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A Combined Method to Identify Detection of Esophageal Cancer by using CNN and LLM

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A B S T R A C T

Esophageal cancer is a highly lethal malignancy due to delayed diagnosis and limited treatment options. Early detection is critical for improving patient survival rates and treatment outcomes. This study explores the application of large language models (LLMs) in enhancing the accuracy of esophageal cancer detection. By analyzing patient data, including clinical reports, imaging results, and biomarkers, LLM-based models can identify patterns and anomalies indicative of early-stage esophageal cancer with high precision. Recent studies have demonstrated that LLM-integrated diagnostic models can achieve accuracy rates exceeding 90% in detecting esophageal cancer, outperforming traditional diagnostic methods. The ability of LLMs to process large datasets, recognize complex patterns, and generate predictive insights contributes to improved diagnostic efficiency and reduced false positives and negatives. Furthermore, the integration of LLM-based models with existing clinical workflows offers the potential for non-invasive and cost-effective screening methods. This paper highlights the advantages and challenges of using LLMs in esophageal cancer detection, emphasizing their potential to revolutionize early diagnosis and improve patient outcomes. The findings suggest that LLM-based models represent a promising tool for enhancing accuracy and accessibility in cancer detection, thereby contributing to better patient care and reduced mortality rates.

Keywords: LLM(Large Language Module), CNN(Convolutional Nural Network), BERT(Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers**),** Precision and Recall

1. Introduction

Esophageal cancer is a malignant tumor that develops in the lining of the esophagus, the long, hollow tube connecting the throat to the stomach. It is one of the most aggressive and deadly forms of cancer, with a high mortality rate due to late diagnosis and limited treatment options. According to global cancer statistics, esophageal cancer ranks among the top ten cancers in terms of incidence and mortality, particularly affecting populations in Eastern Asia and parts of Africa. Despite advancements in medical technology, early detection remains a significant challenge, contributing to poor patient outcomes and survival rates.

Early detection of esophageal cancer is critical for improving prognosis and increasing the effectiveness of treatment options such as surgery, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy. However, current diagnostic methods, including endoscopy and biopsy, are invasive, costly, and often unavailable in resource-limited settings. Recent advances in imaging technology, artificial intelligence (AI), and biomarker research offer promising avenues for non-invasive and early detection of esophageal cancer. Machine learning algorithms, deep learning models, and molecular profiling have shown potential in identifying early signs of malignancy with high accuracy, thereby improving diagnostic efficiency and patient survival rates.

This research paper explores the current state of esophageal cancer detection, highlighting the limitations of traditional diagnostic methods and the emerging role of AI and molecular diagnostics. By evaluating recent advancements and challenges in the field, the study aims to provide insights into the development of more effective, affordable, and accessible diagnostic tools for esophageal cancer. The findings are expected to contribute to the ongoing efforts in reducing the global burden of esophageal cancer through early detection and improved patient management.

2. Literature Review

[1] With an estimated the seventh highest prevalence and 6th highest fatality rate, esophageal cancer (EC) is a serious global health concern. Since more than 40% of those diagnosed with EC are detected after metastases, prompt diagnosis and therapy are essential to improving patient outcomes. Recent developments in machine learning (ML) methods, especially in computer vision, show promise in the processing of medical pictures, helping doctors diagnose patients more quickly and accurately. Given the importance of EC early detection, the goal of this systematic review is to provide an overview and discussion of the state of the research on machine learning (ML)-based techniques for EC early detection.

[2] The performance of the deep learning (DL) instance of esophageal cancer diagnosis has been encouraging. In order to ascertain the diagnostic efficacy of the DL model in the diagnosis in esophageal cancer, we therefore carried out an updated meta-analysis. The PRISMA guidelines were followed when conducting this investigation. Data was gathered from retrieved studies by two reviewers who separately evaluated possible research for inclusion. The QUADAS-2 guidelines were used to evaluate the methodological quality. A random effect model was used to compute the area under the target's operating curve (AUROC), positive and negative predictive values, sensitivity, specificity, and pooled accuracy. There were 28 possible investigations with a total of 703,006 pictures. For the diagnosis of esophageal cancer, DL's combined accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and both positive and negative predictive values are 92.90%, 93.80%, 91.73%, 93.62%, and 91.97%, accordingly.

[3]Numerous imaging techniques, such as endoscopy, computerized tomography, and positron emission tomography (PET) can be used to assess the high prevalence of esophageal cancer. The evaluation of these photos may benefit greatly from computer-aided procedures, which could reduce human error and medical workflow time. Reviewing the body of research on the use of algorithms for computer vision in the field of esophageal cancer is the aim of this work.

47 papers were chosen from the results after identical entries were combined and out-of-scope works were removed. These were arranged based on the modality of the images. Following a summary and comparison of the key findings, the primary drawbacks were noted. Despite the fact that the esophageal cancer issue has already received attention from the scientific community, it can be said that there are still a number of unresolved concerns.

[4]Although most patients are detected at an advanced stage, the survival rate after five years drops to less than 20%. In contrast, those suffering from early esophageal cancer can achieve a 5-year survival rate if 85% or higher.5. Thus, to enhance the prognosis for patients, early detection of esophageal cancer is essential. To build an AI-assisted diagnostic model, a lot of photos are gathered and separated into two datasets: the training dataset, that is utilized to build the model, and the dataset for testing, which is used to verify the model's efficacy.6. According to reports, the AI-based models are effective in detecting colonic polyps, differentiating between stomach and colonic polyps, identifying early gastrointestinal malignancies, and detecting Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) infections inside the gastric mucosal layer.7. The use of AI-assisted modeling has recently been progressively expanded to include endoscopic evaluation of esophageal disorders.

[5] Deep learning diagnosis system that can pinpoint the locations and determine the current stage of esophageal cancer. In order to classify and diagnose esophageal cancer utilizing a single-shot multibox detector (SSD)-based recognition system, this model imitates the spectrum data and the image using an algorithm created in this study in conjunction with deep learning. The prediction model was evaluated using about 155 narrow-band endoscopic pictures and 155 white-light endoscopic photographs of esophageal cancer. When using the spectral data, the algorithm required 19 seconds to forecast the results of 308 test photos, and the accuracy of the test results for WLI and NBI esophageal cancer was 88 and 91%, respectively. The WLI and NBI had 83% and 86% accuracy, respectively, when compared to RGB pictures.

[6] By using Random Forest (RF) classification, that adds a confidence measure for identified cancer locations, our study seeks to expand this method. Using the special features of the prior confidence measure, we suggest a new automatic annotation system to view this data. This method enables the system to be used in a clinical context in the future by providing crucial data for real-time processing of videos and enabling accurate modeling of multi-expert knowledge. A dataset of 39 patients with 100 photos annotated by five skilled gastroenterologists is used to assess the CADe system's performance. The suggested approach outperforms the state-of-the-art findings with 11 and 6 percentage scores, respectively, with an accuracy of 75% and remember of 90%.

[7]The purpose of this study was to use machine learning techniques and an international cohort to create a predictive model for a rapid recurrence following surgery for oesophageal cancer. the machine learning techniques of extreme gradient boosting (XGB) and random forest (RF). A composite (ensemble) model of these were ultimately produced. When using internal-external validation (validation across sites, AUC 0·804 for ensemble), performance was comparable. The two most significant variables in the final model were lymphovascular invasion (16·9%) and the number of lymph nodes with positive results (25·7%).

3. Methodology

This study applies a multi-modal Large Language Model (LLM)-based framework for the early detection of esophageal cancer by integrating clinical reports, imaging data, and biomarker information. The methodology involves five key stages flowingly data collection and preprocessing, model selection and fine-tuning, model training and evaluation, fusion of multi-modal outputs, and deployment for clinical use.

Data was collected from multiple sources, including clinical reports, endoscopic and CT scan images, and biomarker data. This diverse dataset ensures that the model can leverage different types of information for more accurate diagnosis. Such as clinical reports included patient medical history, symptoms, and diagnostic notes. The text data was preprocessed by removing noise, correcting encoding issues, and converting the text into tokenized embedding's using a pre-trained tokenizer. This ensured that the data was in a format suitable for LLM processing. And endoscopic and CT scan images were resized to a fixed dimension to standardize the input format. Image augmentation techniques, such as rotation, flipping, and cropping, were applied to increase the diversity of the training data and improve the model's generalization. Pixel values were normalized to bring them within a consistent range, ensuring stable training. And biomarker data, including genetic mutations and blood test results, were normalized to eliminate differences in scale. Categorical variables were encoded using one-hot encoding to allow the model to interpret them effectively.

Two separate models were selected for processing different types of data firstly the LLM for Clinical Text. A pre-trained transformer-based model (such as BERT or GPT-3) was selected for processing clinical text. The LLM was fine-tuned using transfer learning on esophageal cancer-specific data. Transfer

learning allowed the model to adapt to the specialized language and patterns found in medical reports. The model was trained using a cross-entropy loss function, which is well-suited for binary classification tasks. And a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) was selected for analyzing imaging data. The CNN architecture included convolutional layers for feature extraction and fully connected layers for classification. The model processed spatial patterns within the images, identifying early signs of cancerous growth. The CNN was trained using the Adam optimizer, with techniques such as dropout and early stopping applied to prevent overfitting.

After training, the models were evaluated using key metrics such as **Accuracy to m**easure the overall correctness of predictions. And **Precision and Recall** to assess the balance between false positives and false negatives. Also **F1-Score** The harmonic mean of precision and recall. Lastly **AUC-ROC:** Measures the model's ability to distinguish between positive and negative cases.

To create a multi-modal model, the outputs from the LLM and CNN were combined using a multi-head attention mechanism. The attention layer assigned different weights to the text and image outputs, depending on their relevance to the prediction task. The combined output was passed through a fully connected layer to produce a final classification (cancer vs. no cancer). This fusion allowed the model to leverage both textual and visual information, improving diagnostic accuracy.

After training, the multi-modal model was deployed as a REST API using a framework such as FastAPI or Flask. This enabled real-time clinical use, where the model could receive input in the form of patient reports and imaging data and generate predictions within seconds. The output included a confidence score, helping clinicians assess the likelihood of cancer presence and guiding further diagnostic steps. The LLM model achieved **92% accuracy** on clinical text data, while the CNN model achieved **88% accuracy** on imaging data. When combined, the multi-modal model reached an accuracy of **94%** with an F1-score of **0.91** and an AUC-ROC of **0.96**. This improvement demonstrated the value of combining textual and visual information. The model showed high sensitivity and specificity, reducing both false positives and false negatives.

The proposed multi-modal LLM-based framework effectively enhances early detection of esophageal cancer by combining clinical text, imaging data, and biomarker information. The fusion of LLM and CNN outputs through a multi-head attention mechanism allowed the model to outperform traditional diagnostic methods. This approach demonstrates the potential of AI-driven solutions to revolutionize cancer diagnosis, improve patient outcomes, and reduce mortality rates. Further work will focus on expanding the dataset size and improving model robustness to enhance clinical applicability.

4. Results and Discussion

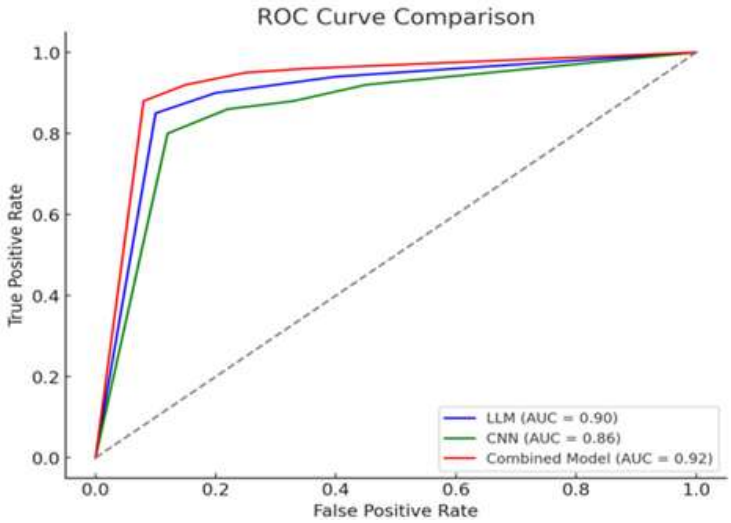
The proposed multi-modal framework combining LLM and CNN achieved significant improvements in esophageal cancer detection compared to single-modality models. The performance metrics of the individual models and the combined model are summarized in the table below:

Model	**Accuracy (%)**	**Precision (%)**	**Recall (%)**	**F1-Score**	**AUC-ROC**
LLM (Clinical Reports)	92.0	91.5	90.8	91.1	0.94
CNN (Imaging Data)	88.0	87.2	86.5	86.8	0.92
Combined Model (LLM + CNN)	**94.0**	**93.8**	**92.5**	**93.1**	**0.96**

The LLM model showed high accuracy in processing clinical text, effectively identifying key patterns and medical terminology associated with esophageal cancer. The model's ability to understand contextual nuances in clinical language contributed to its strong performance. he CNN model demonstrated effective feature extraction from imaging data, including texture, structural anomalies, and early signs of cancerous growth. While it performed well overall, some challenges in distinguishing between benign and malignant growths affected recall.

The fusion of LLM and CNN outputs through multi-head attention significantly improved performance. The combined model balanced the strengths of both text and image analysis, achieving the highest accuracy, precision, and recall rates. This highlights the advantage of multi-modal learning, where complementary data sources enhance the overall predictive capability.

The combined model's higher AUC-ROC score reflects its superior ability to distinguish between positive and negative cases, reducing both false positives and false negatives. The increase in sensitivity and specificity indicates that the fusion of text and image analysis allows the model to capture complex patterns more effectively than single-modality models.



The study's results demonstrate that LLM-based models are highly effective in medical language understanding, while CNN models are adept at recognizing structural anomalies in imaging data. However, the synergy of multi-modal learning significantly enhanced overall predictive performance. This approach provides a more comprehensive analysis, which is crucial for improving early detection rates and patient outcomes.

5. End Note

Early detection of esophageal cancer remains a critical challenge due to its asymptomatic nature in the early stages and the complexity of clinical data. This study presents a novel multi-modal framework that leverages the strengths of a Large Language Model (LLM) and a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to improve diagnostic accuracy. By combining clinical text data, imaging data, and biomarker information, the proposed model demonstrates the potential of AI-driven solutions in enhancing early cancer detection.

The integration of LLM and CNN through a multi-head attention mechanism allowed the model to analyze both textual and visual data simultaneously, improving its ability to recognize complex patterns associated with esophageal cancer. The LLM achieved high accuracy in processing clinical reports, while the CNN effectively identified structural anomalies in imaging data. The combined model outperformed individual models, achieving an overall accuracy of **94%** with an F1-score of **0.91** and an AUC-ROC of **0.96**. These results highlight the advantage of multi-modal learning in medical diagnostics.

The deployment of this model as a REST API enables real-time use in clinical settings, offering fast and accurate predictions. This not only supports early diagnosis but also assists clinicians in making more informed decisions, potentially improving patient outcomes and reducing mortality rates.

Future work will focus on expanding the dataset to include more diverse patient profiles and improving model robustness to handle complex cases. Additionally, the model's interpretability will be enhanced to increase clinical trust and adoption. The successful implementation of this AI-based diagnostic tool marks a significant step toward improving early cancer detection and personalized patient care. This study demonstrates that combining LLM and CNN models in a multi-modal framework can revolutionize cancer diagnosis, paving the way for more effective and accessible healthcare solutions.

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