

Post-hoc Uncertainty Quantification for QT Interval Measurements with Ensembles of Electrocardiographic Leads and Deep Models

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Electrocardiogram (ECG)

- Electrical activity of the heart
- 12 standard **leads**: same activity sensed from a different spatial viewpoint



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• QT monitoring guidelines to anticipate TdP risk (American Heart Association)

Automated QT interval measurement

• Deep learning approach



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Can we leverage the **diversity in multi-lead ECGs** $X_t = \{x_t^l\}_{l=\{1,\dots,L\}}$ to approximate $p_{\theta}(QT|X_t, D)$?

Proposed post-hoc UQ method

Training of a cross-validation ensemble



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- **UQ-ELM** (UQ using an Ensemble of Leads and Models): $k \times L$ estimates $f_{\theta_k}(x_t^l)$
- **UQ-EL** (UQ using an Ensemble of Leads): *L* estimates $f_{\theta}(x_t^l)$, with $f_{\theta} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k f_{\theta_k}$

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- With LASCP, construct adaptative PIs by further splitting D_{calib} into:
 - D_1 to fit residual (error) predictor r(x)
 - D_2 to compute q, the 90th percentile of the new non-conformity scores $\frac{|y-f(x)|}{r(x)}$

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Experimental setup

- **12-lead** ECGs from 2 drug safety clinical studies^{8,9} (available at PhysioNet.org)
- Patient-stratified **5-fold** cross-validation of ResNet
- LASCP residual predictor r(x) r: Gradient boosting regressor
 x: ResNet-extracted ECG features

Dataset	Purpose	Subjects/12-lead ECGs	
S1a	Cross-validation	22/2056	
S1b	LASCP (and evaluation of UQ-ELM/EL)	14/2014 (D ₁) 8/1149 (D ₂)	[8] Johannesen, et al., <i>Clin Pharmacol The</i> [9] Johannesen, et al., <i>Clin Pharmacol The</i>
S2	Evaluation (UQ-ELM/EL, LASCP)	22/4211	

Good coverage-based calibration

Coverage ideally $\approx 100(1 - \alpha)\%$





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MW: Mean PI Width MAD: Mean Absolute Deviation



90% PIs (lpha=0.1)

Dataset	Method	Coverage	MW (ms)	MAD (ms)
S1b	UQ-ELM	95%	43.91	9.81
	UQ-EL	82%	29.49	7.20
S2	UQ-ELM	90%	40.47	3.26
	UQ-EL	77%	28.27	3.95
	LASCP	82%	28.67	3.50

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Take-away

By leveraging the inherent diversity in health time series, we could build simple and reliable UQ tools

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Thanks !

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