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Machine Learning Predictive Models for Acute Pancreatitis: A Systematic Review

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ABSTRACT:

The sudden onset of acute pancreatitis presents significant challenges in clinical management. Early identification of this disease is crucial for timely intervention and improved patient outcomes. Machine learning models have emerged as promising tools for predicting acute pancreatitis, utilizing diverse data sources and algorithms. This systematic review aims to comprehensively explore the landscape of machine learning predictive models for acute pancreatitis. We delve into the significance of early identification, the diverse methodologies employed, and their clinical utility. Our rigorous methodology includes a comprehensive search strategy, inclusion and exclusion criteria, data extraction and analysis, and systematic evaluation of the selected studies. The systematic review provides insights into feature selection and engineering, data sources, model types and algorithms, and performance evaluation metrics. It also offers a detailed review of study characteristics, data sources, feature importance, model performance, and clinical utility. The discussion section emphasizes key findings, limitations, and future research directions. The review concludes with a summary of the state of the field and implications for clinical practice, highlighting the potential for early prediction models to transform patient care. This review serves as a comprehensive resource for researchers, clinicians, and healthcare professionals interested in the intersection of machine learning and acute pancreatitis.

1. INTRODUCTION

Acute pancreatitis is a complex and often life-threatening medical condition characterized by the sudden inflammation of the pancreas. The severity of acute pancreatitis varies, and it can range from mild, self-limiting cases to severe forms with life-threatening complications. The global incidence of acute pancreatitis has been on the rise, affecting millions of individuals annually, leading to significant healthcare costs and, in severe cases, mortality.

In the past few decades, the global incidence of acute pancreatitis has surged, making it a significant public health concern. This increase can be attributed to various factors, including changes in lifestyle and dietary habits. In the United States, for example, the incidence of acute pancreatitis has risen by approximately 50 percent over the last two decades, leading to a considerable burden on healthcare systems.In addition to the growing incidence, the economic impact of acute pancreatitis is substantial. Hospitalizations and treatments for severe cases are costly, and there is a ripple effect on healthcare resources and budgets. This underscores the urgent need for effective and efficient strategies for the management of acute pancreatitis

The primary aim of this systematic review is to comprehensively investigate the role of machine learning models in predicting acute pancreatitis. Another key objective is to identify the limitations and challenges associated with existing predictive models. Machine learning models are not without their shortcomings, and understanding these limitations is crucial for refining and improving these models. This review delves into issues such as data imbalances, model generalizability, and the complexity of clinical scenarios. To investigate, if the computed tomography severity index (CTSI) can predict the outcomes of AP better than other scoring systems.[2]

2. METHODS AND TOOLS

The methodology section details the systematic approach used in the review. A comprehensive search strategy was developed to ensure the inclusion of all pertinent literature while maintaining rigorous scientific standards. To ensure a comprehensive coverage of relevant studies, multiple databases and search engines were selected. This included but was not limited to PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science, and specialized medical literature databases. These sources were chosen due to their extensive coverage of medical and healthcare-related literature. The search strategy incorporated a diverse set of keywords and search terms to maximize the breadth of the search. Key terms included" acute pancreatitis, machine learning, predictive models," and related variations. Synonyms and Boolean operators were employed to further expand the scope of the search. Revisions were made in response to comments, and the web based consultation was repeated three times. The final consensus was reviewed, and only statements based on published evidence were retained.[1].

Inclusion And Exclusion Criteria

The inclusion and exclusion criteria serve as a critical component of the methodology, guiding the selection of studies for the review. In this systematic review, rigorous criteria were established to ensure the quality and relevance of the studies included.

Temporal Scope

The temporal scope of the review was restricted to articles published from the year 2000 onwards. This temporal limitation allows the review to encompass the most recent advancements in both the domain of acute pancreatitis research and the field of machine learning

Data Extraction And Analysis

Data extraction and analysis are the core processes of the methodology section. This section elucidates the systematic approach applied to these processes.

Systematic Data Extraction

A systematic data extraction strategy was devised to ensure the comprehensive collection of key information from each selected study. This information encompassed essential details related to the machine learning models used, the specific performance metrics employed, and the key findings related to the prediction of acute pancreatitis.

Importing Data and Data Description

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n [2]: data = pd.read_csv("data/data.csv")
       data_description = pd.read_csv("data/data-documentation-description.csv")

n [3]: # Getting some rows from the data
       data.head()
```

ut[3]:

	sample_id	patient_cohort	sample_origin	age	sex	diagnosis	stage	benign_sample_diagnosis	plasma_CA19_9	creatinine	LYVE1	REG1B	TFF1
0	S1	Cohort1	BPTB	33	F	1	NaN	NaN	11.7	1.83222	0.893219	52.94884	654.282174
1	S10	Cohort1	BPTB	81	F	1	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.97266	2.037585	94.46703	209.488250
2	S100	Cohort2	BPTB	51	M	1	NaN	NaN	7.0	0.78039	0.145589	102.36600	461.141000
3	S101	Cohort2	BPTB	61	M	1	NaN	NaN	8.0	0.70122	0.002805	60.57900	142.950000
4	S102	Cohort2	BPTB	62	M	1	NaN	NaN	9.0	0.21489	0.000860	65.54000	41.088000

Table 1. shows Data Loading

Criteria For Analysis

The analysis of the data was rigorous, focusing on methodological quality and relevance to the research objectives. This involved a systematic,

evaluation of the studies to assess their scientific validity, the quality of their data sources, the appropriateness of the machine learning models employed, and the significance of their findings. In this section, it is critical to provide a detailed account of the data extraction process and the criteria used to evaluate the relevance and quality of the selected studies.

3. RELATED WORK

Feature selection and engineering are fundamental components in the development of machine learning models for predicting acute pancreatitis. This section explores the intricacies of these processes. Significance of Feature Selection Feature selection involves the identification of the most relevant clinical and demographic variables that significantly contribute to the predictive accuracy of the model. Funnel plots for publication bias were made by a regression of the diagnostic log odds ratio against 1/square root of effective sample size, weighting by effective sample size. If a funnel plot was symmetric, publication bias was neglected, and some mechanism that links to study results with sample size was present.[4]

Feature engineering is a process of augmentation and transformation. It includes the production of new factors or the change of existing ones to upgrade the prescient capacities of the model. Feature engineering can draw from a multitude of techniques, including mathematical transformations, interaction terms, and domain-specific adjustments. Electronic health records (EHRs) are a cornerstone of data sources in this context. EHRs contain a wealth of information, including patient demographics, laboratory results, clinical notes, medical imaging data, and historical records. These records offer rich insights into the clinical history and progression of acute pancreatitis cases. Other data sources may be explored, such as genetic data, medical imaging, and patient reported outcomes. The diversity of data sources has a profound impact on the complexity and richness of the predictive models. This section delves into the challenges and opportunities presented by different data sources, along with their implications for model development. Within these model categories, a multitude of algorithms can be utilized. For example, decision tree models may employ algorithms like C4.5, while support vector machines can leverage various kernel functions. This section provides a comprehensive overview of these models and algorithms, offering insights into their strengths, limitations, and areas of application in acute pancreatitis prediction. The evaluation of machine learning models relies on specific metrics to quantify their performance. This section explores the essential metrics used to assess the accuracy and effectiveness of predictive models for acute pancreatitis.

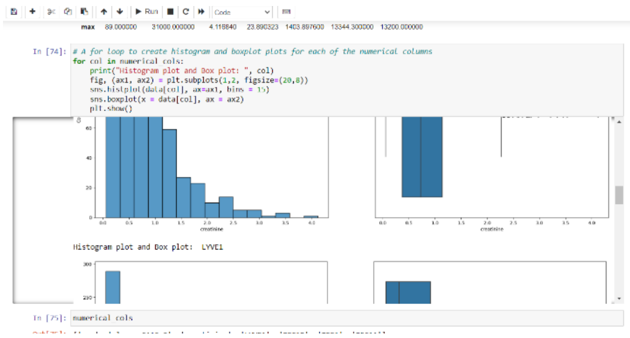

Fig 1. Shows Data Preprocessing and Data Cleaning

Every one of the ROC-AUC measurements fills a particular need in assessing the prescient capacities of the model.

- Precision estimates the general rightness of forecasts.
- Precision and Recall provide insights into the model's ability to identify true positives and minimize false positives.
- The F1 score offers a harmony among accuracy and review.
- The ROC-AUC surveys the model's capacity to segregate among positive and negative cases.

This section provides detailed explanations of each metric, along with guidance on their interpretation and significance in the context of acute pancreatitis prediction. It emphasizes the importance of choosing appropriate metrics based on the specific goals and requirements of predictive models.

4. IMPLENTATION AND RESULTS

The systematic review of selected studies provides a comprehensive summary of their characteristics. These studies, selected through a rigorous process, exhibit diverse characteristics. The studies in the review vary in terms of publication year and geographical location. Some studies are recent, benefiting from the latest advances in machine learning and data availability, while others provide historical context. Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve (ROC) was applied to detect the diagnostic accuracy of the three variables.[3] Geographical diversity is also apparent, reflecting the global nature of acute pancreatitis research. The data sources and sample sizes of the studies play a pivotal role in this systematic review. Important features of this classification have incorporated new insights into the disease learned over the last 20 years, including the recognition that acute pancreatitis and its complications involve a dynamic process involving two phases, early and late.[6]

Variety Of Data Sources

This section provides insights into the sources of data used in the reviewed studies. It explores the diversity of data sources, with a particular emphasis on electronic health records(EHRs), which are often the primary source. EHRs contain a wealth of patient information, and the 12 studies in the review harness this resource. Depending on presence or absence of necrosis, acute collections in the first 4 weeks are called acute necrotic collections or acute peripancreatic fluid collections. Once an enhancing capsule develops, persistent acute peripancreatic fluid collections are referred to as pseudocysts; and acute necrotic collections, as walled-off necroses. All can be sterile or infected. [7]

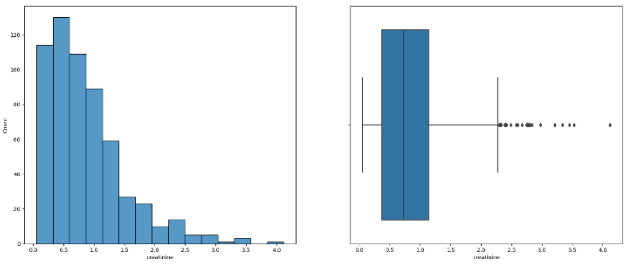

Fig 2. Shows Data Visualization

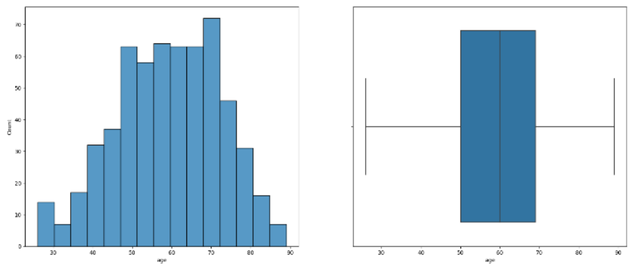

Fig 3 shows Histogram Plotting

Impact Of Data Sources And Sample Sizes

Case studies and examples may be employed to illustrate the impact of data sources and sample sizes on model development. For instance, a study drawing from a large, multi-center database may be contrasted with a study focused on a rare subset of patients, showcasing the strengths and limitations of different approaches.

Key Features And Variables

The systematic review unveils key features that consistently emerge as crucial for predicting acute pancreatitis across the reviewed studies. These features may include specific laboratory values, demographic factors, historical medical records, genetic markers, and clinical indicators. Understanding the importance of these features enhances the predictive accuracy of the models and provides valuable clinical insights into the disease.

Impact Of Feature Importance

The section provides a detailed exploration of the features that have consistently demonstrated high importance in predicting acute pancreatitis. It explains how the prominence of these features varies across different studies and discusses potential reasons for this variation. Specific examples or case studies from the reviewed papers may be used to illustrate the significance of these features.

Model Performance

The performance of machine learning models is a central focus of the systematic review. Substantial clinical heterogeneity and inadequate methodological and reporting quality precluded a metanalysis.[8] This section provides a comprehensive view of the performance of machine learning models in predicting acute pancreatitis.

Machine Learning Modelling

Multiclass classification to Binary Classification

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In [81]: # The negative class (benign cancer)
         data.diagnosis.replace(to_replace=[1,2], value=0, inplace=True)
         # The positive class (malignant cancer)
         data.diagnosis.replace(to_replace=3, value=1, inplace=True)

In [82]: features = data.drop("diagnosis", axis = 1)
         target = data.diagnosis

In [83]: features
Out[83]:
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	age	plasma_CA19_9	creatinine	LYVE1	REG1B	TFF1	REG1A	patient_cohort_1?	is_male?
0	33	2.541602	1.041061	0.638279	3.988036	6.485066	7.141245	0	0
1	81	3.314186	0.679383	1.111063	4.558781	5.349430	5.435498	0	0
2	51	2.079442	0.576832	0.135919	4.638276	6.135870	5.344907	1	1
3	61	2.197225	0.531346	0.002801	4.120321	4.989468	5.344907	1	1
4	62	2.302585	0.184654	0.000859	4.197803	3.739763	5.344907	1	1
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585	68	3.314186	0.418881	2.088891	5.057780	6.265640	5.344907	1	1
586	71	3.314186	0.620340	2.234435	2.885538	5.509174	5.344907	1	0
587	63	3.314186	0.882261	2.160412	5.872296	6.288390	5.344907	1	1
588	75	3.314186	0.847832	2.218940	5.332381	6.584132	5.344907	1	0

Fig 4 shows model training

The review assesses the models using a range of performance metrics, such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and ROC-AUC. Some models exhibit remarkable accuracy, achieving high precision and recall rates. We conducted a combined analysis of these groups plus an additional 2,457 affected individuals and 2,654 controls from eight casecontrol studies, adjusting for study, sex, ancestry and five principal components.[10] These high performing models have the potential to serve as valuable tools for clinicians, enabling early diagnosis and intervention.

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In [117]: model_rf.fit(X_train, y_train)
Out[117]: RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=1000, random_state=42)

In [118]: y_pred = model_rf.predict(X_test)
          # y_pred
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Fig 5 shows prediction

Highlighting Limitations

However, the review also highlights limitations in some models. These limitations often relate to their ability to handle data imbalances, model generalize ability, or the complexity of clinical scenarios. The section offers detailed insights into the performance of the reviewed models, highlighting strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement.

Challenges And Limitations

While celebrating the successes, the review acknowledges and explores the challenges and limitations of predictive models. Data quality issues, variations in data sources, and the lack of standardized practices in data collection are among the challenges unveiled by the review.

Data Quality Issues

Data quality issues are a recurring challenge in the development of predictive models. This section delves into the complexities of healthcare data and the difficulties associated with ensuring data accuracy and consistency. It highlights the need for data preprocessing and cleansing techniques to address these challenges.

Data Imbalances

Data imbalances, a common issue in clinical datasets, are also discussed. The section examines how imbalanced data can affect model performance and the strategies used to mitigate these challenges, such as oversampling and under sampling techniques.

Enhancing Model Accuracy

Researchers can explore strategies to enhance model accuracy, including the incorporation of more advanced machine learning techniques and the integration of additional data sources.

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In [119]: accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
Out[119]: 0.9265536723163842
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Fig 6 shows Accuracy of logistic regression

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In [97]: accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_DT)
Out[97]: 0.8418079096045198
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Fig 7 shows Accuracy of Decision Tree

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In [91]: accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_LR)
Out[91]: 0.9096045197740112
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Fig 8 shows Accuracy of Random Forest

Addressing Data Imbalances

Addressing data imbalances is a critical area for future research. Innovative methods for managing imbalanced data, such as the development of hybrid models, are discussed.

Exploring Innovative Techniques

The review encourages the exploration of innovative techniques like federated learning and transfer learning. These techniques have the potential to improve model performance and generalize ability.

Case Studies For Illustration

Case studies or hypothetical scenarios may be used to illustrate the practical implications of these future research directions. For example, a hypothetical scenario might explore how federated learning could improve the accuracy of predictive models across multiple healthcare institutions. Smoking continues to be a leading cause of pancreatic cancer worldwide. Expanding paces of diabetes and stoutness will likely bring about expanded paces of pancreatic disease. Growing evidence indicates that high alcohol intake contributes to pancreatic cancer risk. Knowledge of inherited genetic factors in pancreatic cancer continues to grow and probably explains 22–33percent of pancreatic cancer risk.[11]

5. CONCLUSION

Summary Of The Systematic Review

The conclusion provides a concise summary of the systematic review's key points. It recaps the objectives of the review, emphasizing the significance of early identification in acute pancreatitis and the potential benefits of machine learning predictive models in clinical practice.

Importance Of Early Identification

The conclusion highlights the critical importance of early identification in acute pancreatitis. It emphasizes how timely diagnosis can significantly influence patient outcomes and reduce the severity of the disease.

Implications For Clinical Practice

The review's findings have significant implications for clinical practice. This section explores how the findings can be translated into real-world healthcare settings.

Integration Into Healthcare Systems

The systematic review highlights the potential for predictive models to transform patient care. It emphasizes how these models can be integrated into healthcare systems, enabling timely intervention and personalized treatment plans for patients with acute pancreatitis.

Reducing Severity And Preventing Complications

The models have the potential to reduce the severity of the disease, prevent complications, and ultimately improve patient outcomes. The section discusses how clinicians can use the model's predictions to tailor their approach to individual patients.

Encouragement For Collaboration

The conclusion encourages collaboration between clinicians, data scientists, and researchers. It emphasizes the importance of interdisciplinary efforts in advancing the field of predictive modeling for acute pancreatitis.

The Role Of Collaboration

The section underscores the role of collaboration between clinicians, data scientists, and healthcare institutions. Over the same period, the machine learning community has seen widespread advances in deep learning techniques, which also have been successfully applied to the vast amount of EHR data. In this paper, we review these deep EHR systems, examining architectures, technical aspects, and clinical applications.[12] It emphasizes that interdisciplinary cooperation is essential for realizing the full potential of machine learning in healthcare.

The Future Of Patient Care

The conclusion ends on an optimistic note, envisioning a future where predictive models play a central role in patient care, enabling early diagnosis, tailored treatments, and improved patient outcomes.

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