We would like to thank each of the reviewers for the constructive and insightful comments on our manuscript. 1

R1, R3: Comparison with more baselines. Table 1 shows more 2 comparison results, where the suffixes "-I" and "-P", respectively, 3 indicate that the identity matrix and the pretrained node2vec embed-4 dings are used as the input features. We observe that the pretrained 5

structural embeddings can indeed bring performance improvement. 6

However, our MetaTNE still outperforms GCN-P and Meta-GNN-7

- P by a significant margin. In addition, we see that Meta-GNN-P 8
- underperforms GCN-P and the reason is discussed in lines 311-315 9

in our paper. Due to limited space here, we will give the results of GCN-P and Meta-GNN-P on other datasets as well 10 as with different  $K_{*,+}$  and  $K_{*,-}$ , in the final version. 11

R1: (1) More ablation studies. Table 2 gives more ablation study 12

results, where V1 denotes that the node embeddings are learned at 13

the beginning and then left fixed and V2 denotes that each node 14

is represented by a one-hot vector. Our method significantly out-15 performs V1 and V2 and the performance of these two variants is 16

worse than that of the variants in Table 3 in our paper. In addition, 17

V1 underperforms V2 even if the node embeddings of V1 are first 18

Meta-GNN-I 0.4805 0.2375 0.5466 0.3289 0.3081 0.2141 Meta-GNN-P 0.6533 0.3567 0.2962 0.6537 0.3964 0.3373 MetaTNE 0.6986 0.5380 0.6203 0.6865 0.5188 0.5621

BlogCatalog

 $\mathbf{F}_1$ 

0.2730

0.3892

AUC

0.6102

0.6643

Method

GCN-I

GCN-P

Table 2: Results of ablation study in terms of F<sub>1</sub>.

Method	$K_{*,+} = 10, K_{*,-} = 20$		$K_{*,+} = 10, K_{*,-} = 40$	
	BlogCatalog	PPI	BlogCatalog	PPI
MetaTNE	0.5380	0.5188	0.4398	0.4298
V1	0.4748	0.4614	0.3549	0.3389
V2	0.4892	0.4819	0.3699	0.3777

learned from the graph structure. We speculate that the reason is that the latent space of node embeddings somewhat 19 overfits to the metric of graph structure learning, making it harder to adapt to the metric of subsequent meta-learning or 20 few-shot learning tasks. (2) Explanation on Figure 3 in the supplement. When there are more negative samples and 21 the number of positive samples is fixed, the data becomes more skewed. A large degree of imbalance leads the classifier 22 to bias towards the negative samples, which has two impacts: very few samples are predicted as positive samples, and the 23 true positive samples are more difficult to identify. In general, the recall scores will drop significantly while the precision 24 scores will not change too much. Consequently, both our method and the baseline show performance degradation in the 25

 $F_1$  scores when more negative samples are given and the number of positive samples keeps unchanged. 26

R2: (1) About the meta-learning formulation. Due to limited space, we place the detailed meta-learning formulation 27 of how to use the support and query sets in the supplement. We will clarify it in the final version and ensure that the 28 paper is self-contained. Also, we will further polish our paper based on your suggestions to address other writing issues. 29 (2) Empirical justification for the optimization part. We refer the reviewer to Table 3 in our paper where the results 30 of V3 empirically justify the effectiveness of the optimization part. (3) About tasks where node features exist. Since 31 we focus more on the featureless scenarios, MetaTNE currently cannot handle node features, and further research is 32

needed to incorporate node features into the structural and meta-learning modules of our method. 33

R3: (1) Comparison against Meta-GNN. It is a standard paradigm, that both Meta-GNN and our MetaTNE follow, to 34 conduct adaptation on the support set and then do evaluation on the query set in the meta-learning literature, however, it 35 is non-trivial to effectively apply meta-learning to the considered *content-less graph data* under the *multi-label setting*. 36 Our main technical contributions are the specially designed transformation function and training scheduler, which 37 enable MetaTNE to achieve strong experimental results. In contrast, Meta-GNN simply uses MAML to train GCN 38 models and does not show satisfactory performance in the scenario of interest even if using the node2vec embeddings 39 as input as shown in Table 1. The reasons are discussed in lines 308-315 in our paper. (2) Regarding the fine-tuning 40 approaches. As mentioned in Sec. 2.2 of the supplement, the baseline GCN is actually evaluated in a fine-tuning 41 manner. Specifically, we first train a GCN model on the training data and then fine-tune the parameters of the last layer 42 on the novel labels. During the rebuttal period, we further try fine-tuning all layers on the novel labels and find that 43 the performance of fine-tuning all layers is slightly worse than that of only fine-tuning the last layer. For example, on 44 BlogCatalog dataset with  $K_{*,+} = 10$  and  $K_{*,-} = 20$ , the F<sub>1</sub> of the former is 0.3746 and the F<sub>1</sub> of the latter is 0.3892 45 (note that these numbers are obtained by using the node2vec embeddings as input). Complete results will be available 46 in the final version and omitted here due to limited space. Overall, our proposed MetaTNE significantly outperforms 47 the fine-tuning approaches. (3) We will resummarize the first contribution in lines 66-69 to make it more appropriate. 48

**R3**, **R5**: Explanation on why to use self-attention. For the embedding transformation, our goal is to find how a query 49 node correlates with positive or negative support nodes. The self-attention has shown its power to effectively capture 50 relationships between a set of elements in a wide range of applications and naturally meets our needs. We agree that it 51 is insightful to explore different architectures to implement the transformation. We have already started working on this 52 and will report our findings in the final version. 53

R5: By using 1-hop neighbors, our method already outperforms the baselines by a significant margin, and thus we did 54 not try other ways to construct the neighbor set. In addition, we agree that it is more realistic to model label uncertainty. 55

We leave these explorations as important future work. 56

Table 1: Results with 
$$K_{*,+} = 10$$
 and  $K_{*,-} = 20$ .

Recall

0.2194

0 3379

AUC

0 6544

0.6596

PPI

 $F_1$ 

0 3379

0.4176

Recall

0 2721

0 3729