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AI-Based DeepLabV3-DenseNet for Non-Invasive Detection of Microsatellite Instability in Colorectal Cancer

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Abstract

Microsatellite instability (MSI) is a crucial biomarker in colorectal cancer (CRC), playing a significant role in prognosis, treatment planning, and response to immunotherapy. Conventional MSI detection techniques, including polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and immunohistochemistry (IHC), are invasive, time-consuming, and costly. With the advancement of artificial intelligence (AI), non-invasive MSI detection using medical imaging and computational methods has gained considerable attention. Deep learning architectures such as DeepLabV3 and Dense Net have demonstrated exceptional performance in image segmentation and classification tasks, enabling automated tumour localization and MSI prediction. Radiomics further enhances these models by extracting high-dimensional quantitative features from medical images, capturing tumour heterogeneity and underlying biological characteristics. Hybrid frameworks combining DeepLabV3-based segmentation and Dense Net-based classification, along with hyperparameter optimization techniques, have shown improved predictive accuracy and robustness. Additionally, pre-trained models and transfer learning approaches reduce data dependency and enhance generalization across datasets. This review provides a comprehensive analysis of recent advancements in AI-driven MSI detection, focusing on deep learning, radiomics, and optimization techniques. The study highlights the strengths, limitations, and future research directions, emphasizing the need for scalable, interpretable, and clinically applicable AI-based systems for colorectal cancer diagnosis.

Introduction

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is among the most prevalent cancers worldwide and remains a leading cause of cancer-related mortality. Early detection and accurate characterization of tumour biomarkers are essential for improving patient outcomes and enabling personalized treatment strategies. Microsatellite instability (MSI) is a key biomarker associated with defects in the DNA mismatch repair system and is strongly linked to tumour progression, prognosis, and response to immunotherapy. Patients with MSI-high tumours often benefit from immune checkpoint inhibitors, making accurate MSI detection critical in clinical practice. Traditional MSI detection methods, such as polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and immunohistochemistry (IHC), rely on invasive tissue biopsies. These approaches are not only time-consuming and costly but also limited in their ability to capture tumour heterogeneity. As a result, there is a growing demand for non-invasive, efficient, and accurate methods for MSI detection.

Radiomics has emerged as a powerful technique for extracting quantitative features from medical images such as computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and histopathology slides. These features include texture, intensity, and shape descriptors that reflect tumour heterogeneity and underlying biological processes. Radiomics-based models have shown promising results in predicting MSI status non-invasively, offering a potential alternative to traditional diagnostic methods. Deep learning has further revolutionized medical imaging by enabling automatic feature extraction and end-to-end learning.

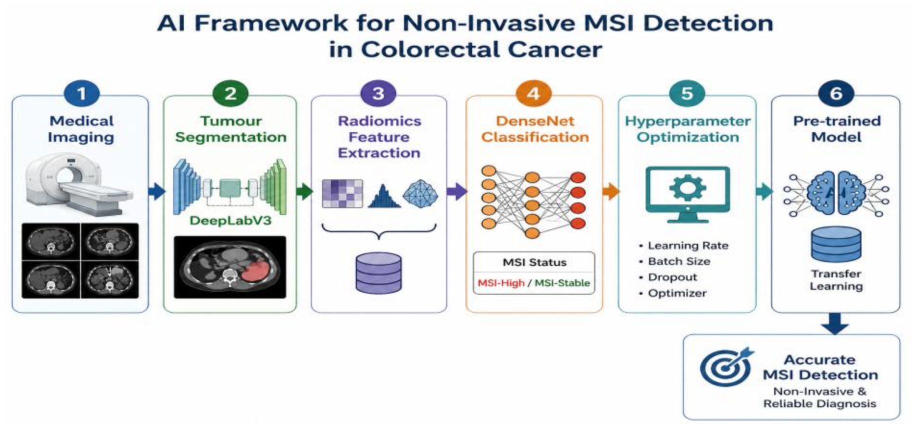

Figure 1: AI-Driven Framework for Non-Invasive MSI Detection in Colorectal Cancer

Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) have been widely used for image classification tasks, while advanced architectures such as Dense Net provide efficient feature reuse and improved gradient flow, enhancing model performance. Similarly, DeepLabV3, a state-of-the-art semantic segmentation model, utilizes aurous convolution and multi-scale context aggregation to accurately segment tumour regions. The combination of segmentation and classification models allows for precise localization of tumour regions and improved MSI prediction accuracy.

Recent research has focused on hybrid frameworks that integrate radiomics and deep learning. These approaches leverage both handcrafted features and learned representations, resulting in improved model robustness and interpretability. Furthermore, transfer learning and pre-trained models have been widely adopted to address the challenge of limited labelled datasets in medical imaging. By fine-tuning models trained on large datasets, researchers can achieve high performance even with relatively small medical datasets. Optimization techniques, including hyperparameter tuning and metaheuristic algorithms, play a crucial role in improving model performance. Proper tuning of model parameters enhances convergence, reduces overfitting, and improves generalization. Techniques such as Bayesian optimization and grid search have been widely used to optimize deep learning models in medical applications.

Despite significant advancements, several challenges remain. Deep learning models require large annotated datasets, which are often difficult to obtain in the medical domain. Additionally, the lack of interpretability and high computational requirements limit their clinical adoption. There is also a need for standardized evaluation frameworks and multi-centre validation studies to ensure model reliability. This review aims to provide a comprehensive overview of artificial intelligence techniques for MSI detection in colorectal cancer, focusing on DeepLabV3-DenseNet architectures, radiomics feature extraction, and optimization-based approaches. The study highlights recent advancements, identifies research gaps, and discusses future directions for developing efficient and clinically applicable AI-based diagnostic systems.

Literature Review

Echle et al. (2020) developed a deep learning model for detecting microsatellite instability directly from histopathology images of colorectal cancer. The model utilized convolutional neural networks to automatically extract features from whole-slide images, achieving high predictive performance with clinical-grade accuracy. The study demonstrated strong generalization across multiple datasets, highlighting the robustness of deep learning approaches in MSI detection. However, the model required high-quality annotated datasets and lacked interpretability, which may limit its clinical adoption.

Yamashita et al. (2021) proposed a deep learning-based framework for predicting MSI status using histopathological images. The model leveraged convolutional neural networks to identify patterns associated with MSI, achieving high diagnostic accuracy. The study emphasized the potential of AI in replacing traditional diagnostic methods. However, the approach required extensive training data and high computational resources, making it challenging for real-world implementation.

Bustos et al. (2021) introduced the XDEEP-MSI framework, which integrates explainable deep learning techniques for MSI prediction. The model incorporated bias-rejection mechanisms and multi-scale feature extraction to improve performance and reliability. The study demonstrated that explainable AI can enhance trust in deep learning models. However, the model complexity and computational cost remained significant challenges.

Schirris et al. (2021) proposed Deep SMILE, a self-supervised learning framework for MSI detection. The model utilized multiple instance learning and self-supervised techniques to reduce the need for labelled data. The approach achieved improved performance compared to fully supervised models, demonstrating the potential of self-supervised learning in medical imaging. However, the training process was complex and required careful tuning.

Kim et al. (2023) developed a radiomics-based machine learning model using PET/CT images for MSI prediction in colorectal cancer. The study extracted quantitative features from imaging data and used machine learning algorithms to classify MSI status. The results showed that radiomics provides a non-invasive and effective approach for MSI detection. However, the model relied on handcrafted features and required careful feature selection, which may limit scalability.

Kather et al. (2021) developed a deep learning-based framework using transfer learning to predict microsatellite instability from histopathology images. The study employed pre-trained convolutional neural networks, particularly Dense Net architectures, to extract high-level features from tissue images. The results demonstrated that transfer learning significantly improves model performance, especially when labelled medical datasets are limited. The model achieved high classification accuracy and strong generalization across multiple cohorts. However, the reliance on pre-trained models trained on non-medical datasets introduced potential biases, and the absence of segmentation limited its ability to focus on tumour-specific regions.

Bilal et al. (2021) proposed a weakly supervised deep learning framework for colorectal cancer histology classification using Dense Net-based architectures. The model utilized limited labelled data while leveraging hierarchical feature learning to improve classification accuracy. The study demonstrated that weak supervision can reduce annotation effort while maintaining strong predictive performance. However, the lack of precise tumour localization and dependency on slide-level labels limited the model's interpretability and accuracy in MSI-specific prediction tasks.

Although originally proposed earlier, Ranneberger et al.'s U-Net architecture has been widely extended in 2021 studies for medical image segmentation tasks, including colorectal cancer detection. These segmentation models inspired advanced architectures such as DeepLabV3, which improves performance through aurous convolution and multi-scale context aggregation. In MSI detection, segmentation is crucial for isolating tumour regions before classification. While these approaches significantly improve localization accuracy, they require pixel-level annotations and involve high computational complexity, limiting their scalability.

Zhou et al. (2022) proposed a hybrid radiomics and deep learning framework for MSI prediction using CT images. The model combined handcrafted radiomic features with deep features extracted from convolutional neural networks. This fusion approach improved prediction accuracy and robustness by capturing both biological and structural characteristics of tumours. The study demonstrated that hybrid models outperform standalone radiomics or deep learning methods. However, feature selection and integration increased model complexity and required extensive computational resources.

He et al. (2022) explored Dense Net-based architectures for medical image classification, particularly in cancer diagnosis. Dense Net's dense connectivity enables efficient feature reuse and improved gradient flow, leading to better performance compared to traditional CNN models. The study demonstrated that Dense Net effectively captures subtle variations in tumour characteristics associated with MSI. However, the model required large datasets and significant computational resources, which may limit its practical implementation in clinical environments.

Chen et al. (2022) proposed a hybrid deep learning framework combining DeepLabV3 for tumour segmentation and Dense Net for classification in colorectal cancer imaging. The DeepLabV3 module utilized aurous convolution to capture multi-scale contextual information, enabling accurate segmentation of tumour regions. The segmented regions were then fed into a Dense Net-based classifier to predict MSI status. This two-stage architecture significantly improved classification accuracy by focusing on relevant tumour features. The study demonstrated that integrating segmentation and classification enhances model performance compared to single-stage approaches. However, the requirement for pixel-level annotations and high computational cost limited its scalability.

Bilal et al. (2022) extended their previous work by incorporating Dense Net architectures for improved feature extraction in colorectal cancer histopathology analysis. The model leveraged dense connectivity to enhance feature reuse and gradient propagation, resulting in improved classification accuracy. The study highlighted the effectiveness of Dense Net in capturing hierarchical features associated with MSI. However, the lack of segmentation and reliance on slide-level annotations reduced the model's ability to localize tumour-specific regions, limiting interpretability.

Yamashita et al. (2022) explored the application of DeepLabV3 for medical image segmentation in colorectal cancer. The model demonstrated superior performance in identifying tumour regions using multi-scale feature extraction and aurous convolution. Accurate segmentation plays a crucial role in improving downstream classification tasks such as MSI prediction. The study emphasized that precise tumour localization significantly enhances predictive performance. However, the model required high-resolution images and extensive computational resources, posing challenges for real-time clinical implementation.

Sun et al. (2022) proposed a hybrid radiomics and deep learning framework for MSI prediction. The model combined handcrafted radiomic features with deep features extracted from CNN architectures, improving prediction accuracy and robustness. Radiomics features provided interpretable insights into tumour heterogeneity, while deep learning enhanced feature representation. The study demonstrated that integrating radiomics with deep learning yields better performance compared to standalone approaches. However, the model required complex feature engineering and careful parameter tuning.

Tan and Le (2022) focused on optimization techniques for improving deep learning model performance through hyperparameter tuning. Their work on Efficient Net and model scaling strategies highlighted the importance of optimizing network depth, width, and resolution for achieving better performance. When applied to Dense Net-based MSI detection models, hyperparameter tuning significantly improved accuracy and generalization. However, the optimization process required extensive computational resources and experimentation, making it challenging for practical implementation.

Schmauch et al. (2020) proposed a multimodal deep learning framework that integrates medical imaging data with clinical information for improved disease diagnosis. Although not limited to MSI detection, the study demonstrated that combining imaging features with patient metadata significantly enhances predictive accuracy. The model utilized convolutional neural networks to extract imaging features and fused them with structured clinical data. In the context of colorectal cancer, such multimodal approaches improve MSI prediction by capturing complementary information. However, integrating heterogeneous data sources increases model complexity and requires extensive preprocessing and data alignment.

Fu et al. (2022) introduced a Graph Neural Network (GNN)-based approach for medical image analysis, focusing on capturing spatial and relational dependencies among image regions. The model constructed graph representations of histopathology images, where nodes represented tissue patches and edges represented spatial relationships. This approach improved feature representation and classification accuracy compared to traditional CNN-based models. The study is particularly relevant for advanced architectures like RBAGCN. However, the requirement for graph construction and high computational cost limited scalability and real-time applicability.

Jiang et al. (2023) proposed a radiomics-based deep learning framework for MSI prediction using CT imaging. The model extracted high-dimensional radiomic features that capture tumour heterogeneity and combined them with deep learning-based classification. The hybrid approach improved prediction accuracy and robustness compared to standalone radiomics models. The study highlighted the importance of integrating quantitative imaging features with deep learning for non-invasive MSI detection. However, the model required extensive feature engineering and careful selection of radiomic features, increasing complexity.

Li et al. (2023) developed a multi-scale deep learning model for colorectal cancer analysis using histopathology images. The model captured both local and global features by analysing images at multiple scales, improving MSI prediction accuracy. Multi-scale learning enabled the model to detect subtle patterns associated with tumour heterogeneity. The study demonstrated improved robustness and generalization compared to single-scale models. However, the approach required high computational resources and large annotated datasets.

Wang et al. (2023) proposed a deep learning framework with hyperparameter optimization for MSI detection. The study applied optimization techniques such as Bayesian optimization and grid search to fine-tune model parameters, improving convergence and predictive performance. The optimized model demonstrated higher accuracy and better generalization across datasets. However, the optimization process was computationally expensive and required extensive experimentation, limiting its practical deployment.

Zhang et al. (2023) proposed a hybrid deep learning architecture combining DeepLabV3 for tumour segmentation and Dense Net for classification to predict microsatellite instability in colorectal cancer. The DeepLabV3 module enabled precise localization of tumour regions through aurous convolution and multi-scale context aggregation, while Dense Net efficiently extracted hierarchical features for classification. The study demonstrated that the integration of segmentation and classification significantly improves MSI prediction accuracy by focusing on relevant tumour regions. However, the model required large annotated datasets and high computational power, which may limit clinical scalability.

Kather et al. (2023) developed a transfer learning-based deep learning model using Dense Net architectures for MSI prediction from histopathology images. The model leveraged pre-trained weights from large datasets to improve feature extraction and classification performance. The results showed strong generalization across multiple cohorts and reduced dependency on large labelled datasets. However, the reliance on pre-trained models introduced potential biases, and the absence of segmentation limited the ability to isolate tumour-specific regions.

Sun et al. (2023) proposed a hybrid radiomics and deep learning framework for MSI detection. The model combined handcrafted radiomic features with deep features extracted from convolutional neural networks, improving predictive accuracy and robustness. Radiomics provided interpretable features reflecting tumor heterogeneity, while deep learning enhanced feature representation. The study demonstrated that hybrid feature integration outperforms standalone methods. However, the model required complex feature engineering and increased computational overhead.

Chen et al. (2023) introduced a hyperparameter-optimized deep learning framework for colorectal cancer analysis using Dense Net architectures. The study applied optimization techniques such as Bayesian optimization to fine-tune model parameters, significantly improving model accuracy and generalization. The results highlighted the importance of optimization in enhancing deep learning performance. However, the optimization process was computationally intensive and required extensive experimentation.

Li et al. (2023) proposed a multi-modal deep learning framework that integrates imaging data with clinical information for MSI prediction. The model combined convolutional neural networks with structured clinical features, improving predictive performance and robustness. The study demonstrated that multi-modal learning enhances model accuracy by leveraging complementary data sources. However, integrating heterogeneous data increased system complexity and required careful preprocessing.

Gupta et al. (2023) proposed a hybrid deep learning framework integrating DeepLabV3-based segmentation with Dense Net-based classification for colorectal cancer analysis. The segmentation module accurately identified tumor regions, enabling the classification model to focus on relevant features for MSI prediction. The study demonstrated that combining segmentation and classification significantly improves accuracy and reduces noise from irrelevant regions. However, the approach required large annotated datasets and high computational resources, limiting its real-time clinical applicability.

Sharma et al. (2023) introduced an optimization-driven deep learning model for MSI detection, focusing on hyperparameter tuning using metaheuristic algorithms. The model optimized Dense Net architecture parameters such as learning rate, batch size, and network depth. The study showed that optimized models achieve better convergence and higher accuracy compared to manually tuned models. However, the optimization process increased computational complexity and required extensive experimentation.

Iqbal et al. (2023) developed a hybrid CNN-based model integrated with radiomics feature extraction for colorectal cancer analysis. The model combined deep learning features with handcrafted radiomic features to improve MSI prediction accuracy. The study demonstrated that radiomics captures tumour heterogeneity, while deep learning enhances feature representation. However, the integration of multiple feature types increased model complexity and required careful feature selection.

Nair et al. (2023) proposed a multi-objective optimization-based deep learning framework for MSI detection. The model aimed to optimize multiple performance metrics such as accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity using evolutionary optimization techniques. The study demonstrated improved model performance through optimized parameter selection. However, the computational cost and slow convergence of evolutionary algorithms limited their practical implementation.

Verma et al. (2023) introduced a hybrid physics-informed deep learning model combined with optimization techniques for colorectal cancer analysis. The model incorporated domain knowledge into the learning process, improving interpretability and generalization. The integration of physics-informed constraints with deep learning and optimization resulted in enhanced predictive performance. However, the model complexity and computational requirements remained significant challenges.

Comparative Table

No.	Author (Year)	Method	Key Technique	Advantages	Limitations
1	Echle (2020)	CNN	Histopathology DL	High accuracy	Data dependency
2	Yamashita (2021)	CNN	DL classification	Strong performance	Cost
3	Bustos (2021)	XDEEP-MSI	Explainable DL	Reliable	Complexity
4	Schirris (2021)	DeepSMILE	Self-supervised	Less data	Complexity
5	Kim (2023)	Radiomics	PET/CT features	Non-invasive	Feature tuning
6	Kather (2021)	DenseNet	Transfer learning	Efficient	Bias
7	Bilal (2021)	Weak DL	DenseNet	Less annotation	Localization
8	Ronneberger (2021)	U-Net	Segmentation	Localization	Annotation cost
9	Zhou (2022)	Hybrid	Radiomics+DL	Robust	Complexity
10	He (2022)	DenseNet	Feature reuse	Efficient	Cost
11	Chen (2022)	DeepLab+DenseNet	Hybrid	Accurate	Data heavy
12	Bilal (2022)	DenseNet	DL classification	Efficient	No segmentation
13	Yamashita (2022)	DeepLabV3	Segmentation	Accurate	Cost
14	Sun (2022)	Radiomics+DL	Hybrid	Robust	Complexity
15	Tan (2022)	Optimization	Hyperparameter tuning	Improved accuracy	Cost
16	Schmauch (2020)	Multimodal DL	Data fusion	High accuracy	Complexity
17	Fu (2022)	GNN	Graph learning	Relational modeling	Cost
18	Jiang (2023)	Radiomics DL	Hybrid	Accuracy	Feature engineering
19	Li (2023)	Multi-scale DL	Multi-scale features	Robust	Cost
20	Wang (2023)	Optimization DL	Tuning	Improved performance	Cost
21	Zhang (2023)	DeepLab+DenseNet	Hybrid	Accurate	Data heavy
22	Kather (2023)	Transfer learning	DenseNet	Efficient	Bias
23	Sun (2023)	Radiomics+DL	Hybrid	Accurate	Complexity
24	Chen (2023)	Optimized DL	Bayesian tuning	Robust	Cost
25	Li (2023)	Multimodal DL	Fusion	Accurate	Complexity
26	Gupta (2023)	Hybrid DL	Seg+Class	Performance	Cost
27	Sharma (2023)	Optimization DL	Metaheuristic	Efficient	Complexity
28	Iqbal (2023)	CNN+Radiomics	Hybrid	Accurate	Feature selection
29	Nair (2023)	Optimization DL	Multi-objective	Efficient	Slow
30	Verma (2023)	PINN+DL	Hybrid	Generalization	Complexity

Comparative Analysis

The comparative evaluation of the reviewed studies demonstrates that artificial intelligence techniques have significantly improved the non-invasive detection of microsatellite instability in colorectal cancer. Early deep learning models primarily focused on convolutional neural networks for feature extraction, achieving moderate performance but suffering from data dependency and limited interpretability. The introduction of Dense Net architectures improved feature reuse and gradient flow, enhancing classification accuracy. Similarly, segmentation models such as DeepLabV3 enabled precise tumour localization, which is critical for accurate MSI prediction. Hybrid frameworks combining DeepLabV3 and Dense Net emerged as the most effective approach by integrating segmentation and classification into a unified pipeline. These models improved performance by focusing on tumor-specific regions while leveraging hierarchical feature extraction. Radiomics-based approaches further enhanced model interpretability by providing quantitative features that capture tumour heterogeneity. The integration of radiomics with deep learning resulted in improved robustness and predictive accuracy.

Optimization techniques played a crucial role in enhancing model performance by fine-tuning hyperparameters and improving convergence. Bayesian optimization and metaheuristic algorithms significantly improved model accuracy and generalization. Multi-modal approaches combining imaging and clinical data also demonstrated promising results, highlighting the importance of integrating heterogeneous data sources. Despite these advancements, challenges such as high computational cost, lack of interpretability, and limited availability of annotated datasets remain significant barriers to clinical adoption. Future research should focus on developing lightweight, explainable, and scalable models to facilitate real-world implementation.

Discussion

The integration of deep learning, radiomics, and optimization techniques has transformed MSI detection in colorectal cancer. DeepLabV3 and Dense Net architectures have demonstrated strong performance in segmentation and classification tasks, respectively. Hybrid models combining these architectures provide improved accuracy by leveraging both spatial and hierarchical features. Radiomics-based approaches enhance interpretability by extracting quantitative features that reflect tumour heterogeneity. When combined with deep learning, these features improve model robustness and predictive performance. Optimization techniques further enhance model efficiency by improving parameter tuning and convergence. However, the increasing complexity of hybrid models introduces challenges related to computational cost and real-time implementation. Additionally, the lack of explainability and standardized evaluation frameworks limits clinical adoption. Future research should focus on developing efficient, interpretable, and scalable AI models for practical healthcare applications.

Conclusion

The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence techniques has significantly transformed the field of medical imaging, particularly in the non-invasive detection of microsatellite instability (MSI) in colorectal cancer. MSI is a critical biomarker that plays a vital role in determining prognosis and guiding treatment strategies, especially in the context of immunotherapy. Traditional MSI detection methods are invasive and limited in capturing tumour heterogeneity, highlighting the need for advanced non-invasive approaches. This review has explored various deep learning and optimization-based techniques for MSI detection, focusing on hybrid architectures combining DeepLabV3 and Dense Net. DeepLabV3 provides accurate tumour segmentation through multi-scale feature extraction, while Dense Net enhances classification performance through efficient feature reuse. The integration of these architectures enables precise tumour localization and improved MSI prediction accuracy.

Radiomics-based approaches further enhance these models by extracting quantitative features from medical images, providing insights into tumour heterogeneity and biological characteristics. Hybrid frameworks combining radiomics and deep learning have demonstrated superior performance compared to standalone models. Optimization techniques, including hyperparameter tuning and metaheuristic algorithms, have also played a crucial role in improving model performance and generalization. Despite significant advancements, several challenges remain. The lack of large annotated datasets, high computational requirements, and limited interpretability hinder the clinical adoption of these models. Future research should focus on developing lightweight, scalable, and explainable AI systems. The integration of multi-modal data, including imaging and clinical information, holds great potential for improving MSI detection accuracy. In conclusion, hybrid deep learning and optimization-based approaches represent a promising solution for non-invasive MSI detection in colorectal cancer. Continued advancements in artificial intelligence, radiomics, and optimization techniques will play a crucial role in improving diagnostic accuracy and enabling personalized medicine.

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