1 S1: Data Preparation

A dataset consisting of molecular structures labelled as hERG and non-hERG blockers in the form of SMILES strings was obtained from the DeepHIT authors [1] and was curated from five sources, the BindingDB database (3056 hERG blockers, 3039 hERG non-blockers) [2], ChEMBL bioactivity database (4859 hERG blockers, 4751 hERG non-blockers) [3], and literature derived (4355 hERG blockers, 3534 hERG non-blockers) [4], (1545 hERG blockers, 816 hERG non-blockers) [5], (2849 hERG blockers, 1202 hERG non-blockers) [6]. SMILES strings from all the 5 sources were standardized using RDkit 
http://www.rdkit.org/ and MolVS https://molvs.readthedocs.io/en/latest/ as described by Ryu et al [1] and shown in Figs S1 a. After standardization, each data source was split into four sets such as 70% base training set, 10% base validation set, 10% meta training set and 10% meta validation set. All redundant molecules were removed and respective sets were merged together to form a combined base training set, base validation set, meta training set and meta validation set. We used test set-I from DeepHIT “as is” which contains more hERG blockers than non-blockers. Pairwise Tanimoto similarity [1] was computed between all molecules of combined data sets with those of molecules in test set-I obtained from DeepHIT. All those molecules in the combined data sets, the Tanimoto similarity of which are \( >0.7 \) to any of the molecule in test set-I were removed, thus forming a gold standard training and validation data as shown in Figs S1 a.

In order to evaluate our model on another independent test set which should contain more non blockers molecules, we curated 110 hERG blockers and 336 hERG non-blockers from “E3 training” set of Siramshetty at al. [7]. The reason we curated from E3 training is because it contains molecules with potency threshold (IC\(_{50}\)) values \(<10 \mu M\) considered to be hERG blockers and (IC\(_{50}\)) values \(\geq 10 \mu M\) considered to be hERG non-blockers which is compatible with other datasets used in our study. Besides, E3 training is also negatively imbalanced which contains more non-blockers than blocker molecules, as test set-II is aimed to be negatively imbalanced unlike test set-I which is positively imbalanced. We also obtained 9250 molecules from Kumar et al. [8] with pIC\(_{50}\)
values as potency threshold. We converted the unit of potency from pIC\textsubscript{50} to IC\textsubscript{50} and labelled molecules with (IC\textsubscript{50}) values < 10 µM as hERG blockers and (IC\textsubscript{50}) values ≥ 10 µM as hERG non-blockers. Both data sets were merged together and all those molecules with Tanimoto similarity > 0.7 to any molecule in gold standard data training and validation or test set-I were removed. Thus we obtained test set-II which contains more non blocker molecule than blockers and is dissimilar to both gold standard training and validation as well as test set-I as shown in Figs S1 b. Both test set-I and II are relatively small in number, so we curated another larger independent test set from very recent work of Siramshetty at al. [9]. This larger test set is also negatively biased with 53 blockers and 786 non-blockers. All molecules were compared with training set, test set-I and test set-II in terms of pairwise tanimoto similarity. Molecules with tanimoto similarity > 0.7 to any of the molecules in training set, test set-I or test set-II were removed to form test set-III. Thus we obtain total of 706 hERG non-blockers and 34 hERG blockers in the test set-III as shown in Figs S1 b.

2 S2: SMILES embedding vectors

Based on the training data, SMILES vocabulary is generated using tokenizer module developed by Reverie Labs, the link of which is given below. 
https://blog.reverielabs.com/transformers-for-drug-discovery/.

Each SMILES string is converted into fixed size numerical vector based on mapping dictionary of SMILES vocab as shown in Figs S2. The mapping dictionary maps each SMILES vocab element to a numerical value. The length of the longest SMILES string is 97 in terms of SMILES vocab element in the training data considered for this work.

3 S3: Standard deviation for base features validation

Tables S1 shows standard division for each split of base validation set in training the individual base models.

| Base features | MCC | NPV | ACC | PPV | SPE | SEN | AUC |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| DESC          | 0.024 | 0.019 | 0.012 | 0.021 | 0.025 | 0.028 | 0.011 |
| MGF           | 0.020 | 0.022 | 0.010 | 0.025 | 0.034 | 0.024 | 0.006 |
| MFP           | 0.016 | 0.023 | 0.008 | 0.026 | 0.035 | 0.027 | 0.007 |
| MFP           | 0.016 | 0.031 | 0.008 | 0.026 | 0.042 | 0.038 | 0.007 |
| FPeV          | 0.024 | 0.028 | 0.012 | 0.024 | 0.040 | 0.034 | 0.010 |
| SeV           | 0.018 | 0.021 | 0.009 | 0.019 | 0.036 | 0.037 | 0.007 |
## 4 S4: Standard deviation for meta features validation

Tables S2 shows standard division for each split of meta validation set in 10 fold validation process.

### Tables S2: Standard deviation values for 10 fold cross validation results for various meta features on meta validation set.

| Meta Features | Base features | MCC | NPV | ACC | PPV | SPE | SEN | AUC |
|---------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| M1-1          | DESC, DESC    | 0.02  | 0.013 | 0.011 | 0.014 | 0.017 | 0.025 | 0.008 |
| M1-2          | MGF, MGF      | 0.023 | 0.018 | 0.012 | 0.020 | 0.044 | 0.022 | 0.008 |
| M1-3          | MFP, MFP      | 0.022 | 0.021 | 0.011 | 0.025 | 0.048 | 0.030 | 0.008 |
| M1-4          | FPeV, FPeV    | 0.034 | 0.025 | 0.018 | 0.028 | 0.044 | 0.028 | 0.011 |
| M1-5          | SeV, SeV      | 0.019 | 0.025 | 0.010 | 0.025 | 0.042 | 0.031 | 0.007 |
| M1-6          | MGF, MFT      | 0.019 | 0.015 | 0.009 | 0.014 | 0.017 | 0.012 | 0.007 |
| M1-7          | MGF, DESC     | 0.019 | 0.015 | 0.009 | 0.014 | 0.017 | 0.012 | 0.007 |
| M1-8          | MGF, SeV      | 0.015 | 0.019 | 0.008 | 0.020 | 0.025 | 0.023 | 0.005 |
| M1-9          | MGF, FPeV     | 0.019 | 0.013 | 0.010 | 0.021 | 0.029 | 0.017 | 0.004 |
| M1-10         | MGF, DESC     | 0.014 | 0.012 | 0.007 | 0.016 | 0.022 | 0.015 | 0.007 |
| M1-11         | MGF, SeV      | 0.025 | 0.017 | 0.012 | 0.017 | 0.022 | 0.020 | 0.007 |
| M1-12         | MGF, FPeV     | 0.023 | 0.023 | 0.012 | 0.018 | 0.025 | 0.021 | 0.006 |
| M1-13         | MGF, SeV      | 0.020 | 0.021 | 0.010 | 0.020 | 0.024 | 0.021 | 0.005 |
| M1-14         | MGF, FPeV     | 0.023 | 0.018 | 0.011 | 0.021 | 0.027 | 0.023 | 0.009 |
| M1-15         | MGF, DESC     | 0.017 | 0.014 | 0.009 | 0.014 | 0.019 | 0.017 | 0.006 |
| M1-16         | MGF, MFT      | 0.023 | 0.019 | 0.012 | 0.025 | 0.032 | 0.022 | 0.006 |
| M1-17         | MGF, MGT      | 0.025 | 0.019 | 0.013 | 0.021 | 0.027 | 0.017 | 0.009 |
| M1-18         | MGF, DESC, SeV| 0.021 | 0.026 | 0.011 | 0.023 | 0.029 | 0.029 | 0.008 |
| M1-19         | MGF, DESC, FPeV| 0.015 | 0.014 | 0.007 | 0.009 | 0.022 | 0.016 | 0.009 |
| M1-20         | MGF, SeV, FPeV| 0.016 | 0.014 | 0.008 | 0.018 | 0.019 | 0.009 | 0.008 |
| M1-21         | MGF, DESC, SeV| 0.014 | 0.027 | 0.006 | 0.020 | 0.024 | 0.027 | 0.006 |
| M1-22         | MGF, DESC, FPeV| 0.009 | 0.018 | 0.004 | 0.014 | 0.015 | 0.019 | 0.005 |
| M1-23         | MGF, SeV, FPeV| 0.008 | 0.018 | 0.004 | 0.015 | 0.024 | 0.022 | 0.004 |
| M1-24         | MGF, DESC, FPeV| 0.021 | 0.026 | 0.010 | 0.012 | 0.017 | 0.028 | 0.007 |
| M1-25         | MGF, DESC, SeV, SeV| 0.021 | 0.022 | 0.010 | 0.017 | 0.023 | 0.021 | 0.008 |
| M1-26         | MGF, DESC, FPeV, MFP| 0.025 | 0.021 | 0.012 | 0.020 | 0.024 | 0.020 | 0.007 |
| M1-27         | MGF, DESC, FPeV, MFP| 0.031 | 0.017 | 0.010 | 0.016 | 0.020 | 0.018 | 0.009 |
| M1-28         | MGF, DESC, SeV, FPeV| 0.012 | 0.017 | 0.006 | 0.015 | 0.023 | 0.020 | 0.005 |
| M1-29         | MGF, DESC, SeV, FPeV| 0.020 | 0.015 | 0.010 | 0.014 | 0.017 | 0.017 | 0.006 |
| M1-30         | MGF, DESC, SeV, FPeV, MFP| 0.021 | 0.017 | 0.010 | 0.015 | 0.021 | 0.020 | 0.008 |
Figs S1: a) Preparation of gold standard training data as per the procedure described in DeepHIT. b) Preparation of external independent test set-II, test set-III.
Figs S2: SMILES embedding vectors based on the vocab elements.
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