The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Treatment and Diagnosis in Healthcare

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ABSTRACT

Technology, specifically artificial intelligence (AI) is gradually but progressively creeping into the health sector and it’s perhaps the one that has been revolutionised most in diagnosis and treatment. This review brings out discussions on the practices of AI technologies in medical, the pros and the cons. First of all, an endeavour is made to elucidate the meaning of the term AI and its utilization in the field of healthcare. The specific AI techniques are described comprehensively focusing on the machine learning, deep learning, and natural language processing methods to be used in the project. The role of multiple types of data in AI includes the EHR, medical images, and genomics data. Self-diagnosis: AI is improving the diagnosis approaches in the radiology and pathology fields and predicting the early-stage disease with better results in most of the cases, and enhancing the identification of genetic diseases. As for treatment, the enhancement of the use of AI has had an impact on issues such as: Prescribing and recommending drugs according to the characteristics of the patients, smart drug administration and management, robotic surgeries and simulations. Discussions are made using concrete and successful implementation of AI in cancer, cardiovascular, neurological and infectious diseases for the purpose of elucidating particular results. This also has to do with the ethical and legal problems like who has the liability to determine in the instance of complicated problems, patients’ information discretion, data privacy, and other legalities. In this article, we briefly mention the prosaic matters of AI, which deals with the engineering aspects of establishing AI such as the aspect of data and the ways and means of checking them and the interdisciplinary character of it. Concerning future developments, additional technologies like AI and connected devices in the field of health care, interdisciplinary at national and international level as well as data sharing is emphasized. Thus, AI has a very great perspective in healthcare, particularly in diagnostics and treatment of diseases due to the probability of increasing the level of accuracy, efficacy, and personalization. Despite these, they are tangible objectives with major challenges and require cooperation between nations with proper handling of Artificial Intelligence to practice clinical medication.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Definition of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI the acronym for Artificial Intelligence is the use of technique that makes information system to perceive, learn and think like a human being. Employing these smart systems, one is able to perform activities like speech recognition, decision making, and solving of problems. It includes Machine learning or ML which is in a way similar to DL but less complex. Deep learning or DL where the computer is programmed to understand all the information that is provided to it and then come up with a decision which are tasks that a human being cannot differentiate. [1,2]

1.2 Introduction of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

The application of AI has been increasing in the recent past as one of the latest trends in the health sector because of the value that it brings to the processes of diagnosis, treatment and patients’ care services. Intelligent algorithms perform approximate the images gotten from the scanning devices for instance, MRI, X-ray, and the like to a very high standard in the diagnostics. AI also enlightens doctors on aspects like prognosis, which the chance a certain disease has of
being successfully treated or outcome of a certain disease or even the course of treatment for a certain patient depending on his or her genetic structure among other factors. Besides, artificial intelligence is applied in drugs, trials and treatment because it can distinguish that the patient is prone to have a specific medical effect and how to ensure that the patient does not encounter those effects. [3,4]

1.3. Purpose and Objectives of the Review

Quite logically, the purpose of this specific review shall be to attempt to consecutively build a picture of the more general strategies in the utilization of artificial intelligence in treatment and diagnosis within the umbrella of healthcare. The objectives are to: Concerning the first what the author wants to find out in the first part of the paper it will be as follows: what do authors mean by AI technologies in the context of health care; how can these technologies help in or in disease diagnosis and treatment; what are some of the existing forms of AI based intervention in the health care system; practical examples of its application; major possibilities and challenges of the integration of AI technologies in clinical care. Thus, when presenting the potential of the AI system in the improvement of healthcare and describing the problems of integration the AI into the operation of health care are characterized by the aspects of ethic, legality and social impact of the AI, the review also strives to address these aspects of AI. [5,6]

II. BASICS OF AI IN HEALTHCARE

2.1. Key AI Technologies

2.1.1. Machine Learning (ML)

By definition, ML as a branch of AI is devoted to the generation of models that enable a PC to make the best of what is offered as an input. In health care it proved helpful in establishing patterns and relations within the data which assist in deciding the result of some diseases, suggesting a proper regimen for the patient, and aid in tending to the patient. For instance, if you are working in MPL you may utilize patient records and discover the likelihood of being admit back to hospital within the near future or the client that have greater likelihood to be affected by specific sicknesses. [7,8]

2.1.2. Deep Learning (DL)

DL is a subcategory of ML used in the creation of data patterns with multi-layer neural networks. DL is even more effective in recognizing the medical images like MRI & CT scans to recognize abnormalities prevalence, which is usually a sign of a disease like cancer or neurological disorder. The following is likely to have the capacity to perform in a way that is at least comparable to the professional approach of doctors during some diagnosis processes. [9,10]

2.1.3. Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Of these natural language processing, which is the branch that enables the computer to understand, analyze and even generate natural language. In healthcare, NLP is used to extract relevant information from the unstructured text which is the source like clinical notes, patient’s records, and other medical document or literature. These can assist in the process of searching for the patient’s information, assigning codes to the clinic information, and can optionally participate in the clinician’s decision-making process of the clinician who reads the patient’s histories and prescribes potential diseases or ways of treatment. [11,12]
2.2. AI Model Data Sources

2.2.1. Electronic Health Records (EHRs)

Out of all the identified electronic health records contain patient’s demographical data, past health history, diagnoses and treated diseases and treatment outcomes. AI models utilize EHR data to inform clinicians on the specifics to recommend actions for the patient’s care, predict outcome for the patient, and identify markers for pathology. Assessing the integration of EHRs with AI could lead to more considerable improvements in the paradigms of the approaches towards patient care delivery and, at the same time, reduce the levels of redundancy as well as the adverse differentiation of errors and unjustified decisions in healthcare. [13,14]

2.2.2. Medical Imaging

Equally, fixtures like the radiography x-ray, computerized axial tomography (CAT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and ultrasounds are also critical tools in the working process of determining the stage and kind of multiple diseases and health complications. Such images are analyzed using AI algorithms, specifically DL algorithms to increase the outcome ratio of diagnosing diseases during the early stages. The new advancement of medical imaging with the help of AI has marked a possibility of diagnosing diseases such as cancers, cardio vascular diseases, and musculoskeletal diseases with a high level of accuracy. [15,16]

2.2.3. Genomic Data

What is genomics? It is therefore extracted from the sequences of the DNA and contains details on the genetic nature of an individual and particularly the propensity of a specific person to a certain disease or disease and also the ability of such a person to respond to certain medications. In a more constructive tone, the AI models use the genetic data to search for disease genes, prognosis of a patient’s reaction towards a given drug and even developing individual treatment regimens. This is referred to as precision medicine with the aim of enhancing the efficiency on the use of drugs and minimize the impacts that may be caused by the use of the generality of medication. [17,18]

III. AI IN DIAGNOSIS

3.1. Medical Imaging Analysis

3.1.1. Radiology and AI

AI is changing the operation of radiology due to result identification and it generates results more quickly than other tools. There is a rise in the use of telemedicine in the diagnosis of illnesses and hence for radiologists the greatest reliance is put in the algorithms that assist in interpretation of medical images inclusive of X-rays, CT scans and MRI. These algorithms, especially those with deep learning (DL) capability, can find new and sometimes elaborate patterns that, potentially, could indicate kinds of presents or even absence of diseases including fractures, tumors, and infections that are at par with physicians’ expertise. For instance, it was noted that with regard to lung nodule detection on chest radiographs and pneumonia Chest X-ray diagnosis AI is operative or better than radiologists.

AI in radiology also enhances the efficiency of the workflow as regards attending to cases that are most urgent and sparing the radiologists’ time going through the other cases that do not take a long time to review. This helps radiologists in a manner that in whatever time they spend dealing with images, they are dealing with complicated images and therefore providing better care to the patients. Furthermore, such systems are progressive through continuously feeding with new data and as such, the diagnostic capacity improves every now and then. [19-23]

3.1.2. Pathology and AI

Pathology that has a target in AI’s advancement is focused on the condition of the tissue samples where possible precancerous signs can be seen, for example. Histologists key in histological examination typically look at stained sections of tissue samples or smears for the presence of pathological changes, a method that is not very reliable, it is also time-consuming and there is a lot of inter-observer variability. Through the use of deep image analysis together with AI based systems, pathologists will be assisted by having the digital pathology slides’ results quickly and efficiently computed and accurately.
It is also capable of identifying motion and biomarkers linked to specific ailments and this shall assist in identifying sicknesses such as breast and prostate cancer as well as melanoma. For example, in histopathological images, AI methods have been applied to identify numerous diseases and aid pathologists in diagnosis because the outcomes are prompt.

AI is also prospective in biomarker quantification area, which plays a significant role in individualizing patients’ treatment. Hence, by integrating AI in the diagnostics pathologists will be in a position to work more effectively and accurately the outcome of which will be improved patients’ care. [24,25,26]

IV. AI IN TREATMENT

4.1. Personalized Treatment Plans

4.1.1. Tailoring Therapies Based on Patient Data

Due to specific data-based patents utilization, AI has significantly impacted the daily approaches to highly elaborated treatment options. Advanced analytical models review each patient’s data, such as medical history, genetic makeup, and lifestyle, to estimate the efficacy of the therapy. It vouches for optimal therapies where side effects will be the least, and this is because the doctor and patient have a one on one encounter. For instance, it can estimate which cancer patients will benefit most from particular chemotherapy treatments and why this will be so, with due regard to the patients’ genetic characters and other biomarkers. The fact that the results of the estimation are then used to formulize individualized treatment plans improves treatment results and general patient care. [27,28]

4.1.2. AI in Precision Medicine

Defined as the capacity to deliver “right care for the right individual at the right time”, precision medicine is a relatively new concept based on the utilization of AI for delivering improved and highly customized healthcare. Based on the genomics, environment and even food habits of a particular patient, AI analyzes the patterns and behavior to give out the best possible cure. This approach has been effective in many organisations; for instance, in the oncology sector it assists in determining the appropriate combinations of drugs and their required quantities that are best suited for the patients enduring cancer. AI can use genetics elements to forecast which patients will have a positive response to specific treatments, and thus practitioner is less likely to have to guess which treatment will work and which will be ineffective.

AI in precision medicine also spans to chronic care. For instance, in diabetes or cardiovascular diseases, it is possible to use AI systems to analyze and determine the likely development of the diseases, so as to enable the formulation of proper strategies and measures for handling the diseases. While this approach serve to enhance the quality of care for the patients it also has the advantage of lowering the overall expenses in healthcare by averting adverse outcomes in patient’s situations. [29]

V. CASE STUDIES

5.1. Success Stories

5.1.1. AI in Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment

This paper will demonstrate that AI has recorded substantial achievement in cancer diagnosis coupled with treatment. For instance, current researchers have been experimenting with deep learning algorithms to help screen mammograms for signs of breast cancer with better accuracy and in less time than human classifiers and flagging fewer false positives. An artificial intelligence system designed by Google’s DeepMind proved to be 94 percent effective in diagnosing breast cancer, which even exceeded the capabilities of oncologists. 5%, while the human experts scored a 88% on the same test. Treatment, AI is used for chemotherapy, say, tailoring Chemotherapy to match the genetic makeup of the tumor which enhances the choice of drugs and their respective portions. Also, tools like IBM Watson for Oncology offer oncologists evidence-based treatment suggestions, an aspect that enhances the patients’ experiences. [30]

5.1.2. AI in Cardiovascular Disease Management

AI plays a key role in enhancing both diagnostics and treatments in the given area of cardiovascular diseases. Said AI models can capture Electrocardiogram (ECG) and recognize elements of which are irregular with high levels of performance in Early diagnosis of heart diseases including Atrial Fibrillation. For example, algorithms created at Mayo Clinic are capable of precise prediction of atrial fibrillation from examined ECG. Also, AI equipped wearable gadgets constantly observe heart conditions, and juts in case of emergency situations, inform patients and doctors. AI also supports decisions on treatment, for instance for patients with heart failure, thus increasing...
the efficiency of interventions and improving major indicators of survival. [31]

5.2. Ongoing Research

5.2.1. AI in Neurological Disorders

Continuous study on the approaches of AI in the context of neurological diseases can be encouraged. there is now a spirit of utilizing artificial intelligence to create tools that can be used in figuring out diseases such as Alzheimer’s disease, and Parkinson’s disease at nascent stages before symptoms are noticeable. For instance, the AI systems that examine MRI images can identify the onset of Alzheimer’s with high levels of efficiency. Secondly, disease surveillance and treatment patient-tailored options are other related areas that use AI. Similar studies are underway in regard to seizure detection in epileptic patients with AI, which may potentially send notifications to the patient’s caregiver, enhancing their lives as well as their safety remarkably. [32]

5.2.2. AI in Infectious Diseases

AI is also now active in the war against and good examples are infectious diseases. There was a prediction of the virus outbreak, monitoring the virus spread, and help in coming up with vaccines during the COVID-19 period using AI. Big data was processed by AI algorithms to find compounds with therapeutic abilities and estimate further changes in the virus. Besides COVID-19, the application of AI is being investigated when it comes to diagnosis and management of other infections including tuberculosis, malaria, and HIV. For example, the diagnostic tools that incorporate AI can quickly identify the presence of malaria parasites based on blood samples with high accuracy, meaning that patients can receive a correct diagnosis promptly in resource-scarce regions. [33]

VI. ETHICAL, LEGAL, AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS (ELSI)

6.1. Ethical Considerations

6.1.1. Bias in AI Algorithms

Prejudice in AI methodologies is a critical complex moral issue in the field of healthcare. However, it is sometimes noted that bias is learned from the test data, meaning that AI systems tend to reproduce inequalities within the population for different genders, races, ages, etc. For example, if an AI system is trained with data from one population, it learns with all its efficiency from one population and might enslave the patients from the other population, thus worsening the healthcare inequalities. To tackle this problem, it is necessary to diversify datasets in AI training, monitor them regularly, and use techniques for reducing models’ biases to provide equal quality of healthcare treatment to all patients.

6.1.2. Transparency and Explainability

Self-interpretation and transparency: these two aspects are governing the proper management of AL in the context of medicine. The vast majority of AI models, and particularly the deep learning systems, make decisions that are not easily understandable due to the inner mechanisms of the models. Such inefficiency could reduce the level of trust and acceptance among the healthcare providers and patients. XAI is an approach that has the goal of increasing the interpretability of the black-box AI systems through providing the explanations for the outcomes. This would entail building models that can explain which features contributed to a particular diagnosis or recommendation of treatment so that there is improvement in the overall decision-making process in clinics and there is increased confidence in AI solutions in the healthcare sector. [34]

6.2. Legal and Regulatory Challenges

6.2.1. Regulatory Frameworks for AI in Pharma

However, there is a problem prevalent in the application of AI in healthcare sector, where legal frameworks for such technologies are not growing at the same measure as the technological development of this sector, which makes a lot of uncertainty regarding the authorization and supervision of AI integrated medical apparatuses and services. Besides, it puts forward various principles which are essential to safeguard the interests of the users and to establish the methods for a safer, more efficient and more ethical application of AI in the field of health. Currently, the global regulatory agencies like, USA’s FDA or Europe’s EMA are quite involved in working out the guidelines to evaluate the AI systems. In order to allow for the creation of innovative and beneficial goods and, at the same time, avoid potential hazards for the users and the public, such frameworks must take into account a number of conditions concerning the data quality, the algorithms’ effectiveness, the resemblance to clinical practice, and, moreover, the monitoring after the grant of a marketing authorization. [35]

6.2.2. Intellectual Property Issues

In this regard, the legal issues that are associated with IP is another legal concern that calls for the use of AI in health care. An implication towards the owning of AI derived products is that the conception and utilization of solutions inclusive of those involving AI demand, much capital to be invested in their development and application. In turn, the areas involving algorithms of AI, the data utilized in its training, and research findings based on the AI, demand certain principles of IP rights. Second, owing to the utilization of the outcomes of studies in AI into numerous forms of goods and services due to the contribution of several individuals and organizations in developing AI, decision-making and management of IP becomes all the more complicated. Addressing all these challenges requires the formulation of reasonable IP policies targeting inventors’ interests, as well as the needs of society and healthcare systems so as to transform AI into a valuable proposition for stakeholder’s benefit. [36, 37]
VII. CHALLENGES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

7.1. Technical and Scientific Challenges

7.1.1. Data Quality and Integration

Data quantity and quality is one of the most significant concepts in implementing AI in the healthcare sector. This is why accurate data has to be presented to ensure that artificial intelligence models are created accurately and with the highest reliability. However, the nature of healthcare data differs from data in other industries as it is produced by different means and is stored in different formats, which complicates the problem of data inconsistency and fragmentation of EHRs, medical imaging, and genomic databases. The integration of these disparate sources of data into a unified dataset acceptable from an AI tool is a challenge and this involves sophisticated data preparation work. Also, the data collected has to be pre-cleaned to eliminate errors and biases that may harm the model. By integration, general concepts are formed from such databases that aid in developing strong artificial intelligence systems that generate accurate and reliable outputs. [38]

7.1.2. Model Validation and Reproducibility

The two main issues that affect the deployment of AI in healthcare are model validation and reproducibility. It is therefore equally important that AI models provide consistent performance in new patient demographics and settings. This involves testing it on other independent sets to ensure that the derived results are not specific to the test data set or are not occasions of the test data set, in this case, the validation set. Moreover, like any other scientific work, generalizability and replicability of the outcomes of the AI research should be made possible and achievable. Scientists have to explain a range of methods used and data submitted so that other scholars would be able to repeat the research. AI’s reliability and capabilities need to be assured by following consistent validation procedures and Therefore, rigorous testing is paramount for the determination of the performance of AI models with regard to real-world concerns of healthcare. [39]

7.2. Integration into Pharmaceutical Industry

7.2.1. Workforce Training and Education

The inclusion of AI in most organizations requires extensive instructions and training of the workforce specifically in the pharmaceutical industry. Therefore, members of the pharmaceutical workforce must be empowered with the knowledge on how to engage with AI applications profitably. This includes training on what AI is, what data science is and an understanding of how to interpret the data that comes from AI. Specialist accreditation programs and cross-discipline courses can be utilized to eliminate any gaps in the understanding and guarantee that the human capital is ready to utilize AI tools in their function. Furthermore, there is a need to promote the organizational culture where people continue to learn to cope with the fast-changing technologies in the field of AI. [40]

7.2.2. Based on the literature and the understanding of collaboration between academia and industry, the following points can be concluded:

Transition of Artificial intelligence from a research tool to the pharmaceutical industry greatly depends on academia and industrial partnerships. Academia offers accurate research containing the latest advancements and appropriate algorithms, whereas industry offers the outcomes of their applications. Ultimately, it found that AI should be adopted collaboratively as it can boost the process of bringing first improvements to the clinical environment as well as the creation of new drugs. Collaboration in research projects, grant funding, and joint databases are seen to have potential as activities for innovation in AI applied to healthcare. Addressing the state of collaboration between these sectors is important for building AI capabilities that are scientifically sound while also being realistically implementable. [41]

VIII. FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

8.1. Advances in AI Technologies

8.1.1. Explainable AI (XAI)

It is advisable to presume that Explainable AI (XAI) will be the main key for further advancements in healthcare. XAI is expected to explain AI models more comprehensively and effectively to tackle the “opacity issue” most of the machine learning systems face. Thus, XAI can enhance trust in AI models among doctors, nurses, patients and other stakeholders by revealing the rationale behind the AI systems’ decisions. This is especially important for the clinical application, developmental assignments and tasks which require the explanation regarding the diagnosis or suggested treatment. Thus, in the case of different XAI methods, including model-agnostic approaches and newer interpretable machine learning models, the usefulness and potential for AI application in healthcare will be improved and become more easily integrated in clinical practice. [42]

8.1.2. AI and IoT in the health care Industry

This paper aims at exploring the integration of Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things in delivering healthcare. Wearable sensors and remote monitoring equipment are examples of IoT devices that create tremendous numbers of real-time health metrics. Through this data, AI algorithms can help monitor the patient’s health, diagnose diseases early, and refer the patient to the right doctor. For instance, AI-enabled IoT will monitor and keep records of patients’ health indicators, identify abnormalities, and notify the caregivers on likely developing complications. AI and IoT’s applicability in the healthcare sector holds the
potential for strengthening the direct patient care and disease prevention outcome. [43]

8.2. Global Collaboration and Data Sharing

8.2.1. International Consortia

Most of the goals in the development of AI in healthcare can only be achieved with the support and help of international cooperation. International consortia involve different and multiple competencies that can pool their skills, equipment and outlooks to deal with multifaceted and heavy health care issues. The projects, like GA4GH, have the objective of developing frameworks for sharing the genomics data ethically, and the guidelines for AI work. These consortia entail big scale analysis, multi-nation cooperation, and contribution of data from various regions ensuring the fast track validation and establishment of technological AI based healthcare solutions. Thus, such efforts can promote innovation and enhance the quality of people’s health in different countries with the help of international collaboration. [44]

8.2.2. Open Access Scientific Journal and Data Archives

Practical and research-wise, both the open science and data repositories are paramount for the future of AI in the health area. Openness to data and research results strengthen productivity transparency and increases possibilities for collaboration. Big data is used in training and testing of the artificial models from public data, thus creating generalizable AI models. Such platforms like the Cancer Imaging Archive and the UK Biobank are helpful in the development of AI. Thus, preprint servers, open-source software, and other collaboration tools apply open science paradigms to ensure the prompt sharing of knowledge and collaborative problem-solving. Introducing the concepts that underlie open science can help progress science and advance the effectiveness of AI tools in healthcare. [45]

IX. CONCLUSION

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing the healthcare and the pharmaceutical trade, providing changes that are assumed to offer new, convenient and valuable solutions in the diagnostic area, in patient treatment and care. The emergence of AI in healthcare is highly facilitated by developments in machine learning, deep learning, and natural language processing alongside capability in a wide range of health data in electronic health records, medical image, and genomic data. These are the important keys to patient treatment, where AI also helps with the testing, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases at an early stage, and achieves targeted medicine.

On the same note, incorporation of Artificial Intelligence in healthcare is not without several important challenges. This means that signal and data quality when applied in AI models are critical to maintaining their integrity. Other issues that need to be solved to gain trust are ethical issues like bias in AI models, decisions’ openness, and explainability. The latter also comprises legal and regulatory issues, and the creation of adequate settings and protections as well as IP management have importance pertaining to the safe utilization of AI technologies.

Also, future outlooks point out the necessity of employing explainable AI (XAI) and the incorporation of AI with IoT to enhance healthcare. These technologies look forward to improving the interpretability of AI systems and to monitor the health status of computers constantly and in real-time, respectively. Openness of data and collaborative platforms involving institutions from various continents are crucial for advances of AI and expansion of its use for the benefit of the entire world’s population and various types of health care.

In summary, artificial intelligence has the ability to become a game changer in healthcare systems since it could enhance diagnostic proficiency, tailor the therapy approach according to the patient’s needs and facilitate efficient health prevention. I, therefore, conclude that further development and adoption of AI technologies, coupled with ethical, legal, and collaborative approaches, shall play the crucial role in the achievement of AI’s potential in modifying and improving healthcare and the PHARMACEUTICAL industry.

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