	98399	X	$\checkmark$	X	X
Path-VQA training[45]	Pathology	gastrointestinal colon, appendix, pinworm,etc.	, 13375	~	~	×	×
PMC-OA[24]	CT, MR, Endoscopy, X-Ray, Ultrasound, Histopathology Dermoscopy, Microscopy, Fundus, PET	cell, tissue, vascular, brain, bone, 'liver, lymph, eye, epithelium, etc.	856999	~	×	×	×
PMC-VQA[28]	C1, MR, Endoscopy, X-Ray, Ultrasound, Histopathology Dermoscopy, Microscopy, Fundus, PET	cen, brain, tissue, artery, bone, ,face, rib, vascular, liver, eye, etc. brain, breast	144999	✓	×	×	x
PTCGA[75]	Histopathology	uterine corpus, kidney, lung, thyroid	3293965	×	<b>√</b>	✓	×

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Dataset Name	Modality	Biological Structures	Quantity	Text	Disease Type	BBox	Mask
Quilt-1M[10]	Histopathology	skin, lung, soft tissue, blood, kidney, bone, etc.	643819	~	×	×	x
SAMMed-20M[44]	X-Ray, PET, CT, MR, Endoscopy, dermoscopy	brain, kidney, liver, lung, pancreas, pulmonary, hepatic, skin, etc.	5491274	x	~	~	x
SLAKE training[22]	CT, MRI, X-Ray	brain, liver, kidney, pelvic, lung	646	~	V	$\checkmark$	×
TCGA[75]	Histopathology	tissue	1142221	X	X	$\checkmark$	X
ULS23	CT	lung, lymph nodes, bladder, brain, colon, kidney, lung, pancreas.	105669	x	×	~	×
VALSET[76]	Histopathology	oesophagus, stomach	277565	x	~	×	×
VQA-RAD training[77]	X-Ray, MRI	brain, lung, abdomen,etc.	1758	$\checkmark$	~	×	×
Total			25016845				

## B 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 [9], called LLaVA-Med++. This enhancement leverages the latest LLaMA3 [36] to boost linguistic capabilities and incorporates multi-scale feature extraction [37] 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 12, 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 fine-grained captions for our entire MedTrinity-25M.

Figure 12: Qualitative comparison of the relative average word count of samples generated by LLaVA-Med++ and GPT-4V.

LLaVA-Med++	103.6%	
GPT-4V	100.0%	

(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.



Table 5: List of expert models used to generate ROIs for different datasets.

ID	Dataset Name	Model			
1	breast histopathology				
2	BreastCancer				
3	CISC				
4	CPD				
5	NCT-CRC-HE-100K	HoverNet [78]			
6	PTCGA	HoverNet [78]			
7	TCGA				
8	VALSET				
9	ihc4bc				
10	Quilt-1M				
11	CT-RATE	SAT [29]			
12	PMC-OA				
13	PMC-VQA				
14	LLaVA-Med	DINO [79]			
15	Path-VQA training				
16	PadChest				
17	MIMIC-CXR-JPG	CheXmask [80] [31]			
18	CheXpert				

### **C** 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 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 13.

## D 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 5.

#### **E** Evaluation Prompt of Alignment to Human Annotations

The prompt used to query GPT-4V for evaluating the alignment score is shown in Figure 14.

Figure 14: Prompt used to evaluate the alignment of generated fine-grained captions.

# 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 (Report 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 obtil. 2 point - Mentioned in one: 1 point
- Not mentioned in either: 0 points
- Description of the second seco

- 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.

#### Prompting MLLMs to generate multigranular textual description

caption\_template = Template("<image>

'Caption of the image': {{caption}}

`Disease or organ`:{{disease}}

`Specific position`:{{descs}}

`Knowledge`:{{knowledge}}}

You are provided with a biomedical image from a medical dataset, the disease type (or organ na me if there is no disease) of the dataset(`Disease or organ`), the medical Knowledge of the diseas e(`Knowledge`) and a coarse caption(`Caption`) of the image.In addition, the green bounding bo x and its specific position in the image(`Specific position`) are given, indicating appearance of dis ease. If no green bounding box, there is no disease.

Your task is to answer the following questions based on the image, green bounding box, caption, disease type and disease knowledge, and condense your answers into caption-styled text. ### question1

Give me a detailed description of the image, including type of the image,organs in the image,app roximate location of these organs and relavant locations of these organs and any medical devices (if present) visible in the image as detailedly as possible.

Note when answering question1:

1. Not all disease knowledge is relevant to this image; only utilize disease knowledge pertinent t o the condition depicted in this image for analysis.

2. The coarse caption may not explicitly describe the image, for example, there may appear multi ple organs in the caption. You should utilize your knowledge to figure out the most ONE organ a nd ONE disease to give your description.

3. Your answer should not contain anything about the green bounding box like the contour itself and its outline.

4. Do not explain or emphasize your analysis.

### question2

Specify the specific location of the green bounding box in the image and its relative position to o ther reference objects in the image.Describe what is unusual in the green bounding box indicatin g the disease (color,texture,size and other features).

Note when answering question2:

1. "specific location" is the given parameter `Specific position` but "relative position" is not provided.

2. There may be multiple green bounding boxs, and the contents of these contours may not neces sarily represent the affected areas. Therefore, you need to first answer the questions based on the contents within each green bounding box. Afterward, analyze the location of the disease based o n your answers.

3. Do not use phrase "green bounding box" in your response, use "region of interest" as a substitu tion. Do not contain phrases "caption", "medical annotation", "medical knowledge".

4. Do not say anything that is not needed in your analysis, like introduction of the disease and me dical equipments.

5. Do not explain or emphasize your analysis.

### question3

What may be the relationship between the content in the green bounding box and other regions (others being cause of the disease/jointly affected by the diseases/one affect the others/relative p ositional relationships)?Why and is it possible?

Note when answering question3:

1. Utilize external knowledge, if possible, to choose relationships and give necessary analysis.

2. You can only give an explanation to your choice within two sentence.

3. Do not summarize what you've said.

4. Do not emphasize your analysis.

### Integrate Information

Describe your answers in a descriptive sentence, not in a"Question-Answer" style. Combine and s lightly shorten your answers to the above three questions into a coherent text, keeping as much in formation of your answers as possible.

Note when integrating information and outputing your response:

1. Don't respond saying you're unable to assist with requests.

2. You should only output your combined and shorteded text.

prompt = caption\_template.render([caption,disease,knowledge,loc\_descs])

#### F 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.

appendix F 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, detailing 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.

## G Datasheet for MedTrinity-25M

In this section, we present a DataSheet [52] for MedTrinity-25M, synthesizing many of the other analyses we performed in this paper.

- 1. Motivation For Datasheet Creation
  - Why was the dataset created? The dataset was created to provide a large-scale, multimodal, multigranular medical dataset to support a wide range of multimodal tasks such as captioning, report generation, classification, and segmentation. It aims to facilitate large-scale pre-training of multimodal medical AI models by providing enriched annotations from unpaired image inputs.
  - Has the dataset been used already? Yes. Multigranular annotations enable a wide range of tasks like Medical Visual Question Answering, which we discuss in Section 4.
  - What (other) tasks could the dataset be used for? The MedTrinity-25M dataset could be used for multiple medical imaging tasks such as classification, segmentation, detection, and medical report generation. Its extensive and detailed annotations make it suitable for training and evaluating machine learning models across these tasks.
  - Who funded dataset creation? This work is partially supported by the OpenAI Researcher Access Program, AWS Cloud Credit for Research Program, TPU Research Cloud (TRC) program and Google Cloud Research Credits program.
- 2. Data composition
  - What are the instances? Each instance in the dataset is a triplet consisting of an image, a Region of Interest (ROI), and a multigranular textual description. The ROI is associated with abnormalities and represented by bounding boxes or segmentation masks.
  - How many instances are there? The dataset comprises over 25 million image-ROI-description triplets sourced from more than 90 online resources, spanning 10 modalities and covering over 65 diseases.
  - What data does each instance consist of? Each instance consists of a medical image, a corresponding ROI (highlighting abnormalities within the image), and a detailed, multigranular textual description that includes disease/lesion type, modality, region-specific description, and inter-regional relationships.
  - Is there a label or target associated with each instance? Yes, the textual description serves as a detailed label or target, providing information about the disease or lesion type, as well as other relevant medical details.
  - Is any information missing from individual instances? No.
  - Are relationships between individual instances made explicit? Not applicable we do not study relationships between disparate medical samples.
  - Does the dataset contain all possible instances or is it a sample?
  - Our generation pipeline includes all instances collected from available medical data sources. However, the current list of medical dataset sources is not exhaustive, indicating a high probability of collecting additional instances in the future.

- Are there recommended data splits (e.g., training, development/validation, testing)? There are no recommended data splits, as this data was curated mainly for pretraining rather than evaluation.
- Are there any errors, sources of noise, or redundancies in the dataset? If so, please provide a description. Yes. Despite multiple efforts to minimize errors using coarse captions and external medical knowledge, the textual descriptions generated by MLLMsmay still contain inaccuracies.
- Is the dataset self-contained, or does it link to or otherwise rely on external resources (e.g., websites, tweets, other datasets)? The dataset is largely self-contained. However, it was constructed using data from over 90 online resources such as TCIA, Kaggle, Zenodo, and Synapse. The images and related data were collected from these sources, but the dataset itself does not rely on external resources like websites or tweets for its primary functionality once compiled.

#### 3. Collection Process

- What mechanisms or procedures were used to collect the data? The data collection involved an automated pipeline that scales up multimodal data by generating multigranular visual and textual annotations from unpaired images. Data was collected from over 90 different sources, preprocessed, and grounded using domain-specific expert models to identify ROIs related to abnormal regions.
- How was the data associated with each instance acquired? Was the data directly observable (e.g., raw text, movie ratings), reported by subjects (e.g., survey responses), or indirectly inferred/derived from other data?

The data associated with each instance was indirectly inferred and derived from the collected images using domain-specific expert models and multimodal large language models (MLLMs). The images were annotated with bounding boxes, segmentation masks, and textual descriptions, transforming them into image-ROI-description triplets.

- If the dataset is a sample from a larger set, what was the sampling strategy (e.g., deterministic, probabilistic with specific sampling probabilities)? The dataset is not a sample from a larger set but an extensive collection aggregated from multiple datasets and online sources. The strategy was to include as many diverse images and annotations as possible from a wide range of medical datasets.
- Who was involved in the data collection process (e.g., students, crowdworkers, contractors) and how were they compensated (e.g., how much were crowdworkers paid)? Data collection was primarily done by the co-authors of this paper.
- Over what timeframe was the data collected? Does this timeframe match the creation timeframe of the data associated with the instances (e.g., recent crawl of old news articles)? If not, please describe the timeframe in which the data associated with the instances was created. The data was collected from April 2024 to June 2024.

#### 4. Data Preprocessing

- Was any preprocessing/cleaning/labeling of the data done (e.g., discretization or bucketing, tokenization, part-of-speech tagging, SIFT feature extraction, removal of instances, processing of missing values)? Extensive preprocessing and annotation were performed, including segmentation, bounding box creation, and generating multigranular textual descriptions. The preprocessing also involved integrating metadata and knowledge retrieval from sources like PubMed to create comprehensive descriptions.
- Was the "raw" data saved in addition to the preprocessed/cleaned/labeled data (e.g., to support unanticipated future uses)? If so, please provide a link or other access point to the 'raw' data. The raw data was saved, but at this time we do not plan to release it directly due to copyright and privacy concerns.
- Is the software used to preprocess/clean/label the instances available? If so, please provide a link or other access point. The software for preprocessing and labeling, including the automated pipeline and MLLMs, is available at https://github.com/yunfeixie233/ DataProcessingSystem.
- Does this dataset collection/processing procedure achieve the motivation for creating the dataset stated in the first section of this datasheet? If not, what are the limitations? Yes. The preprocessing and collection procedures align with the motivation of creating a comprehensive, large-scale multimodal dataset to support the development of advanced medical AI models. The dataset's multigranular annotations enable a wide range of tasks like Medical Visual Question Answering, which we discuss in Section 4.
- 5. Dataset Distribution

- How will the dataset be distributed? The dataset is publicly available and can be accessed via the provided link: MedTrinity-25M https://yunfeixie233.github.io/MedTrinity-25M/.
- When will the dataset be released/first distributed? What license (if any) is it distributed under? We will release it as soon as possible, using a permissible license for research-based use.
- Are there any copyrights on the data? We believe our use is 'fair use,' however, due to an abundance of caution, we will not be releasing any of the videos themselves.
- Are there any fees or access restrictions? No.
- 6. Dataset Maintenance
  - Who is supporting/hosting/maintaining the dataset? The first authors of this paper.
  - Will the dataset be updated? If so, how often and by whom? We do not plan to update it at this time.
  - Is there a repository to link to any/all papers/systems that use this dataset? Not right now, but we encourage anyone who uses the dataset to cite our paper so it can be easily found.
  - If others want to extend/augment/build on this dataset, is there a mechanism for them to do so? Not at this time.
- 7. Legal and Ethical Considerations
  - Were any ethical review processes conducted (e.g., by an institutional review board)? No official processes were done, as our research is not on human subjects, however, because the dataset is in the medical domain we had significant internal discussions and deliberations when choosing the scraping strategy.
  - Does the dataset contain data that might be considered confidential? The dataset does not contain data that might be considered confidential, as it uses publicly available sources and anonymized medical data.
  - Does the dataset contain data that, if viewed directly, might be offensive, insulting, threatening, or might otherwise cause anxiety? If so, please describe why? The dataset does not contain data that might be offensive, insulting, threatening, or anxiety-inducing. It consists of medical images and associated annotations for clinical and research use.
  - **Does the dataset relate to people?** The dataset relates to people as it involves medical images and data. However, it is anonymized and does not include identifiable information.
  - Does the dataset identify any subpopulations (e.g., by age, gender)? Not explicitly (e.g. through labels)
  - Is it possible to identify individuals (i.e., one or more natural persons), either directly or indirectly (i.e., in combination with other data) from the dataset? The dataset does not identify specific subpopulations directly in the provided description. Additionally, it is not possible to identify individuals from the dataset as it is anonymized and compiled from various sources.