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CL±P	cleft lip with or without cleft palate = cleft lip + cleft lip and palate (excludes cleft palate)
CP±L	cleft palate with or without cleft lip = cleft lip and palate + cleft palate (excludes cleft lip)
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