Supplementary material

We present the following items in the supplementary material section:

- 1. Data curation models, algorithms and parsing pipelines (Section A)
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- 4. Exploration of trained model representations (Section D)

A Data curation models, algorithms and parsing pipelines

A.1 Curating QUILT: an Overview

Creating a densely annotated vision-language dataset from videos is a significant undertaking, as it involves various handcrafted algorithms and machine learning models. In the following sections, we present more detailed information about the challenges of the data curation pipeline and algorithms used to address these challenges. To download QUILT-1M and its metadata and access the code to recreate the dataset and trained models, refer to our website.

Collecting representative channels and videos. The first challenge lies in obtaining relevant histopathology videos. We used a set of keywords (obtained from online histopathology glossaries ⁷) to search for videos, resulting in ≈ 65 K potential matches. Figure 10 shows the word cloud of all keywords used for searching YouTube. However, filtering histopathology videos. To address this, we process the frames of lower-resolution versions of each video to differentiate between histopathology and pathology content, narrowing the selection to ≈ 9 K videos.



Figure 10: Word cloud of all keywords used for searching YouTube

Filtering for narrative-style medical videos. Among the ≈ 9 K videos, we sought videos with a "narrative style" where narrators freely explain whole slide images and streaks of similar frames occur, indicating an educational performance. To identify such content, we used a model that analyzed randomly sampled frames to determine if they maintained a consistent style over time. This process resulted in the selection of ≈ 4 K videos. Non-voiced videos are also filtered by using inaSpeechSegmenter [17] where the video endpoint does not provide the video language or transcript. To identify the audio language of a video, we first check YouTube's API. If the information is unavailable through the API, we use OpenAI's Whisper model [49] on the first minute of audio from the video.

To identify videos containing medical content, we employ a keyframe extraction process with a specific threshold to determine the minimum visual change required to trigger keyframes. For a new video, the thresholds for keyframe extraction are determined by linearly interpolating between the lowest threshold, 0.008 (5-minute video) and the highest 0.25 (200-minute video). Following the

⁷https://lab-ally.com/histopathology-resources/histopathology-glossary

keyframe extraction process, we utilize a histopathology image classifier to identify histopathology content within the extracted keyframes. See A.3 for more details. To identify narrative-style videos, we randomly select a $min(num_of_histo_scene_frames, 20)$ keyframes from a video and utilize a pre-trained CLIP ⁸ (ViT-B-32) model to embed and compute a cosine similarity on the next three keyframes. If all three have similarity scores \geq a threshold of 0.9, we count the video as a narrative streak.

Text extraction using ASR and text denoising. Another challenge involves automatic speech recognition (ASR), as YouTube captions are often inadequate for medical vocabulary. To address this issue, we employed the Large-V2 open-source Whisper model [49] for speech-to-text conversion. However, general-purpose ASR models like Whisper can misinterpret medical terms, particularly when the speaker's voice is choppy or accented. There are no straightforward trivial solutions due to: 1) the absence of openly available medical ASR models or data for fine-tuning in the medical domain; 2) the inadequacy of medical named entity recognition models in detecting transcription errors, because these models are typically trained on correctly spelled words; 3) the ineffectiveness of methods like semantically searching over a medical glossary, such as UMLS, which only prove effective when the erroneous text has significant similarity to the correct terms; and 4) the inability of simpler methods like finding the longest common substring, which might work in finding a match in the glossary/ontology for replacement, but cannot identify the wrong words/phrases in the first place. To rectify ASR errors, we employed UMLS (a knowledge database) and a LLM (GPT-3.5). This, however, introduces a new challenge of identifying incorrectly transcribed words and determining which words were mistakenly "corrected" and correctly formatted by the LLM after error correction and resolving unintended parsing errors [1]. See Figure 9 for LLM prompt examples for ASR correction and medical and ROI text extraction from the corrected ASR text. Refer to Table 11 for error examples of ASR correction using the LLM.



Figure 9: Prompting the LLM by providing few-shot examples to perform the following tasks: (Left) correcting noisy ASR text within its context. We highlight the probable list of misspelled keywords in yellow and their corrections by the LLM in gray. Additional missed errors/misspelled entries identified by the LLM are highlighted in blue. (Right) extracting medical (MED) and ROI text from a given text. We highlight the definition of medical and ROI text in blue and gray respectively.

Image frame extraction and denoising. The image processing aspect of this task adds to its complexity, as it requires static frame detection, quality control for frames, and histology magnification classification. Each model utilized it these steps introduces its own biases and errors. We extract time-intervals (*chunks*) from each video from which we extract representative image(s). For each of the extracted *chunks* (t_n , t_{n+1}), the static chunk detection algorithm 1 is used to extract sub-time-intervals with static frames within the chunk. If found, we save the median (in pixel space to prevent blurry outputs) of the stable frames, else (i.e no stable duration of frames) we leverage the structural similarity index (SSIM) method on histopathology key-frames to find the most dissimilar

⁸https://huggingface.co/sentence-transformers/clip-ViT-B-32

Error due to	Raw output	Salvagable (beacause LLM can rephrase and/or extract contextually similar correction)	Non-salvagable (because the error losses all possible medical context and can lead to wrong entries)		
Unfinetuned ASR	look like the cranialomas I would expect in HP. They actually look more sarcoidal to me. The reason I say that is they, there's a kind of positive of inflammatory cells associated with them. They're really tight and well-formed. They're very easy to see a low power. And so HP is in the differential hypersensium nitose, but I would be more worried about sarcoidosis.	differential hypersen- sium nitose: hyper- sensitivity pneumoni- tis, cranialomas: granu- lomas	positive: paucity		
LLM	high-larbidia-stinal lymphadenocathy lymphin-giatic pattern distribution	returns hilar lym- phadenopathy instead of a more appropriate hilar mediastinal lym- phadenopathy	returns lymphatic pattern dis- tribution instead of a more appropriate lymphangitic pat- tern distribution		
Incomplete UMLS checker	picnotic	-	LLM correctly returns py- knotic however, UMLS(2020) does not have the word py- knotic if fails to pass the UMLS check.		

Table 11: Salvagable and Non-salvagable cases for ASR correction using an LLM.

histopathology image to make up the representative images for the chunk, essentially de-duplicating the frames. Figure 13 demonstrates this process.



Figure 13: Representative Frame Identification. If a Stable frame is found by Algorithm 1 within the candidate regions, we use it as the representative frame. If not, we use the most dissimilar frames among unstable frames.

Algorithm 1 Static Video Chu	nk Detection Algorithm
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1:	procedure DETECTSTATICFRAMES(video, starttime, endtime)
2:	video = video[starttime:endtime]
3:	$fixedFrames \leftarrow \emptyset$
4:	$SSIMValidatedFrames \leftarrow \emptyset$
5:	$prevFrame \leftarrow first frame in video$
6:	for $frame \in \text{rest}$ of frames in <i>video</i> do
7:	$absDiff \leftarrow absolute difference between frame and prevFrame$
8:	$absDiffThresh \leftarrow$ apply adaptive thresholding using a Gaussian filter to $absDiff$
9:	$meanVal \leftarrow mean value of absDiffThresh$
10:	if $meanVal < 10$ then
11:	$fixedFrames \leftarrow fixedFrames \cup frame$
12:	else
13:	if length of $fixedFrames \geq$ minimum duration then
14:	$subclip \leftarrow$ extract sub-clip of frames with constant background from $fixedFrames$
15:	for $patch \in$ randomly selected patches in each frame of $subclip$ do
16:	$SSIMVal \leftarrow calculate SSIM of patch$
17:	if $SSIMVal >$ threshold then
18:	$SSIMValidatedFrames \leftarrow SSIMValidatedFrames \cup frame$
19:	end if
20:	end for
21:	end if
22:	$fixedFrames \leftarrow \emptyset$
23:	end if
24:	$prevFrame \leftarrow frame$
25:	end for
26:	$staticTimestamps \leftarrow extract start and end times from SSIMValidatedFrames$
27:	return staticTimestamps
28:	end procedure

Aligning both modalities. The alignment of the images with their corresponding text requires the implementation of unique algorithms. These algorithms are designed to reduce duplicate content and ensure accurate mappings between image and text. See Figures 7 and 8 and Table 9 for a a demonstration of image-text alignment process. See Figure 15 for sample images and their corresponding medical and ROI texts and the sub-pathology classification provided by the LLM.



Figure 7: **Overview of use of timing and keywords for Alignment** Images within a video chunk, i.e $\{A, B, C\}$, I_n at t_n are aligned with medical texts extracted within the same chunk. The *raw_keywords* within each example chunk is colour coded to illustrate matches with *keywords* extracted from the medical texts and only matching keywords allow for the pairing of texts containing said *keywords* to image frames with frame-times around *raw_keywords* times.



Figure 8: Video Chunking algorithm illustrate. With each transition tag explained in Table 9, we leverage predicted histopathology frames at times $/t_1, \dots t_n/$ to segment videos into chunks. Chunks at are minimum are T_P in duration, this value is estimated based on the word-per-second of the video with a minimum of 20 words being captured per chunk. Images within a chunk , unlike texts, are not overlapping with other chunks . Text overlap is done to provide needed context for LLM text correction and extraction.

Table 9: All 6 (six) transition states for chunking narrative style videos. $p(H)_{t_n}$ is the binary histo image classifier prediction at the current frame's time t_n and $p(H)_{t_{n-1}}$ is the prediction at next frame's time t_{n-1} , where T_R is the cumulative running time and T_P is the estimated minimum chunk time for the video, determined by the words per second of the video. Text and image chunks are implemented as an ordered list of time intervals and image indexes.

$P(H)@t_n$	$P(H)@t_{n-1}$	$t_n - t_{n-1} > T_p$	$T_r > T_p$	Text chunk	Image chunk	Tag
0	0	-	-	-	-	А
0	1	_	-	$end = t_n$; append (s, e) ; reset	append index to chunk state, if state is empty append prior in- dex; reset state	В
1	0	-	-	$start = \max(t_{n-1}, t_n - T_p)$	append index to chunk state	С
	1	1	_	$ \begin{array}{l} end = t_n; \text{append}(s,e); \text{reset state}; \\ start = t_n - T_p \end{array} $	append index to chunk state; re- set state	D
1	1	0	1	$end = t_n$; append (s, e) ; reset state; $start = t_n - T_p$	append index to chunk state; re- set state	Е
			0	-	append index to chunk state	F

A.2 Other data sources

A.2.1 PubMed Open Access Articles

We searched the PubMed open-access from 2010 - 2022 with keywords (pathology, histopathology, whole-slide image, H&E, and 148 keywords from a histopathology glossary⁹). We utilized Entrez¹⁰ to retrieved the top 10,000 most relevant articles for each keyword. This query yielded 109,518 unique articles with PMCIDs. We extracted 162, 307 images and their corresponding captions. Using our histopathology classifier and cropping multi-plane figures as described in A.4, we extracted 62, 458 histopathology image and caption pairs with an average caption length of 54.02 tokens. Figure 16 demonstrates the pipeline of collecting data from PubMed.

A.2.2 Histopathology Image Retrieval from LAION

The Large-scale Artificial Intelligence Open Network (LAION-5B) [54] curated over 5 billion pairs of images and text from across the Internet, including a substantial volume of histopathology-related

⁹https://lab-ally.com/histopathology-resources/histopathology-glossary

¹⁰http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Entrez

Image	Medical TEXT	ROI Text	Sub-pathology Classification
	['There are clusters of cells with micro-follicular formations.','Nuclear pseudo-inclusions, oval nuclei, nuclear grooves, and small nucleoli are present in some cells.']	['clusters of cells', 'micro-follicular formations', 'nuclear pseudo- inclusions', 'oval nuclei', 'nuclear grooves', 'small nucleoli']	['Endocrine', 'Cytopathology', 'Head and Neck']
	['Cluster of macrophages and T cells is characteristic of acute rheumatic fever.', 'Aschoff body is a characteristic feature of acute rheumatic fever.', 'Macrophages with elongated chromatin are called Anitchkow cells and are commonly seen in Aschoff bodies.', 'Pancarditis with Aschoff bodies is present.']	['Cluster of macrophages and T cells', 'Aschoff body', 'Macrophages with elongated chromatin', 'Anitchkow cells', 'Pancarditis']	['Cardiac', 'Hematopathology', 'Endocrine']
	['An 80-year-old man has a scar-like plaque on the scalp that has been called malignant on a biopsy.', 'The tissue affected by the plaque extends from the epidermis to the galea aponeurotica, near the periosteum of the skull.', 'The skin, dermis, and subcutis are all affected by the process.']	['scar-like plaque on the scalp', 'malignant on a biopsy', 'skin, dermis, and subcutis affected by the process']	['Dermatopathology ', 'Soft tissue', 'Hematopathology']
	['Inflammatory cells surrounding cartilage can indicate acute chondritis, with neutrophils being the principal cell type.', 'Chronic chondritis may be diagnosed if lymphocytes are the predominant inflammatory cell type.']	['cartilage', 'inflammatory cells']	['Hematopathology' , 'Bone', 'Dermatopathology']
	['Large histiocytes with abundant cytoplasm identified as Rosai-Dorfman histiocytes.', 'S100 stain showed perivascular cuffing.', 'Initial diagnosis of inflammatory pseudotumor of the orbit.', 'Rosai-Dorfman disease may burn out and leave behind fibrotic pockets.']	['Large histiocytes', 'perivascular cuffing', 'fibrotic pockets'	['Dermatopathology ', 'Soft tissue', 'Hematopathology']
	['Epidermal acanthosis and papillomatosis resembling a wart or seborrheic keratosis.', 'Presence of large sebaceous glands that drain directly through their duct out to the skin surface, which is abnormal.', 'Presence of a demodex mite.']	['Epidermal acanthosis and papillomatosis', 'large sebaceous glands', 'demodex mite']	['Dermatopathology ', 'Soft tissue', 'Hematopathology']
	['Histological description of glandular tissue with little atypia but located in a place where it does not belong can be a helpful criteria to discern the presence of malignancy.', 'Glands located on the periphery and infiltrating into adventitia and peripancreatic tissue may be malignant.']	['glandular tissue', 'pancreas',]	['Gastrointestinal', 'Pancreatic', 'Hematopathology']

Figure 15: A collection of sample images from our dataset, accompanied by corresponding medical text, ROI text, and the top three sub-pathology classifications derived from the ASR text using the LLM.

data. We tapped into this resource by retrieving the 3000 most similar LAION samples for each of the 1,000 pairs of images and text sampled from PubMed and QUILT, using a CLIP model pre-trained on the LAION data. The retrieval process utilized both image and text embeddings, with cosine similarity serving as the distance metric. Subsequently, we eliminated the duplicate images and removed all non-English pairs from the remaining pairs using LangDetect¹¹. Consequently, the process yielded $\approx 23,240$ image and text pairs.

A.2.3 Twitter Data from OpenPath

We utilized a list of tweets curated by Huang et al. [24] which totaled up to 55,000 unique tweets and 133,526 unique image-text pairs. This exhibits a one-to-many relationship that leans towards the image side, differentiating our work from the OpenPath approach, where we had one image matching with multiple captions (as in the case of MS-COCO captions). In order to maintain comparability with OpenPath, we followed their text pre-processing pipeline given in [24].

¹¹https://github.com/fedelopez77/langdetect



Figure 16: (a) Search PubMed open access database, filter based on keywords, date, language and sort by relevance. (b) Download paper and media for each search result. (c) Extract and pair figures and captions. (d) Separate multi-plane figures, find histopathology images and their magnification. (e) Final result.

A.3 Histopathology and Magnification classifier

We use an ensemble of three histopathology image classifiers. To ensure robustness, our ensemble approach consists of two small Conv-NeXt models [39] and one linear classifier fine-tuned with DINO features [11]. This combination is necessary due to the homogenous appearance of histopathology images and the risk of false positives from similar pinkish-purple images. One Conv-NeXt model is trained in detecting non-H&E Immunohistochemistry (IHC) stained tissue images, while the other models are trained to handle all IHC stains and tissue types. The training data includes eight sub-groups of the TCGA WSI dataset and a mix of general-domain images, PowerPoint (slide) images, and scientific figure datasets. See Table 7 for details of these datasets.

For the magnification classifier, we finetune a pretrained ConvNeXt-Tiny model [39], with standard preset hyperparameters for a few epochs and select the best performing model on the validation set. To generate a training set for the magnification model, TCGA subsets were segmented into patches using a method similar to [67]. These patches were generated at various magnifications, which were then categorized into three labels: $0:\{1.25x, 2.5x, 5x, 10x\}, 1:\{20x\}, 2:\{40x\}$. The TCGA subsets were chosen to ensure a diverse representation of tissue morphologies and cancer types, thereby ensuring robust and comprehensive model training. The model was also trained on cytopathology microscopy images and various IHC stains beyond H&E to enhance the model's generalizability across different conditions. Only the ACROBAT and TCGA datasubsets are preprocessed to divide the WSIs into patches at various scales.

A.4 Support Models, Ontology Databases and Algorithms

This section describes the support models, ontology databases and handcrafted algorithms utilized within our pipeline for both searching and parsing our data.

Ontology databases. We employ various ontologies, both specific to histopathology and general ones. Among them are OCHV [2], FMA [44], BCGO ¹², NCIT [19], MPATH [53], HPATH [65], and CMPO [30]. These ontologies serve a dual purpose. First, we used histopathology-specific ontologies (HPATH, MPATH, BCGO, and CMPO) to provide words/phrases to condition the LLM, enabling it to identify incorrect words. Second, all ontologies, in conjunction with UMLS, are used to obtain terms or phrases for validating the output of the LLM.

Sub-pathology types. The list of all 18 sub-pathology types used to prompt LLM on the text classification task are: Bone, Cardiac, Cyto, Dermato, Endocrine, Gastrointestinal, Genitourinary, Gynecologic, Head and Neck, Hemato, Neuro, Ophthalmic, Pediatric, Pulmonary, Renal, Soft

¹²https://bioportal.bioontology.org/ontologies/BCGO

Data Source	Subset	#WSI	#pathces	Train-Test	Magnification	Image-size
	GBM LUSC	19 20			89,022 - 40x	
TCGA (H&E Stain)	LIHC SARC	20 23	169,431	84715-16943	57,671 - 20x	384 x 384
	KIRC KICH BRCA	16 4 17			16,660 - 10x 4,748 - 5x 1,465 - 2.5x	
ACROBAT Weitz et al. [64]	H&E KI67 ER , PGR, HER2	19 99	50589	28105-22484	(10x, 5x, 2.5x)	384 × 384
BCI Liu et al. [37]	-	-	4,870		20x (0.46 MPP)	1024×1024
Smear Hussain et al. [25]	-	-	963		400x	2048×1536 2048×1536
Celeb Liu et al. [38]	-	-	202,599	8,103-1,944	-	-
Places Zhou et al. [72]	-	-	36,550	2,109-1,372	-	-
AI2D Kembhavi et al. [33]	-	-	4,903	0.7-0.3%	-	-
DocFig Jobin et al. [28]	-	-	33,004	0.8-0.2%	-	-
SciFig-pilot Karishma [31]	-	-	1,671	0.8-0.2%	-	-
SlideImages Morris et al. [42]	-	-	8,217	0.8-0.2%	-	-
TextVQA Singh et al. [57]	-	-	28,472	0.8-0.2%	-	-
SlideShare-1M Araujo et al. [3]	-	-	49,801	0.8-0.2%	-	-

Table 7: Datasets used to train the histopathology image classifier. [µm per pixel - MPP]

tissue, and Breast Histopathology. Figure 12 provides the LLM prompt to retrieve the top three sub-pathology classification based on a given text.

System Prompt:	You are a histopathology text classifier
User Prompt:	Imagine you are a text classifier. Classify the given text into one of the following surgical pathology types namely: Bone, Cardiac, Cytopathology, Dermatopathology, Endocrine, Gastrointestinal, Genitourinary, Gynecologic, Head and Neck, Hematopathology, Neuropathology, Ophthalmic, Pediatric, Pulmonary, Renal, Soft tissue, Breast pathology. Output only the top 3 pathology types in an ordered python list
Few-shot examples:	"Radicular cyst arises within the periodontal ligament space, particularly the periapex from the epithelial cell of malassez. These radicular cysts are caused by inflammation following the death of the pulp extending into the periapical radix. Radicular cysts caused by inflammation are always associated with a non vital tooth." "['Soft tissue', 'Dermatopathology', 'Hematopathology']"
Š	INPUT: "There is a lesion with slight thickening of the muscularis mucosa and submucosa. There is a subtle change in the lamina propria that doesn't look quite like normal stromal cells. Description of slight thickening of the muscularis mucosa and submucosa with subtle changes in the lamina propria. Highlighted field shows the changes more dramatically. Abnormal cells in the lamina propria that appear pink and spindly."
\sim	OUTPUT: "['Gastrointestinal', 'Soft tissue', 'Hematopathology']"

Figure 12: Prompting LLM with few-shot examples to extract the top three sub-pathology classification of a given text.

Pre-processing multi-plane figures. Many figures in academic papers are multi-plane, which means a number of sub-figures (Charts, graphs, histopathology and non-histopathology sub-figures) are placed next to each other to make a larger figure. We extracted individual images from multi-plane

figures to create multiple instance bags. To locate boundaries and white gaps between sub-figures, we utilized Sobel filters. Binary thresholding was then used to find the contours surrounding the sub-figures. We employ image size and image ratio thresholds to remove undesirable sub-figures and our histopathology classifier to maintain just histopathology sub-figures. We supply the histological sub-figures individually for this type of figure by appending "_[0-9]+" to the end of the multi-plane figure id. If a figure is divided into more than 5 sub-figures, we preserve the original image to ensure that the resolution of these sub-figures remains reasonable. Figure 11 shows an overview of this pre-processing step in different scenarios of successful and unsuccessful crops.



Figure 11: (a), (b), and (c) successfully cropped sub-figures where histopathology images (green box) are kept and non-histopathology (red box) images are removed. (b) histopathology crops are kept as not separated because the individual crops don't meet the size threshold so the original figure is kept. (d) Unsuccessful crop due to minimal gap between sub-figures. Original image is stored.

A.5 Privacy preserving steps

In order to ensure privacy while handling the dataset, several steps were taken to protect sensitive information. These steps include:

- Reduction of Signal to Noise using a LLM: To protect the privacy of the dataset, a LLM was utilized to reduce the signal-to-noise ratio. By applying the LLM, irrelevant or sensitive information was masked or removed.
- Exclusion of Videos Not Fully in Narrative Style: Videos that did not adhere to a fully narrative style were intentionally left out of the dataset. This step was taken to minimize the risk of including any potentially private or sensitive content that could compromise individuals' privacy.
- Release of Video IDs and Reconstruction Code: Instead of directly releasing the complete dataset, only video IDs from YouTube were made public. Additionally, the code is provided to enable researchers to recreate the dataset.
- Collection from Diverse Channels: Data collection was performed from a wide range of sources, including both large and small channels. This approach aimed to decrease the risk of overfitting to specific channel types, thereby mitigating privacy concerns associated with potential biases linked to particular channels.

B Exploratory analysis of the collected data

In this section, we provide the statistics of the QUILT dataset. Figure 14 illustrates the distribution of data across 18 sub-pathology types, offering a comprehensive analysis of the dataset's text distribution. Moreover, for additional statistical details regarding QUILT, please refer to Table 10, which presents supplementary information on various aspects of the dataset.



Figure 14: (a) Distribution of all videos over sub-pathology types. (b) Distribution of our entities across top 20 UMLS semantic types. (c) Number of image-text pairs within each sub-pathology type. (d) word cloud of all the text in QUILT.

Table 10: Additional Q	QUILT statistics
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Property	Average value
Medical text per image	1.74
ROI text per chunk	2.30
Medical text per chunk	1.93
Words per medical text	22.92
Words per ROI text	8.75
Images per chunk	2.49
Image-text pair per chunk	2.36
UMLS entity per medical text	4.36
UMLS entity per ROI text	1.61

C Pretraining and downstream evaluation details

C.1 External Evaluation Datasets

PatchCamelyon Veeling et al. [60] contains 327,680 color images (96×96px) from histophathology scans of lymph node sections. The images are assigned a binary label indicating whether they contain metastatic tissue or not. **NCT-CRC-HE-100K** Kather et al. [32] consists of 100,000 non-overlapping image patches from hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stained histological images (224x224px) of human colorectal cancer and is categorized into cancer and normal tissue. **SICAPv2** Silva-Rodríguez et al.

[56] contains 182 prostate histology WSIs with 10.340 patches (512 x 512px) and both annotations of global Gleason scores and patch-level Gleason grades. Images are labeled as Non cancerous, Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 5. Databiox [8] consists of 922 Invasive Ductal Carcinoma cases of breast cancer. This data set has been collected from pathological biopsy samples of 150 patients which are labeled as Grade I, II and III. Each pathological sample in has four levels of magnification: 4x, 10x, 20x and 40x. BACH [4] consists of 400 WSIs of breast tissue which are labeled as normal, benign, in-situ and invasive carcinoma. Osteo [5] is a set of 1,144 patches (1024 x 1024px) taken from 40 WSIs representing the heterogeneity of osteosarcoma. Images are labeled as Viable tumor (VT), Non-tumor (NT) and Necrotic tumor (NEC). RenalCell [10] contains 27,849 images of clear-cell renal cell carcinoma H&E-stained (300 x 300px) annotated into five tissue texture types. SkinCancer [35] consists of 36,890 patches (395 x 395px) from WSIs skin biopsies from patients with Basal cell carcinoma (BCC), squamous cell carcinoma (SqCC), naevi and melanoma. Images were annotated for 16 categories: chondral tissue, dermis, elastosis, epidermis, hair follicle, skeletal muscle, necrosis, nerves, sebaceous glands, subcutis, eccrine glands, vessels, BCC, SqCC, naevi and melanoma. MHIST [63] contains 3,152 patches (224 x 224px) from 328 Formalin Fixed Paraffin-Embedded WSIs of colorectal polyps. These images are labeled as hyperplastic polyps (HPs) or sessile serrated adenomas (SSAs). LC25000 [9] which we divide into LC25000 (Lung) with 15,000 and LC25000 (Colon) with 10,000 color images (768×768px). The lung subset is labeled as lung adenocarcinomas, lung squamous cell carcinomas, and benign lung tissues and the colon sebset is labeled as colon adenocarcinomas and benign colonic tissues. Table 15 summerizes these datasets.

C.2 QUILTNET Implementation

All model implementations in this study are built upon the open source repository OpenCLIP [27], which enables large-scale training with contrastive image-text supervision. The experiments were conducted using PyTorch and utilized up to 4 NVIDIA A40 GPUs. The hyperparameters for finetuning and training from scratch are provided in Table 12. During the training process, gradient checkpointing and automatic mixed precision (AMP) techniques were employed, with a datatype of bfloat16.

All models were trained with image size of 224, except for the finetuned ViT-B-32 models, where the images were first resized to 512 before randomly cropping them to the desired size of 224. In the case of ViT-B-32 finetuning, the data was kept stretched, meaning it maintained a one-to-one mapping between the image and text. However, for all other models, the data was unstretched. This means that for those models, sampling from medical texts occurred with a probability of p = sample*prob*, or sampling from ROI texts. Within the medical or ROI texts, sampling was done uniformly. For all finetuned GPT/77 models we use the OpenAI CLIP [48] pretrained network as initialization and for ViT-32 maintain the use of QuickGeLU¹³. We perform hyperparameter tuning for all linear probing results, exploring different values for learning rate, epochs, and weight decay. This process helped optimize the performance of the models during the linear probing stage.

¹³https://github.com/openai/CLIP/blob/main/clip/model.py

	Task	Sub- Pathology	Dataset	Classes	s Magnification	Size (Train/- Val/Test)	Image-size
	Lymph-node metas- tasis detection	Breast	PatchCamelyon [60]	2	1 MPP	(0.75/0.125/0.125) * 327,680	96 x 96
Classification	Tissue Phenotyping	Colorectal	NCT-CRC-HE- 100K [32]	8	0.5 MPP	89,434/ - /6333	224 x 224
	Gleason scoring	Prostate	SICAPv2 [56]	4	1 MPP	- / - /10,340	512 x 512
	Bloom Richardson grading	Breast	Databiox [8]	3	[2,1,0.5,0.25] MPP	- / - /922	(2100 × 1574), (1276 × 956)
	Tissue classification Breast (normal, benign, in- situ and invasive car- cinoma)		BACH [4]	4	0.5 MPP	- / - / 400	2048 x 1536
	Osteosarcoma classi- fication (non-tumor, necrotic tumor, and viable tumor)	Bone	Osteo [5]	3	1 MPP	-/-/1,144	1024 x 1024
	clear-cell renal cell carcinoma tissue phenotyping (renal cancer, normal, stro- mal, other textures)	Renal	RenalCell [10]	5	[0.5, 0.25] MPP	- / -/ 27,849	300 x 300
	Classification of skin neoplasms and vari- ous anatomical com- partments	Skin	SkinCancer [35]	16	.5 MPP	28039/-/8851 ^{imb}	395 x 395
	Colorectal Polyp Classification	Colorectal	MHIST [63]	2	1 MPP	- / -/ 3,152	224 x 224
	Lung adenocarci- noma classification (normal, adenocarci- noma and SCC)	Lung	LC25000 (LUNG) [9]	3	- MPP	- / - / 15,000	768 x 768
	Colon adenocarci- noma classification (normal and colon adenocarcinoma)	Colon	LC25000 (Colon) [9]	2	- MPP	- / - / 10,000	768 x 768
Retrieval	histopathology	-	Quilt-1M	1.02M	*_	13,562	-
	histopathology image-text retrieval	-	ARCH [20]	-	-	7500	-

Table 15: Downstream tasks and datasets. Note that SkinTumor dataset is a subset of SkinCancer. [µm per pixel - MPP]

Table 12: Training hyperparameters for QUILTNET

Hyperparameter	Finetuning	Training
batch size (per gpu)	256/1024	1024
peak learning rate	1e-5	5.0e-4
learning rate schedule	constant	cosine decay
epochs	15	40
warmup (in steps)	200	2000
random seed	0	0
image mean	(0.48145466, 0.4578275, 0.40821073)	same
image std	(0.26862954, 0.26130258, 0.27577711)	same
augmentation	Resize; RandomCrop (0.8, 1.0)	RandomResizedCrop (0.8, 1.0)
optimizer momentum	$\beta_1, \beta_2 = 0.9, 0.98$	same
weight decay	0.1	0.2
eps	1.0e-6	same
optimizer	AdamW [40]	same
$sample\ prob$	0.85	same

D Exploration of trained model representations

Table 14: Zero-shot image classification. accuracy (%). * denotes models trained from scratch. SkinTumor is the Neoplastic Subset of SkinCancer. Also note that PMB refers to PubmedBert, a BERT model of 256 context length pre-trained on PMC-15M. We swapped our model's text encoder from GPT2 to PubmedBert to assess performance differences

	ViT-B/32				ViT-B/16			
	CLIP	PLIP	Qui	LTNET	CLIP	BiomedCLIP	QUI	LTNET
Dataset	GPT/77	GPT/77	GPT/77	(GPT/77)*	GPT/77	PMB/256	GPT/77	PMB/256
SkinCancer	5.40	36.65	45.38	8.93	5.40	24.75	23.41	28.93
SkinTumor	10.35	56.36	58.29	36.26	13.85	37.0	51.47	51.20
NCT-CRC	26.4	54.02	59.56	17.35	20.09	51.71	28.68	59.20
PatchCamelyon	61.88	58.61	64.6	49.92	50.45	53.25	67.91	53.52
MHIST	52.92	57.52	62.54	44.52	52.3	40.23	44.32	52.71
LC25000(LUNG)	61.36	78.77	80.16	67.71	50.29	72.44	50.71	81.87
LC25000(COLON)	62.5	77.79	93.28	72.08	78.56	90.57	62.26	87.1
SICAPv2	39.40	44.53	39.49	25.07	27.38	45.81	25.54	45.1
BACH	26.0	43.0	41.25	33.75	27.25	54.75	40.75	62.0
Databiox	37.53	39.48	42.52	32.32	33.51	31.24	33.19	29.93
Osteo	19.49	54.02	64.16	27.88	16.08	50.79	38.37	59.79
RenalCell	20.3	50.7	52.57	16.35	28.80	47.08	28.32	50.72

Table 16: Classes for each da	taset on zero-shot image classification.	Note that we used the same
prompt templates for each dat	aset. The templates used are: ["a histop	athology slide showing {c}",
"histopathology image of {c}", "pathology tissue showing {c}", "presence of {c} tissue on image"]		
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Dataset	Classes	
SkinCancer	'Necrosis', 'Skeletal muscle', 'Eccrine sweat glands', 'Vessels', 'Elastosis', 'Chondral tissue', 'Hair follicle', 'Epidermis', 'Nerves', 'Subcutis', 'Dermis', 'Sebaceous glands', 'Squamous-cell carcinoma', 'Melanoma in-situ', 'Basal-cell carcinoma', 'Naevus'	
PatchCamelyon	'Lymph node', 'Lymph node containing metastatic tumor tissue'	
NCK-CRC	'Adipose', 'Debris', 'Lymphocytes', 'Mucus', 'Smooth muscle', 'Normal colon mucosa', 'Cancer-associated stroma', 'Colorectal adenocarcinoma epithelium'	
MHIST	'Hyperplastic polyp', 'Sessile serrated adenoma'	
LC25000Lung	'Lung adenocarcinoma', 'Benign lung', 'Lung squamous cell carcinoma'	
LC25000Colon	'Colon adenocarcinoma', 'Benign colonic tissue'	
ВАСН	'Breast non-malignant benign tissue', 'Breast malignant in-situ carcinoma', 'Breast malignant invasive carcinoma', 'Breast normal breast tissue'	
SICAPv2	'Benign glands', 'Atrophic dense glands', 'Cribriform ill-formed fused papillary patterns', 'Isolated nest cells without lumen rosetting patterns'	
Databiox	'Well differentiated bloom richardson grade one', 'Moderately differentiated bloom richardson grade two', 'Poorly differentiated grade three'	
RenalCell	'Red blood cells', 'Renal cancer', 'Normal tissue', 'Torn adipose necrotic tissue', 'Muscle fibrous stroma blood vessels'	
Osteo	'Normal non-tumor', 'Necrotic', 'Tumor'	
SkinTumor	'Squamous-cell carcinoma', 'Melanoma in-situ', 'Basal-cell carcinoma', 'Naevus'	



Figure 17: Comparison of the attention maps generated by QUILTNET and CLIP. The corresponding words are highlighted based on their importance. Attention masks were generated using GradCAM [55].

Table 17: UMAP visualization of image embeddings generated by QUILTNET from the different datasets listed in Table 15.

