

This is the annotation guideline for assigning labels to the tweets based on a claim. A claim is a piece of misinformation which has been debunked by reputable organizations. For annotating a tweet, you should follow the steps below:

1. Read the label definitions thoroughly, the table below shows examples of tweets in each label.
2. Read the claim first in each sheet, you can also find other information regarding the claim at the top of the sheet (e.g., explanation to the claim, debunk organizations, etc).
3. Read each tweet text thoroughly and check the link(s) in the tweet text if there is one.
4. Select one of the labels listed.
5. Please give a short description on why you chose the label for the tweet in the NOTE column.
6. Please indicate a confidence score to your annotation at the CONFIDENT column, the confidence score is in the range of 1 to 5, e.g., 1 is extremely unconfident, 5 is extremely confident.

Tips: Check whether the link in the tweet is reputable (e.g., from the government website, WHO, a reputable news organisation like the BBC or the Washington Post). For example, a tweet might be a debunk if the tweet text or any linked content refute the claim and it also comes with a reputable source (e.g. BBC). Additionally, use the LINK TO THE TWEET to check the validity of the original tweet, for example, check the validity of the user by looking at the description of the user account. Also, check the post date of tweet and the source link date to see if there is a big time gap: some misinformation might be selected from old sources that happened a long time ago.

Table of definition, and an example claim with corresponding tweets

Example Claim: "A new virus called hantavirus, sourced from rats, was discovered in China."		
Label	Definition	Example Tweet Text
MISINFO	Tweets contain falsehoods, inaccuracies, rumors, decontextualized truths, or misleading leaps of logic, and deliver exactly the <b>SAME</b> information/topic as the claim.	Hantavirus - New Virus in China from Rats
RELATED_MISINFO	Tweets contain falsehoods, inaccuracies, rumors, decontextualized truths, or misleading leaps of logic, and deliver a <b>SIMILAR</b> information/topic with the claim but toward e.g. different person name, event name, medication name, illness name, etc. <b>NOTE:</b> Make sure the source is not reputable and cross check against a Google search, as it could be a RELATED DEBUNK or IRRELEVANT)	BREAKING: China has discovered a new virus called G4 virus. Warns of another pandemic.
DEBUNK	Tweets refute exactly the <b>SAME</b> information/topic as the claim, and are generated either by professional fact-checkers e.g., government website, IFCN, etc., or general citizen responses with/without use of any checkable evidence e.g., reputable links, hashtags, etc.	A claim has circulated in multiple Facebook, Twitter and YouTube that a "new virus" named hantavirus has emerged in China in March 2020. The claim is false. #FakeNews
RELATED_DEBUNK	Tweets refute a <b>SIMILAR</b> information/topic with the claim but toward e.g. different person name, event name, medication name, illness name, etc. , and are generated either by professional fact-checkers e.g., government website, IFCN, etc., or general citizen responses with/without use of any checkable evidence e.g., reputable links, hashtags, etc.	The claim that a new virus named fancyvirus has been discovered in France is false. <a href="http://who.ini">http://who.ini</a>
QUESTION	Tweets raise a question based on the exact <b>SAME</b> information/topic as the claim.	Is a new virus "hantavirus" discovered in China?
COMMENT	Tweets add some comments on the exact <b>SAME</b> information/topic as the claim.	share more info about the new hantavirus
IRRELEVANT	The information/topic of the Tweets that are <b>IRRELEVANT</b> to the claim.	Trump claims he inherited broken tests from Obama, for a virus that was discovered in 2019. Jesus wept. #Covid_19
RELEVANT	A tweet is not misinformation or a debunk of the claim but is nevertheless about the topic of the given claim, should be labelled as <b>RELEVANT</b> .	Hantavirus virus may cause similar symptoms as Covid-19.
OTHER/NOT_SURE	If you are not sure, please use this label.	News about the virus will be reported tomorrow. #News.