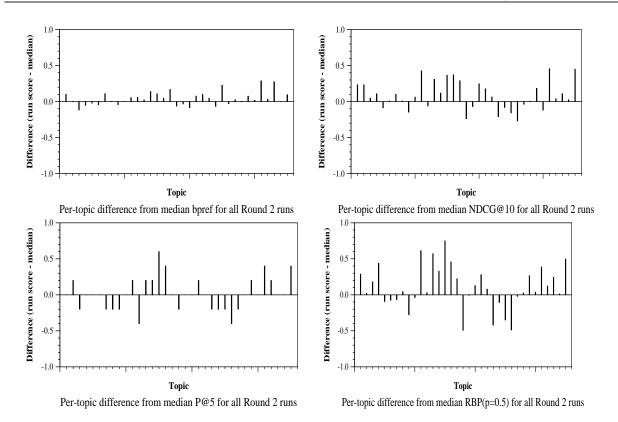
## Round 2 results — Run cu\_dbmi\_bm25 submitted from columbia\_university\_dbmi

## **Run Description**

Define COVID-19 key words To find COVID-19 related articles, we have defined a list of key words, the article is considered COVID-19 related if, any of these fields (title, abstract and full text) has any of the key word mentions. To make sure we have included all the key words for COVID-19, we trained a word2vec model on all full texts for phrase embeddings, then we tried to find all synonyms for COVID-19 from the word2vec model. We used an iterative approach, where we start looking for synonyms of one key word and add new phrases or words to the key word list, then use the newly found key word to repeat the same process until there is no new key word found anymore. Here is the list of synonyms for COVID-19. ['ncov', 'covid19', 'covid-19', 'sars cov2', 'sars cov-2', 'sars-cov-2', 'sars coronavirus 2', '2019-ncov', '2019 novel coronavirus', '2019-ncov sars', 'cov-2', 'cov2', 'novel coronvirus', 'coronavirus 2019-ncov'] Retrieve relevant articles for COVID-19 (BM25). We use a python library called whoosh as the indexing engine to enable fast search in title, abstract, and full\_text across all documents. The standard tokenizer and the stemmer analyzer are applied during indexing. We retrieve relevant articles using the BM25 algorithm. https://whoosh.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html. We construct the search query for each topic using query, question and narrative fields provided in the topic document as the following demonstrates, \* lower case words, remove puncuation marks and stop words from query, question and narrative \* there are two parts defined in the construction of the seach query – main query and subquery \* main query is constructed using the query and question fields following the pattern ((query) OR (question)), the OR operator allows us to retrieve the maximum number of documents related to the main topic. The purpose of main query is to decide the "scope" of the search. \* subquery is constructed using narrative only, we run spaCy to extract the noun phrases and construct the subquery using an OR operator following the pattern (phrase\_1 OR phrase\_2 OR phrase\_3 OR .... phrase\_n), the purpose of subquery is to decide the priorities of the relevant documents. Obviously the more key words a document contains, the higher score it will receive. \* main\_query and subquery are assembled together using the AND operator ((query) OR (question)) AND ((query) OR (question) phrase\_1 OR phrase\_2 OR phrase\_3 OR .... phrase\_n). Noted that a copy of main query is also added to the subquery because we don't want to lose any relevant documents that do not contain any of the phrases extracted from the narrative.

Summary Sta	tistics	Overall measures
Run ID	cu_dbmi_bm25	Number of topics 35
Topic type	manual	Total number retrieved 31434
Contributed to judgment se	ets? no	Total relevant 3002
		Total relevant retrieved 1658
		MAP 0.2083
		Mean Bpref 0.4132
		Mean NDCG@10 0.5564
		Mean RBP( $p=0.5$ ) 0.6355 +0.1171
Document Level Averages   Precision   At 5 docs   At 10 docs   At 15 docs   At 15 docs   At 20 docs   At 30 docs   R-Precision   Exact   0.2732	1.0	Document Counts at Rank 50



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