

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Statement

Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) hold tremendous promise in enabling scientific breakthroughs and discoveries in diverse areas. I investigate applied machine learning with a current focus on networked systems that require infusing structure and domain knowledge. This research is theoretically grounded and spans several areas of machine learning. My research strategy is to create foundational models (e.g., pre-trained models, self-supervised models, general-purpose models, multi-purpose models, and multi-modal models) that are trained on broad data at scale and can be adapted to a range of downstream tasks. This research opens up new avenues for understanding network and disease biology, developing safe and effective medicines, and can impact the way predictive modeling is performed today at the fundamental level.

My research realizes a scientific approach that consists of: (i) inventing ways to infuse domain knowledge and structure into complex and multi-scale datasets to reduce uncertainty and enable generalization to entirely new scenarios not seen during training; (ii) developing methods that produce actionable and trustworthy representations and can reason over massive datasets; and (iii) translating machine learning research into innovative applications.

My research contributions are exemplified by publications in top-tier machine learning and data mining venues; top-tier bioinformatics and computational biology venues; Best Paper and Research Awards from the International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB); International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML); Bayer Early Excellence in Science Award; Amazon Research Faculty Award; Roche Alliance with Distinguished Scientists Award; and two Rising Star Awards from MIT Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) and The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, being the only young scientist who received such recognition in both EECS and Biomedicine.

My algorithms and methods have had a tangible impact, which has garnered interests of government, academic, and industry researchers and has put new tools in the hands of practitioners. Along with the scientific advances, as a scientist and engineer, I also release open-source tools and AI-ready datasets that the research community can immediately use and build upon.

Academic Position

Harvard University, USA December 2019-
Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Informatics
Associate Member, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard
Faculty Affiliate, Harvard Data Science Initiative

Education

Stanford University, USA 2016-2019
Postdoctoral Research Scholar
Department of Computer Science
Advisor: Prof. Jure Leskovec
Biohub Postdoctoral Research Fellow

University of Ljubljana, Slovenia 2012-2015
Ph.D. in Computer Science
Department of Computer and Information Science
Advisor: Prof. Blaz Zupan
Committee: Peter Semrl, Igor Kononenko, Saso Dzeroski, Florian Markowetz

summa cum laude (GPA 10.00/10)

Jozef Stefan Golden Emblem

Stanford University, Department of Computer Science, USA 2014

Research Fellow with Prof. Jure Leskovec

Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, USA 2013-2014

Predoctoral Fellow with Prof. Gad Shaulsky and Prof. Adam Kuspa

Imperial College London, Department of Computing, UK 2012

Research Student with Prof. Natasa Przulj

University of Toronto, Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research, Canada 2012

Research Student with Prof. Charles Boone

University of Ljubljana, Slovenia 2008-2012

B.Sc. in Computer Science and Mathematics

Department of Computer and Information Science

Department of Mathematics and Physics

summa cum laude (GPA 10.00/10)

University of Ljubljana Prešeren Award

Selected Honors

- ◇ **ELLIS Scholar**, elected by ELLIS Society, European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems 2021
- ◇ **Roche Alliance with Distinguished Scientists (ROADS) Award** 2021
- ◇ **AstraZeneca Research Award** 2021
- ◇ **Best Paper Award, Interpretable ML in Healthcare, Int'l Conf. on Machine Learning (ICML)** 2021
- ◇ **Best Poster Award, Computational Biology, Int'l Conf. on Machine Learning (ICML)** 2021
- ◇ **Amazon Research Faculty Award** 2021
- ◇ **Bayer Early Excellence in Science Award** 2020
- ◇ **Next Generation in Biomedicine**, 20 awardees worldwide, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard 2018
- ◇ **Rising Star in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science**, 60 awardees in North America, MIT 2018
- ◇ **National Guest Scholar** at Stanford Clinical Excellence Research Center (CERC), invited to teach the CERC fellows about data science 2018
- ◇ **Jozef Stefan Golden Emblem**, Highest national award for Ph.D. dissertation in natural sciences, medicine, and biotechnology, a maximum of 3 prizes are awarded for theses in the last 3 years 2017
- ◇ **Nominated for the Best European Doctoral Dissertation in Artificial Intelligence** by the European Association for Artificial Intelligence 2016
- ◇ **National Award for Early Graduation from PhD**, 2 years and 10 months after my B.Sc. degree 2015
- ◇ **DREAM Olfaction Prediction Challenge**, Competition on predicting how a molecule smells from its physical and chemical features; rank: 3/19 and invited as a co-author on a *Science* paper 2015
- ◇ **University of Ljubljana Outstanding Research Award**, Highest research award given to 10 out of 40,000 researchers 2015
- ◇ **Best Poster Award** at the 11th Basel Computational Biology Conference (BC²15), awarded to 2 posters out of several hundred at the conference 2015
- ◇ **Google Anita Borg & Grace Hopper Fellowship**, 1 out of 20 winners worldwide 2014
- ◇ **Best Paper Award for Outstanding Research** in Critical Assessment of Massive Data Analysis at the 23rd International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB) 2014
- ◇ **Heidelberg Laureate Forum**, Young researcher at the forum of Turing, Fields, Nevanlinna, and Abel Prize laureates; 1 out of 100 computer science graduate students worldwide 2014
- ◇ **Best Poster Award** at the 18th Annual International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology (RECOMB'14), awarded to 2 posters out of several hundred at the conference 2014

- ◇ **Winner of the BioNLP Gene Regulation Network Challenge**, Competition on gene regulatory network inference; rank: 1/30 and invited to give a talk at the 51st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL'13) 2013
- ◇ **Best Paper Award for Outstanding Research** in Critical Assessment of Massive Data Analysis at the 22nd International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB) 2013
- ◇ **Winner of the Biomedical Literature Search Competition**, Competition on classifying biomedical research literature; rank: 1/126 and invited to give a talk at the 7th Joint Rough Set Symposium (JRS'12) 2012
- ◇ *EMC Israel Data Science Challenge*, Competition on classifying programming code from open-source projects; rank: 2/91 and awarded a prize of \$10,000 2012
- ◇ *University of Ljubljana Prešeren Award*, Highest university award for students given to 10 out of 40,000 students 2012
- ◇ *University of Ljubljana Best Student Award*, Highest research award given to 10 students nationwide 2011
- ◇ **Google Anita Borg Scholarship**, 1 out of 20 winners in Europe, Google 2011
- ◇ *Outstanding Student Award*, 4 times awarded as the best student in the class of 300 (based on average grade) at the University of Ljubljana 2009–2012
- ◇ *Swiss Talent Forum*, Young researcher at the Meeting of Nobel Laureates; 1 out of 60 students in Europe 2009
- ◇ *19th European Union Contest for Young Scientists*, Prize for a chemical Strunz classification of the largest national collection of minerals and rocks 2007
- ◇ *First-prize Winner of the Year* for research on the impact of EU accession on technology, Hewlett-Packard 2007

Publications

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6th most-read paper in Bioinformatics (source: [Altmetric by Oxford University Press](#)).
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I led all computational analyses in this project.
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- [49] M. M. Usaj*, M. Brloznic*, P. Kaferle*, **M. Zitnik**, H. Wolinski, F. Leitner, S. D. Kohlwein, B. Zupan, U. Petrovic. Genome-Wide Localization Study of Yeast Pex11 Identifies Peroxisome-Mitochondria Interactions through the ERMES Complex. *Journal of Molecular Biology*, 427, 11:2072-2087, 2015. (*first co-authors)

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- [47] **M. Zitnik**, B. Zupan. Data Imputation in Epistatic MAPs by Network-Guided Matrix Completion. *Journal of Computational Biology*, 22, 6:595-608, 2015.

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Oral presentation at ISMB 2014.

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The computer science department award for outstanding research.

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- [39] C. Agarwal, M. Zitnik, H. Lakkaraju. Towards a Rigorous Theoretical Analysis and Evaluation of GNN Explanations. Proceedings of International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics, AISTATS, 25, 2022.

- [38] Q. Wang, K. Huang, P. Chandak, N. Gehlenborg, **M. Zitnik**. Interactive Visual Explanations for Deep Drug Repurposing. Proceedings of the International Conference on Machine Learning, ICML, Workshop on Interpretable ML in Healthcare, 2021.

Best Paper Award

- [37] M.M. Li, **M. Zitnik**. Deep Contextual Learners for Protein Networks. Proceedings of the International Conference on Machine Learning, ICML, Workshop on Computational Biology, 2021.

Best Poster Award

- [36] K. Huang, T. Fu, W. Gao, Y. Zhao, Y. Roohani, J. Leskovec, C.W. Coley, C. Xiao, J. Sun, **M. Zitnik**. Therapeutics Data Commons: Machine Learning Datasets and Tasks for Drug Discovery and Development.

- Proceedings of Neural Information Processing Systems, NeurIPS Datasets and Benchmarks, 35, 2021.
- [35] C. Agarwal, H. Lakkaraju, **M. Zitnik**. Towards a Unified Framework for Fair and Stable Graph Representation Learning. Proceedings of International Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence, UAI, 37, 2021.
- [34] E. Alsentzer, S.G. Finlayson, M.M. Li, **M. Zitnik**. Subgraph Neural Networks. Proceedings of Neural Information Processing Systems, NeurIPS, 34, 2020.
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- [28] R. Ying, D. Bourgeois, J. You, **M. Zitnik**, J. Leskovec. GNN Explainer: Generating Explanations for Graph Neural Networks. In Proceedings of Neural Information Processing Systems, NeurIPS, 33, 2019.
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- [26] C. Donnat, **M. Zitnik**, D. Hallac, J. Leskovec. Learning Structural Node Embeddings via Diffusion Wavelets. In ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, KDD, 2018.
- [25] M. Agrawal*, **M. Zitnik***, J. Leskovec. Large-Scale Analysis of Disease Pathways in the Human Interactome. In Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing, 23:111-122, 2018. (**first co-authors*)
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- [23] **M. Zitnik**, B. Zupan. Large-Scale Data Fusion. In Minisymposia at 37th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology, EMBC, 2015.
- [22] **M. Zitnik**, B. Zupan. Survival Regression by Data Fusion. In International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology, ISMB, CAMDA, 2014.
Best paper award for outstanding research at ISMB/CAMDA 2014.
- [21] **M. Zitnik**, B. Zupan. Imputation of Quantitative Genetic Interactions in Epistatic MAPs by Interaction Propagation Matrix Completion. In Proceedings of 18th Annual International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology, RECOMB, 8394:448-462, 2014.
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- [13] **M. Zitnik**, J. Leskovec. Predicting Multicellular Function Through Multi-Layer Tissue Networks. 25th International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology, ISMB/ECCB, 2017.
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Summa cum laude.
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- [1] **M. Zitnik**. Learning by Fusing Heterogeneous Data, Ph.D. Thesis, University of Ljubljana, 2015.
Summa cum laude.
Jozef Stefan Golden Emblem.
Nominated for the Best European Doctoral Dissertation in Artificial Intelligence by the European Association for Artificial Intelligence.

**Symposium &
Workshop
Organizer**

- ◇ Towards Precision Medicine with Graph Representation Learning
30th International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology, ISMB, 2022
- ◇ Graph Learning Benchmarks
The Web Conference, WWW, 2022
- ◇ Trustworthy AI for Healthcare

- 36th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, AAAI, 2022
- ◇ AI for Science: Mind the Gaps
35th International Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems, NeurIPS, 2021
- ◇ International Workshop on AI in Health: Transferring and Integrating Knowledge for Better Health
The Web Conference, WWW, 2021
- ◇ Trustworthy AI for Healthcare
35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, AAAI, 2021
- ◇ National Symposium on Drug Repurposing for Future Pandemics
Harvard, Stanford & National Science Foundation Symposium, 2020
- ◇ PhD Forum
European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases, ECML-PKDD, 2020
- ◇ Graph Representation Learning and Beyond
37th International Conference on Machine Learning, ICML, 2020
- ◇ Representation Learning on Graphs and Manifolds
7th International Conference on Learning Representations, ICLR, 2019
- ◇ Machine Learning for Drug Development
29th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, IJCAI, 2020
- ◇ Deep Learning for Network Biology
26th International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology, ISMB, 2018
- ◇ Large-Scale Data Fusion by Collective Matrix Factorization
11th Basel Computational Biology Conference, BC², 2015
- ◇ Biomedical Data Fusion
37th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, EMBC, 2015

Datasets

- ◇ **M. Zitnik**, R. Susic, S. Maheshwari, J. Leskovec. BioSNAP Datasets: Stanford Biomedical Network Dataset Collection. <http://snap.stanford.edu/biodata>, 2018.
- ◇ K. Huang, T. Fu, W. Gao, Y. Zhao, Y. Roohani, J. Leskovec, C.W. Coley, C. Xiao, J. Sun, **M. Zitnik**. Therapeutics Data Commons: Machine Learning Datasets and Tasks for Drug Discovery and Development. <https://tdcommons.ai>, 2021.

Scientific Community Activities

- ◇ **Selected Invited Talks and Seminars** (see <https://zitniklab.hms.harvard.edu/talks>)
 - Pfizer, ASA, Northeastern & Columbia, Risks and Opportunities of AI in Clinical Drug Development (06/2022)
 - Mila - Quebec AI Institute, Graph Representation Learning Seminar (05/2022)
 - American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting 2022 (04/2022)
 - The Web Conference (WWW) 2022, AI In Health: Explainable AI For Better Health (04/2022)
 - Dagstuhl Seminar, Graph Embeddings: Theory meets Practice Seminar (03/2022)
 - Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (03/2022)
 - NASA Science, NASA Science Working Group (03/2022)
 - AAAI 2022, AAAI Workshop on Deep Learning on Graphs: Methods and Applications (02/2022)
 - IEEE Big Data, Graph Techniques for Adversarial Activity Analytics (12/2021) -- *Keynote*
 - SIMBig 2021, International Conference on Information Management and Big Data (12/2021) -- *Keynote*
 - University of Cambridge, Making Connections - Brains & Other Complex Systems (11/2021)
 - University of Cambridge, Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences (11/2021)
 - Yale University, Yale Network Science Institute Seminar (11/2021)
 - AMIA 2021, Graph Based Machine Learning for Healthcare (11/2021)
 - Google Research, Scalable Algorithms for Semi-supervised and Unsupervised Learning (10/2021)
 - International Conference on Automated Knowledge Base Construction (AKBC), Explainable Graph-based Machine Learning (10/2021)
 - KDD 2021, KDD Workshop on Data Mining in Bioinformatics (08/2021) -- *Keynote*
 - KDD 2021, KDD Workshop on Knowledge Graphs (08/2021) -- *Keynote*

- KDD 2021, KDD Cup Workshop (08/2021)
- 2021 AIMI Symposium, Stanford Symposium on Artificial Intelligence in Medicine and Imaging (08/2021)
- IBM Research, IBM Research Seminar (08/2021)
- ISMB/ECCB 2021, Bio-Ontologies (07/2021) -- *Keynote*
- ISMB/ECCB 2021, Network Biology (07/2021) -- *Keynote*
- Johnson & Johnson, Johnson & Johnson Seminar (07/2021)
- Trustworthy Machine Learning Initiative, Trustworthy ML Seminar (07/2021)
- London Geometry and Machine Learning, Geometry and Deep Learning (07/2021)
- Cleveland Clinic, NSF Workshop on The Present and the Future of AI in Biomedical Research (06/2021)
- AIME 2021, Keynote at eXplainable AI in Healthcare (06/2021) -- *Keynote*
- Bayer Foundation, Bayer Research Seminar (05/2021)
- 23andMe, 23andMe Research Seminar (05/2021)
- Genentech, Genentech Research Seminar (05/2021)
- MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Graph Exploitation Symposium (GraphEx) (05/2021)
- Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, Models, Inference & Algorithms Seminar (05/2021)
- ICLR, Workshop Geometrical and Topological Representation Learning (05/2021)
- MLSys, Workshop on Graph Neural Networks and Systems (04/2021) -- *Keynote*
- Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Network Biology Meeting (03/2021)
- University of Massachusetts Amherst, Machine Learning Seminar (12/2020)
- University of Massachusetts Lowell, CS Colloquium (12/2020)
- Purdue University, Department of Computer Science (12/2020)
- MLCB, Machine Learning in Computational Biology (11/2020) -- *Keynote*
- University of Cambridge, Department of Computer Science and Technology (11/2020)
- Harvard Center of Mathematical Sciences and Applications, New Technologies in Mathematics (10/2020)
- KDD, Workshop on Knowledge Graphs: Mining Knowledge Graphs for Deep Insights (07/2020)
- ISMB BioVis (07/2020) -- *Keynote*
- NSF Workshop on Future Directions in Network Biology (06/2020)
- Graph Exploitation Symposium, MIT Lincoln Laboratory (04/2020)
- Dagstuhl Seminar, Visualization of Biological Data -- From Analysis to Communication (04/2020)
- B3D Seminar, Harvard Biomedical Informatics and Biostatistics (04/2020)
- MIT Bioinformatics Seminar, MIT Math & MIT CSAIL (03/2020)
- Swiss Applied Machine Learning Days (01/2020)
- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Newborn Health Services and Epidemiology (01/2020)
- NeurIPS Workshop on Graph Representation Learning (GRL) (12/2019)
- DS, 22nd International Conference on Discovery Science (10/2019) -- *Keynote*
- US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Science Forum (09/2019)
- ISMB/ECCB Machine Learning in Computational & Systems Biology (07/2019) -- *Keynote*
- ICGEB-TRAIN High Content Imaging and Data Science for Virtual Screening and Drug Discovery (05/2019)
- NetSci Meeting on Network Medicine (05/2019)
- Harvard University (04/2019)
- University of Pennsylvania (04/2019)
- Georgia Institute of Technology (04/2019)
- University of California, San Diego (04/2019)
- University of California, Santa Barbara (04/2019)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (04/2019)
- University of California, Irvine (04/2019)
- Emory University (04/2019)
- EPFL Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (03/2019)
- University of California, San Francisco (03/2019)
- Johns Hopkins University (03/2019)
- Northeastern University (03/2019)
- University of Washington (03/2019)
- Stanford Symposium of Computational, Evolutionary and Human Genomics (CEHG) (02/2019)
- Boston University (02/2019)

- Yale University (02/2019)
- Carnegie Mellon University (02/2019)
- Cornell University (02/2019)
- University of Notre Dame (02/2019)
- University of California, Berkeley (01/2019)
- University of California, Los Angeles (01/2019)
- NeurIPS Workshop on Relational Representation Learning (12/2018)
- The Broad Institute of Harvard and Medicine, Next Generation Symposium (11/2018)
- The US National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (10/2018)
- European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI) (09/2018)
- Stanford Clinical Excellence Research Center (CERC) (09/2018)
- AI in Medicine: Inclusion & Equity (AiMIE) (08/2018)
- AMS-MAA Joint Mathematics Meetings, Clustering of Graphs: Theory, Practice, and Applications (01/2018)
- NetSci Meeting on Network Medicine (06/2017)
- International Conference for Big Data and AI in Medicine (04/2017)
- Jozef Stefan Institute (01/2017)
- DARPA Cancer Analytics Workshop, White House Cancer Moonshot (10/2016)
- AIME Workshop on Matrix Computations in Biomedical Informatics (06/2015)
- TEDx University of Ljubljana (10/2014)
- Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Molecular and Human Genetics (01/2014)
- University of Toronto, Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research (09/2012)
- ◇ **Conference Chair**
 - Demo Co-Chair for ECML/PKDD 2017
 - PhD Forum Co-Chair for ECML/PKDD 2020
 - General Chair for NSF National Symposium on Drugs for Future Pandemics, 2020
 - Co-Chair for Network Biology Track at ISMB 2020
 - Co-Chair for Tutorial Track at WWW 2021
 - Co-Chair for Biomedical Informatics Area at ISMB 2021
 - Co-Chair for Systems Biology & Networks Area at ISMB 2022
 - Co-Chair for Machine Learning in Computational and Systems Biology Track at ISMB 2022
- ◇ **Editorial Board Member and Associate Editor**
 - Editorial Board Member, Neurocomputing (2021-)
 - IEEE Transactions on Big Data (Guest Editor for Special Issue on AI for COVID-19, 2020)
 - IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (Guest Editor for Special Issue on Deep Learning and Graph Embeddings for Network Biology, 2020)
 - Editorial Board Member, Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery (DAMI) (2020-)
 - Editorial Board Member, Artificial Intelligence in Medicine (AIM) (2019-)
 - Frontiers in Genetics (Guest Editor, 2018)
 - ECML PKDD (Editorial Board Member, 2017-2018, 2020)
 - ACM XRDS Crossroads (Department Leader and Editor, 2012-2016)
- ◇ **Program Committee Membership.** KDD 2016-Present, ECML PKDD 2017-2019, AIME 2017, ISMB 2018-Present, PSB 2016-2020, SDM 2019-2020, ICML 2019-Present, ICLR 2019-Present, WWW 2019-2020, IJCAI 2019-2020, UAI 2019, NeurIPS 2018-Present, MLCB 2019, AAI 2020, RECOMB 2020.
- ◇ **Journal Reviewing.** Nature Communications, Nature Neuroscience, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS), Bioinformatics, Journal of Machine Learning Research, IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems, IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics, Computers in Biology and Medicine, IEEE Signal Processing Letters, Journal of Cheminformatics, IEEE Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Nucleic Acids Research, Journal of Biomedical Informatics, Knowledge and Information Systems, BMC Bioinformatics, Machine Learning Journal, BioData Mining, Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery Journal, IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering, PLoS One, PLoS Computational Biology, Nature Scientific Reports, Nature Machine Intelligence