## Chapter 8

# Interpreting Computational Neural Network QSAR Models: A Measure of Descriptor Importance

#### 8.1 Introduction

Computational neural networks (CNNs) are an important component of the QSAR practitioner's toolbox for a number of reasons. First, neural network models are generally more accurate than other classes of models. The higher predictive ability of CNNs arises from their flexibility and their ability to model nonlinear relationships. Second, a variety of neural networks are available depending on the nature of the problem being studied. One can consider classes of neural networks depending on whether they are trained in a supervised manner (e.g., back-propagation networks) or in an unsupervised manner (e.g., Kohonen map<sup>1</sup>).

Neural network models also have a number of shortcomings. First, neural network models can be over-trained. Thus, it is frequently the case that a neural network model will have memorized the idiosyncrasies of the training set, essentially fitting the noise. As a result, when faced with a test set of new observations, such a model's predictive ability will be very poor. One way to alleviate this problem is the use of cross-validation and use of root mean square errors (RMSE) for characterizing the preformance of the CNN with the training, cross-validation, and prediction set's as described in Chapter 2. A second drawback is the matter of interpretability. Neural networks are generally regarded as black boxes. That is, one provides the input values and obtains an output value, but generally no information is provided regarding how those output values were obtained or how the input values correlate to the output value. In the case of QSAR models, the lack of interpretability forces the use of CNN models as purely predictive tools rather than as an aid in the understanding of structure property trends. As a result, neural network models are very useful as a component of a screening process.

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low. This is in contrast to linear models, which can be interpreted in a simple manner as has been shown in Chapters 6 and 7.

A number of reports in the machine learning literature describe attempts to extract meaning from neural network models.<sup>2–7</sup> Many of these techniques attempt to capture the functional representation being modeled by the neural network. In a number of cases, these methods require the use of specific neural network algorithms<sup>8,9</sup> and so generalization can be difficult.

Interpretation can be considered in two forms, broad and detailed. The aim of a broad interpretation is to characterize how important an input neuron (or descriptor) is to the predictive ability of the model. This type of interpretation allows us to rank input descriptors in order of importance. However, in the case of a QSAR neural network model, this approach does not allow us to understand exactly how a specific input descriptor affects the network output (for a QSAR model, predicted activity or property). The goal of a detailed interpretation is to extract the structure-property trends from a CNN model. A detailed interpretation should be able to indicate how an input descriptor for a given input example correlates to the predicted value for that input. This chapter focuses on a method to provide a broad interpretation of a neural network model. A technique to provide a detailed interpretation is described in the next chapter.

#### 8.2 Methodology

In this study we restrict ourselves to the use of 3-layer, fully-connected, feedforward computational neural networks. Furthermore, we consider only regression networks (as opposed to classification networks). The input layer represents the input descriptors, and the value of the output layer is the predicted property or activity. The neural network models considered in this work were built using the ADAPT<sup>10,11</sup> methodology which uses a genetic algorithm<sup>12,13</sup> to search a descriptor pool to find the best subset (of a specified size) of descriptors that results in a CNN model having a minimal cost function. This methodology has been discussed in detail in Chapters 2 and 3. The broad interpretation is essentially a sensitivity analysis of the neural network. This form of analysis has been described by So and Karplus.<sup>14</sup> However, the results of a sensitivity analysis have not been viewed as a measure of descriptor importance. It should also be pointed out that the idea behind sensitivity analysis is also the method by which a measure of descriptor importance is generated for random forest models.<sup>15,16</sup> The algorithm we have developed to measure descriptor importance proceeds in a number of steps. To start, a neural network model is trained and validated. The RMSE for this model is denoted as the base RMSE. Next, the first input descriptor is randomly scrambled, and then the neural network model is used to predict the activity of the observations. Because the values of this descriptor have been scrambled, one would expect the correlation between descriptor values and activity values to be obscured. As a result, the RMSE for these new predictions should be larger than the base RMSE. The difference between this RMSE value and the base RMSE indicates the importance of the descriptor to the model's predictive ability. That is, if a descriptor plays a major role in the model's predictive ability, scrambling that descriptor will lead to a greater loss of predictive ability (as measured by the RMSE value) than for a descriptor that does not play such an important role in the model. This procedure is then repeated for all the descriptors present in the model. Finally, we can rank the descriptors in order of importance.

An alternative procedure was also investigated; it consisted of replacing individual descriptors with random vectors. The elements of the random vectors were chosen from a normal distribution with mean and variance equal to that of the original descriptor. The RMSE values of the model with each descriptor replaced in turn by its random counterpart was recorded as described above. We did not notice any significant differences in the final ordering of the descriptor was the same. In two of the datasets the only difference occurred in the ordering of two or three of the least significant descriptors.

#### 8.3 Datasets and Models

To test this measure of descriptor importance we considered a number of datasets that have been studied in the literature. In two cases, linear regression models had been built and interpreted using the PLS scheme described by Stanton.<sup>17</sup> In all cases neural network models were also reported, but no form of interpretation was provided for these models, as they were developed primarily for their superior predictive ability.

We applied the descriptor importance methodology to these neural network models and compared the resultant rankings of the descriptors to the importance of the descriptors described by the PLS method for the linear models. It is important to note that the linear and CNN models do not necessarily contain the same descriptors (and indeed may have none in common). However, since both types of models should capture similar structure-property relationships present in the data, it is reasonable to expect that the descriptors used in the models should have similar interpretations. Due to the broad nature of the descriptor importance methodology, we do not expect a one-to-one correlation of interpretations of the linear and nonlinear models. However, the correlation does allow us to see which descriptors in a CNN model are playing the major role and by comparison with the interpretations provided for the linear models allows us to confirm that this method is able to capture descriptor importance correctly.

We considered three datasets. The first dataset consisted of a 147-member subset of compounds whose measured activity was normal boiling point. The whole dataset contained 277 compounds, obtained from the Design Institute for Physical Property Data (DIPPR) Project 801 database, and it was studied by Goll and Jurs.<sup>18</sup> Although the original work reported linear as well as CNN regression models we generated new linear and nonlinear models using the ADAPT methodology<sup>19,20</sup> and provide a brief interpretation for the linear case, using the PLS technique,<sup>17</sup> focusing on which descriptors are deemed important. The second dataset consisted of 179 artemisinin analogs. These were studied using CoMFA<sup>21</sup> by Avery et al.<sup>22</sup> The measured activity was the logarithm of the relative activity of the analogs (compared to the activity of artemisinin). This dataset has been discussed in Chapter 6 where it was used to build linear and nonlinear models using a 2-D QSAR methodology. An interpretation of the linear model using the PLS technique was also presented. The third dataset consisted of a set of 79 PDGFR phosphorylation inhibitors described by Pandey et al.<sup>23</sup> The reported activity was  $\log(IC_{50})$ and was obtained from a phosphorylation assay. A set of linear and nonlinear models were developed using this dataset and are described in Chapter 7, where we also provide an interpretation of the linear model.

### 8.4 Results

#### 8.4.1 DIPPR Dataset

We first consider the linear and CNN models for the DIPPR dataset for modeling boiling points. The statistics of the linear regression model for this dataset are summarized in Table 8.1 and the meanings of the descriptors used in the model are summarized in Table 8.2. The  $R^2$  value was 0.98, and the *F*-statistic was 1001 (for 7 and 139 degrees of freedom) which is much greater than the critical value of 2.076 ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ). The model is thus statistically valid. The corresponding PLS analysis is summarized in Table 8.3. The PLS statistics indicate that the increase in  $Q^2$  beyond the fourth component is negligible. Thus, we need only consider the most important descriptors in the first three components. To see which descriptor is contributing the most in a given component, we consider the X weights obtained from the PLS analysis which are displayed in Table 8.4. In component 1 it is clear that MW and V4P-5 are the most heavily weighted descriptors. Higher values of molecular weight correspond to larger molecules and thus elevated boiling points. The V4P-5 descriptor characterizes branching in the molecular structure. and higher values indicate a higher degree of branching. Thus, both of the most important descriptors in the first component correlate molecular size to higher values of boiling point. In the second component we see that the most weighted descriptors are RSHM and PNSA-3. RSHM characterizes the fraction of the solvent accessible surface area associated with hydrogens that can be donated in a hydrogen-bonding intermolecular interaction. PNSA-3 is the charge weighted partial negative surface area. Clearly, both these descriptors characterize the ability of molecules to form hydrogen bonds. In summary, the structure-property relationship captured by the linear model indicates that London forces dominate the relationship. Although individual atomic contributions to the trend are small, larger molecules will have more interactions leading to higher boiling points. In addition, attractive forces, originating from hydrogen bond formation, also play a role in the relationship and these are characterized in the second component of the PLS model. We can use the above discussion and information from the PLS analysis to rank the descriptors considered in the PLS analysis in decreasing order of contributions: MW, V4P-5, RSHM, PNSA-3.

The next step was to develop a computational neural network model for this dataset. The ADAPT methodology was used to search for descriptor subsets ranging in size from 4 to 6. The final CNN model had a 5–3–1 architecture, and the statistics of the model are reported in Table 8.5. The descriptors in this model were FNSA-3, MOLC-6, WPHS-3 and RPHS, which are described in Table 8.2. The increase in RMSE values for the descriptors in each neural network model are reported in Tables 8.6, 8.7 and 8.8. In each table the third column represents the increase in RMSE, due to the scrambling of the corresponding descriptor, over the base RMSE. It is evident that scrambling some descriptors leads to larger increases, whereas others lead to negligible increases in the RMSE. The information contained in these tables is more easily seen in the descriptor importance plots shown in Figs. 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3. These figures plot the increase in RMSE for each descriptor, in decreasing order.

Considering the DIPPR dataset (Table 8.6 and Fig. 8.1) we see that although the linear and nonlinear models have only one descriptor in common (RSHM) the types of descriptors are the same in the both models (topological and charge-related). The CNN model contains charged partial surface area descriptors (RSHM and FNSA-3) as well as hydrophobicity descriptors (WPHS-3 and RPHS). One may expect that the structureactivity trends captured by the CNN model are similar to those captured by the linear model. If we look at Fig. 8.1 we see that the most important descriptor is WPHS-3. This descriptor represents the surface weighted hydrophobic surface area. Since this is correlated to the positively charged surface area, this descriptor should characterize hydrogen-bonding ability. The second most important descriptor is MOLC-6, which represents a topological path containing four carbon atoms. This descriptor essentially characterizes molecular size. The next two most important descriptors are RSHM, which has been previously described, and RPHS, which characterizes the relative hydrophobic surface area. The insignificant separation between these two descriptors along the X-axis indicates that these two descriptors are probably playing similar roles in the predictive ability of the CNN model. When compared to the ranking of descriptor contributions in the PLS analysis we see that the CNN descriptor importance places a hydrophobicity descriptor as the most important descriptor, followed by MOLC-6 which, as mentioned, characterizes molecular size. The difference in ordering may be due to the fact that the CNN is able to find a better correlation between the selected descriptors, such that WPHS-3 provides the maximum amount of information. However, in general, the broad interpretation provided by this method does compare well with that of the linear model using PLS.

#### 8.4.2 PDFGR Dataset

We now consider the PDGFR dataset. Chapter 7 described a 3-descriptor linear regression model. The PLS interpretation of this model indicated that all three descriptors were important. These descriptors were SURR-5, RNHS-3 and MDEN-23. The first two descriptors are hydrophobic surface area descriptors and the last descriptor is a topological descriptor which represents the geometric mean of the topological path length between secondary and tertiary nitrogens. If we take into account the PLS components in which these descriptors occur, they can be ordered as SURR-5, MDEN-23 and RNHS-3 (decreasing importance). The CNN model for this dataset, described in Chapter 7, contained 7 descriptors: N5CH, WTPT-3, WTPT4, FLEX-4, RNHS-3, SURR-5

and APAVG. A summary of these descriptors can be found in Table 8.2 As can be seen, the linear regression and CNN models have two descriptors in common: SURR-5 and RNHS-3.

The descriptor importance plot for the PDFGR dataset (Fig. 8.2) shows the most important descriptor to be SURR-5. The next most important descriptor is RNHS-3. The position of RNHS-3 on the plot indicates that it plays a much less important role than SURR-5 in the model's predictive ability. However, it is notable that the two most important descriptors identified by our method in the CNN model are also the two most important descriptors identified by the PLS analysis of the linear regression model. Given that the CNN model and linear model should capture similar structure property trends in the dataset, the similarity between the important descriptors in the two models serve to confirm the validity of this method. It is also interesting to note that FLEX-4, N5CH-12 and WTPT-3 descriptors are relatively closely spaced along the X-axis. Though these descriptors are ranked, the relatively small increase between each one might be indicative that these descriptors are performing similar roles within the network. The position of WTPT-5 in the plot indicates that it contributes relatively little to the model's predictive ability.

#### 8.4.3 Artemisinin Dataset

Finally, we consider the artemisinin dataset. Chapter 6 presented a 4-descriptor linear regression model. The most important descriptors identified by a PLS analysis of this model were N7CH, WTPT-2 and NSB. N7CH and WTPT-2 are topological descriptors. N7CH is the number of seventh order chains and WTPT-2 is the weighted path descriptor divided by the total number of atoms. NSB is the count of single bonds. Summaries of the descriptors are presented in Table 8.2 and further details of these descriptors can be found in the original work.<sup>24</sup> Taking into account the PLS components in which these appear, we can order them as: N7CH, NSB, WTPT-2 (decreasing order of importance). The CNN model described in Chapter 6 had 10 descriptors: KAPPA-6, NDB, MOMI-4, N7CH, MOLC-8, WTPT-5, MDE-12, MDE-13, ELEC and FPSA-3. Brief summaries of the descriptors can be found in Table 8.2. In this case, the linear model and the CNN model have only one descriptor in common (N7CH), though both models contain weighted path descriptors (WTPT-2 for the linear model and WTPT-5 for the CNN model). The CNN model also contains a number of topological and geometric descriptors (KAPPA-6, MOLC-8, MDE-12, MDE-13 and MOMI-4) as well as two electronic descriptors (ELEC and FPSA-3). When compared to the linear model, which contained only topological descriptors, it appears that the CNN model has been able to capture a more detailed view of the structure-property relationship by including information from electronic descriptors.

If we now consider the descriptor importance plot in Fig. 8.3 we see that the most important descriptor is N7CH. Its contribution to the model's predictive ability is clearly significant. In contrast, the next most significant descriptor, MDE-13, is much further left than N7CH. MDE13 is a distance edge descriptor (the number of paths between primary and tertiary carbons) and characterizes molecular size. In this sense, it is similar in nature to the count of single bonds (the second most important descriptor in the linear model). Once again we see that a number of descriptors are relatively closely spaced along the X- axis (such as NDB, MOLC-8, FPSA-3 and KAPA-6). It is interesting to note that the electronic descriptors are approximately in the middle of the ranking, whereas the top four descriptors are mainly topological in nature. One can conclude that electronic factors do not play a major role in the structure property relationship captured by this CNN model, but do enhance the predictive ability of the model when compared to the performance of the linear model. It is also interesting to see that the WTPT-5 is ranked quite low in the CNN model and is the least important descriptor in the linear model. As before, if we assume that the linear and nonlinear models capture similar structure-property relationships we see that the CNN descriptor importance method ranks the descriptors such that their order of importance is similar to that in the linear model.

#### 8.5 Conclusions

From the preceding results, we see that the proposed measure of importance is able to characterize the relative importance of descriptors. The resultant ranking of descriptors corresponds well to a ranking of descriptors obtained by PLS analysis of a linear model using the same dataset. The comparison with the linear models is not necessarily one-to- one since the descriptors in the linear and CNN models will generally be different.

The representation of descriptor importance plots allows easy visual analysis of the descriptors in the model. In addition, apart from merely ranking, the plots provide a qualitative view of how important a given descriptor is relative to others. That is, by looking at the separation between two descriptors on the X-axis, one may determine that a certain descriptor plays a much more significant role than another in the model's predictive power. We conjecture that descriptors with little separation along the X-axis play similar roles within the CNN architecture. However, confirmation of this requires a more detailed interpretation of the CNN model, which we present in the next chapter.

It is clear that the proposed measure of descriptor importance does not allow the user to elucidate exactly how the model represents the information captured by a given descriptor. That is, the methodology does not indicate the sign (or direction) of the effect of each input descriptor. Thus we cannot draw conclusions regarding the nature of the correlation between input descriptors and network output. However, even in the absence of a detailed understanding of the behavior of the input descriptors, the method described here allows the user to determine the most important descriptor (or descriptors) and investigate whether replacement by similar descriptors might lead to an improvement in the model's predictive ability. We investigated this possibility by replacing the SURR-5 descriptor from the 10–5–1 CNN model for the artemisinin dataset by other hydrophobic surface area descriptors. In some cases the RMSE of the resultant model did increase, though not significantly. However in a few cases the RMSE of the model decreased, compared to the original RMSE. This is not surprising, as the importance plots show that theoretically related descriptors (such as WTPT-3 and WTPT-5 in Fig. 8.2) may have significantly different contributions. However, the importance measure does allow us to change model descriptors in a guided manner. This procedure is functionally similar to feature selection but the main difference is that it is applied to a subset of descriptors that have already been deemed "good" by a feature selection algorithm (genetic algorithm<sup>12</sup> or simulated annealing<sup>25</sup>). Hence, the result of the "tweaking" procedure described here, is akin to locally fine-tuning a given descriptor subset, rather than selecting whole new subsets.

Finally, we note that the machine learning literature describes a number of approaches to interpretation of CNN models. In general, these methods are closely tied to specific types of neural network models.<sup>8,9</sup> A useful feature of this interpretation methodology is that it is quite general in nature. That is, the methodology is not dependent on the specific characteristics of a neural network and depends only on the input data. This implies that the methodology can be applied to obtain descriptor importance measures for any type of neural network model such as single layer or multilayer perceptrons<sup>26</sup> or radial basis networks.<sup>27</sup> Furthermore many interpretation methods are focused on extracting rules or analytical forms of the CNN's internal model.<sup>28-30</sup> In many cases, this necessitates a complex analysis of the model utilizing another pattern recognition<sup>31</sup>

or optimization algorithm.<sup>28,32</sup> In contrast, the method described here is simple to carry out and provides easily understandable conclusions. In summary, the interpretation methodology described here provides a broad view of descriptor importance for a neural network model, thus alleviating the black box nature of the neural network methodology to some extent.

	Estimate	Std. Error	t	Р
(Intercept)	-215.092	29.451	-7.30	0.000
PNSA-3	-3.561	0.210	-16.90	0.000
RSHM	608.071	21.302	28.55	0.000
V4P-5	19.576	3.308	5.92	0.000
S4PC-12	12.089	1.572	7.69	0.000
MW	0.579	0.061	9.42	0.000
WTPT-2	236.108	16.574	14.25	0.000
DPHS	0.198	0.028	7.07	0.000

Table 8.1.Summary of the linear regression model de-veloped for the DIPPR dataset.

Table 8.2: Glossary of descriptors reported in this paper

Descriptor Code	Description	Reference
APAVG	The mean value of all unique atom pairs present in	33
	the molecule	
DPHS	The difference between the hydrophobic and	34
	hydrophilic surface area	
ELEC	Electronegativity $(0.5 \times (HOMO + LUMO))$	
FLEX-4	Molecular mass of rotatable atoms divided by the	35
	hydrogen suppressed molecular weight	
FNSA-3	Charge weighted partial negative relative surface area	36
FPSA-3	Atom weighted partial positive surface area divided	36
	by the total molecular surface area	
KAPA-6	Atom corrected shape index $({}^{3}\kappa)$	37 - 39
MDE-12	Molecular distance edge vector between primary and	40
	secondary carbons	
MDE-13	Molecular distance edge vector between primary and	40
	tertiary carbons	

Table 8.2: (continued)

Descriptor Code	Description	Reference
MDEN-23	Molecular distance edge vector between secondary	40
	and tertiary nitrogen's	
MOLC-6	Path of length 4 molecular connectivity index	41, 42
MOLC-8	Path-cluster of length 4 molecular connectivity index	41, 42
MOMI-4	Ratio of the principal component of the moment of	43
	inertia along the X-axis to that along the Y-axis	
MW	Molecular weight	
NDB	Number of double bonds	
NSB	Number of single bonds	
N5CH-12	Number of 5 <sup>th</sup> order chains	44-46
N7CH	Number of 7 <sup>th</sup> order chains	44-46
PNSA-3	Charge weighted partial negative surface area	36
RNHS-3	A hydrophobic surface area descriptor defined as the	34,47
	product of the surface area of the most hydrophilic	
	atom and the sum of the hydrophilic constants	
	divided by the logP value for the molecule	
RPHS	Product of the surface area of the most hydrophobic	34,47
	atom and its hydrophobic constant divided by the	
	sum of all hydrophobic constants	
RSHM	Fraction of the solvent accessible surface area	36
	associated with hydrogens that can be donated in a	
	hydrogen-bonding intermolecular interaction	
S4PC-12	4th order simple path cluster	44-46
SURR-5	Ratio of the atomic constant weighted hydrophobic	34,47
	(low) surface area and the atomic constant weighted	
	hydrophilic surface area	
V4P-5	$4^{\rm th}$ order valence path molecular connectivity index	44-46
WPHS-3	Surface weighted hydrophobic surface area	34,47
WTPT-3	Sum of all path lengths starting from heteroatoms	48
WTPT-5	Sum of all path lengths starting from nitrogen's	48

Components	X Variance	Error SS	$R^2$	PRESS	$Q^2$
1	0.431	94868.5	0.863	99647.6	0.857
2	0.660	26221.6	0.962	29046.7	0.958
3	0.768	16614.8	0.976	19303.3	0.972
4	0.843	14670.8	0.978	17027.6	0.975
5	0.911	14032.5	0.979	16281.3	0.976
6	0.987	13775.9	0.980	15870.6	0.977
7	1.000	13570.9	0.980	15653.0	0.977

Table 8.3.Summary of the PLS analysis based on the linearregression model developed for the DIPPR dataset.

Table 8.4. The X weights for the PLS components from the PLS analysis summarized in Table 8.3.

	Component						
Descriptor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PNSA-3	-0.303	-0.423	0.202	-0.250	0.254	-0.737	-0.127
RSHM	0.190	0.779	0.347	-0.032	0.222	-0.377	0.209
V4P-5	0.485	-0.157	-0.071	-0.664	-0.368	-0.096	0.384
S4PC-12	0.289	-0.079	-0.578	0.531	-0.031	-0.469	0.264
MW	0.499	-0.085	0.368	0.242	-0.397	-0.170	-0.602
WTPT-2	0.483	-0.051	-0.265	-0.221	0.708	0.138	-0.350
DPHS	0.263	-0.415	0.540	0.322	0.297	0.187	0.487

Table 8.5.Summarystatistics for the best CNNmodel for the DIPPRdataset.The modelarchitecture was 5–3–1.

	$R^2$	RMSE
TSET	0.98	9.92
CVSET	0.99	7.89
PSET	0.98	8.61

Table 8.6. Increase in RMSE due to scrambling of individual descriptors. The CNN architecture was 5–3–1 and as built using the DIPPR dataset. The base RMSE was 9.92

	Scrambled Descriptor	RMSE	Difference
1	FNSA-3	30.50	20.58
2	RSHM	35.76	25.84
3	MOLC-6	51.32	41.39
4	WPHS-3	66.27	56.35
5	RPHS	35.75	25.83

Table 8.7. Increase in RMSE due to scrambling of individual descriptors. The CNN architecture was 7–3–1 and was built using the PDGFR dataset. The base RMSE was 0.29

	Scrambled Descriptor	RMSE	Difference
1	N5CH-12	0.50	0.20
2	WTPT-3	0.49	0.19
3	WTPT-5	0.39	0.09
4	FLEX-4	0.51	0.21
5	RNHS-3	0.51	0.21
6	SURR-5	0.72	0.42
7	APAVG	0.48	0.18

Table 8.8. Increase in RMSE due to scrambling of individual descriptors. The CNN architecture was 10–5–1 and was built using the artemisinin dataset. The RMSE for the original model was 0.48

	Scrambled Descriptor	RMSE	Difference
1	KAPA-6	0.88	0.40
2	N7CH-20	1.97	1.49
3	MOLC-8	0.98	0.50
4	NDB	0.99	0.51
5	WTPT-5	0.78	0.30
6	MDE-12	0.85	0.37
7	MDE-13	1.18	0.70
8	MOMI-4	0.77	0.29
9	ELEC	0.93	0.45
10	FPSA-3	0.89	0.41



Fig. 8.1. Importance Plot for the 5–3–1 CNN model built using the DIPPR dataset



Fig. 8.2. Importance Plot for the 7–3–1 CNN model built using the PDGFR dataset



Fig. 8.3. Importance Plot for the 10–5–1 CNN model built using the artemisinin dataset

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