

Supplementary Material 2

GeneResolver: A Traceable Hybrid Multi-Agent Pipeline for Etiology-Aware Gene Prioritization

1 Etiology-classification dataset construction

The etiology-classification dataset was built in three stages over an author-assembled disease seed list. Because its construction involved author-defined rules and LLM-assisted screening, vignette generation, and mechanism verification, it is treated as a silver-standard dataset. Exact prompts are reproduced below.

1.1 Stage 0: author-assembled disease seeds

A fixed disease list was assembled by the authors through online searches for diseases described in public literature and disease resources as having single-gene, chromosomal, somatic, multifactorial, or non-genetic mechanisms.

1.2 Stage 1: Full-text case retrieval

For each seed disease, PubMed was queried through NCBI E-utilities using:

```
"{disease_name}"[Title] AND  
"Case Reports"[Publication Type]  
AND ("Adult"[MeSH Terms] OR  
"Middle Aged"[MeSH Terms] OR "Aged"[MeSH Terms])  
NOT ("Infant"[MeSH Terms] OR "Child"[MeSH Terms]  
OR "Adolescent"[MeSH Terms])
```

Candidate PMIDs were resolved to PMC identifiers. Full text was fetched from the NCBI BioC endpoint, with Europe PMC full-text XML as a fallback. The final build used full-text-only mode, so abstract-only candidates were rejected before LLM screening.

One LLM call per candidate applied the following screening prompt:

```
Check this case report against two requirements for  
target_disease. source_content_level tells you whether  
you're reading the full article ("full_text") or only the  
abstract ("abstract_only") - treat abstract_only  
judgments as lower confidence, since age and primary-vs-  
incidental status are often clearer in the full case  
presentation.
```

1. is_adult: the patient is an adult (18+) at the time of the reported presentation. If age isn't explicitly

stated, infer conservatively from clear contextual cues (occupation, "elderly", specific decade of life, etc.), if genuinely unclear, set `is_adult` to false rather than guessing.

2. `is_primary_diagnosis`: `target_disease` is THE main condition this case report is about, not a secondary/incidental finding, past medical history item, or comorbidity in a report primarily about something else. A report titled/focused on a different condition that merely mentions the patient also has `target_disease` does NOT qualify.
3. `is_incidental_findings`: `target_disease` is not merely an incidental finding in the report.

Return a JSON object with: `is_adult`; `age_reported` (string, e.g. "34 years" or "elderly" or "not stated"); `is_primary_diagnosis`; `confidence` (low, moderate, or high); `patient_key` (a short identifying label for this patient, e.g. "58F with..."); and `exclusion_reason` (empty string if both checks pass).

1.3 Stage 2: fact extraction and narratives generation

One LLM call per accepted case extracted patient facts and rewrote the report as a concise, first-presentation narrative. It excluded the final diagnosis, treatment, and confirmatory results:

From this case report about a patient with `target_disease`, do two things in one response:

1. Extract patient facts using only what's reported: `patient_key` (short identifying label, e.g. "37M with..."), `presentation_facts`, `family_history`, `exposure_history`, `prediagnostic_findings`.
2. Write a concise first-presentation clinical case from those facts only. First-presentation is a first doctor visit and runned tests, the treatment, final testing and differentials are not established yet. Final diagnosis and tests result for the final diagnosis should not be included in the vignette.

Return a JSON object with: `patient_key`; `presentation_facts`; `family_history`; `exposure_history`; `prediagnostic_findings`; and `vignette` (a single plain-text string, not a nested object).

1.4 Stage 3: patient-specific mechanism verification

The disease-level target class remained the default label, but a second call checked the article's explanation for the target disease in the individual patient. The prompt explicitly prevented a downstream complication or incidental trigger from replacing the mechanism of the seed disease:

```
Read the case report and find final explanation for
why THIS patient has target_disease specifically, not a
separate complication, or an incidental trigger, that
merely occurred in an already-diagnosed patient.
expected_mechanism is target_disease's established cause;
keep it unless the article's own final explanation for
target_disease itself specifically differs. Pick ONE label:
```

```
single_gene (one gene's own variant or small indel,
including a deletion confined to that one gene, e.g. one
exon of it); chromosomal (an aneuploidy, or a deletion/
duplication/rearrangement spanning multiple genes or a
chromosome segment, even if inherited); somatic
(postzygotic, acquired in only some of the patient's
cells/tissues, not inherited); multifactorial (polygenic
and/or an established combination of genetic predisposition
with an environmental/infectious/autoimmune trigger);
non_genetic (infectious, toxic/drug, nutritional,
mechanical, autoimmune, or other acquired cause, not rooted
in an inherited or postzygotic DNA change).
```

```
Return JSON: label; somatic_subgroup ("single_gene" or
"multifactorial" - only if label is "somatic", else "");
reason (explain the specific mechanism/finding that
justifies this label, one or two sentences).
```

This patient-specific verification corrected 41 of 220 labels (18.6%) relative to the disease-level default.

The complete 220-case distribution was 69 single-gene, 28 chromosomal, 14 somatic, 57 non-genetic, and 52 multifactorial.