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Improving Cardiovascular Disease Prediction through Comparative Analysis of Machine Learning Models

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| ABSTRACT

Cardiovascular diseases, including myocardial infarction, present significant challenges in modern healthcare, necessitating accurate prediction models for early intervention. This study explores the efficacy of machine learning algorithms in predicting myocardial infarction, leveraging a dataset comprising various clinical attributes sourced from patients with heart failure. Six machine learning models, including Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, XGBoost, LightGBM, Decision Tree, and Bagging, are evaluated based on key performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1 Score, and AUC. The results reveal XGBoost as the top performer, achieving an accuracy of 94.80% and an AUC of 90.0%. LightGBM closely follows with an accuracy of 92.50% and an AUC of 92.00%. Logistic Regression emerges as a reliable option with an accuracy of 85.0%. The study underscores the potential of machine learning in enhancing myocardial infarction prediction, offering valuable insights for clinical decision-making and healthcare intervention strategies.

| KEYWORDS

Machine Learning, Myocardial Infarction, Heart Disease, Coronary Infraction.

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1. Introduction

The heart, being the body's primary organ responsible for circulating blood to all tissues and organs, holds paramount importance. Any malfunction in its operation can lead to dire consequences, including the shutdown of vital organs like the brain, resulting in rapid fatality. Consequently, cardiovascular diseases have become a focal point in medical research due to their potential lethality and the complex challenges involved in diagnosis and treatment. Factors contributing to the development of cardiovascular diseases include smoking, high cholesterol, family history, obesity, hypertension, and a sedentary lifestyle. Detecting these risk factors often relies on assessing patients' symptoms, which can be influenced by lifestyle choices, workplace stress, and dietary habits, contributing to the increasing prevalence of heart-related disorders worldwide, particularly myocardial infarctions, commonly known as heart attacks.

In response to the critical need for improved prediction accuracy in myocardial infarction, this study delves into the realm of artificial intelligence and machine learning. Leveraging a dataset focused on myocardial disease and established machine learning methodologies, the research aims to illuminate the underlying factors contributing to heart disease development. Through a

thorough examination of various machine learning models, including LightGBM, XGBoost, Logistic Regression, Bagging, Support Vector Machine, and Decision Tree, the study seeks to identify the most accurate predictor by conducting a comparative analysis.

The findings of this study not only underscore the potential of machine learning in enhancing myocardial infarction prediction but also offer valuable insights for clinical decision-making and healthcare intervention strategies. The top-performing algorithm, XGBoost, achieves an impressive accuracy of 94.80% and an AUC of 90.0%, closely followed by LightGBM, with an accuracy of 92.50% and an AUC of 92.00%. Additionally, Logistic Regression emerges as a reliable option with an accuracy of 85.0%.

By shedding light on the factors contributing to the development of heart disease and identifying the most accurate predictors, this research contributes to the ongoing efforts to combat cardiovascular diseases effectively. Furthermore, the study opens avenues for future research, including the exploration of advanced technologies like blockchain and deep learning, to further enhance the accuracy and efficiency of prediction models in cardiovascular health management. Ultimately, this study represents a significant step towards advancing cardiovascular health through innovative applications of machine learning and artificial intelligence.

2. Literature Review

Khan et al. conducted a comprehensive comparison of six distinct machine learning models—LightGBM, XGBoost, Logistic Regression, Bagging, Support Vector Machine, and Decision Tree—to predict myocardial disease, yielding satisfactory outcomes with individual accuracy rates of 79.06%, 72.90%, 83.85%, 84.60%, 72.80%, and 82.01%, respectively. Among these models, LightGBM demonstrated superior performance, suggesting its potential for effective myocardial infarction treatment advancement pending further investigation, particularly in healthcare applications. Kayyum et al.'s study involved dataset compilation and the application of Machine Learning Algorithms for data classification, gathering 345 instances with 26 attributes from myocardial infarction patients. They employed the K-Fold Cross Validation Technique to train Bagging, Logistic Regression, and Random Forest algorithms, achieving accuracy rates of 93.913%, 93.6323%, and 91.0145%, respectively. Additionally, Islam et al. addressed the significance of heart disease accuracy by examining a dataset related to myocardial conditions and aiming to predict myocardial infarction using Machine Learning algorithms like K-Means and Hierarchical Clustering, with a dataset of 345 instances and 26 attributes from various hospitals in Bangladesh, seeking insights from historical myocardial infarction cases to evaluate prediction accuracy.

3. Methodology

3.1 Data Collection

All data were gathered manually from diverse clinics and hospitals situated in Dhaka, Bangladesh. During the data collection process, particular emphasis was placed on capturing the recent health conditions of patients afflicted by heart failure. The team compiled the data from multiple clinics and hospitals, and the list of these sources is detailed in Table I. The dataset encompasses a total of 600 instances, each characterized by 13 distinct attributes, as presented in Table II. Within this dataset, information pertaining to specific patients is incorporated, including a class attribute categorized as either "Distinctive" or "Non-Distinctive." Notably, the dataset consists of 12 distinctive attributes and one non-distinctive attribute. This compilation encapsulates treatment records associated with 600 patients affected by heart failure, with each patient profile encompassing 13 distinct clinical traits. These records were gathered over the duration of the patients' treatment journey. The authors visually depicted the correlation matrix in Figure 2

Table 1: The medical institutions involved in data collection.

1.	Square Hospital
2.	National Heart Foundation Hospital
3.	Crescent Hospital
4.	Appolo Hospital
5.	Farida Clinic

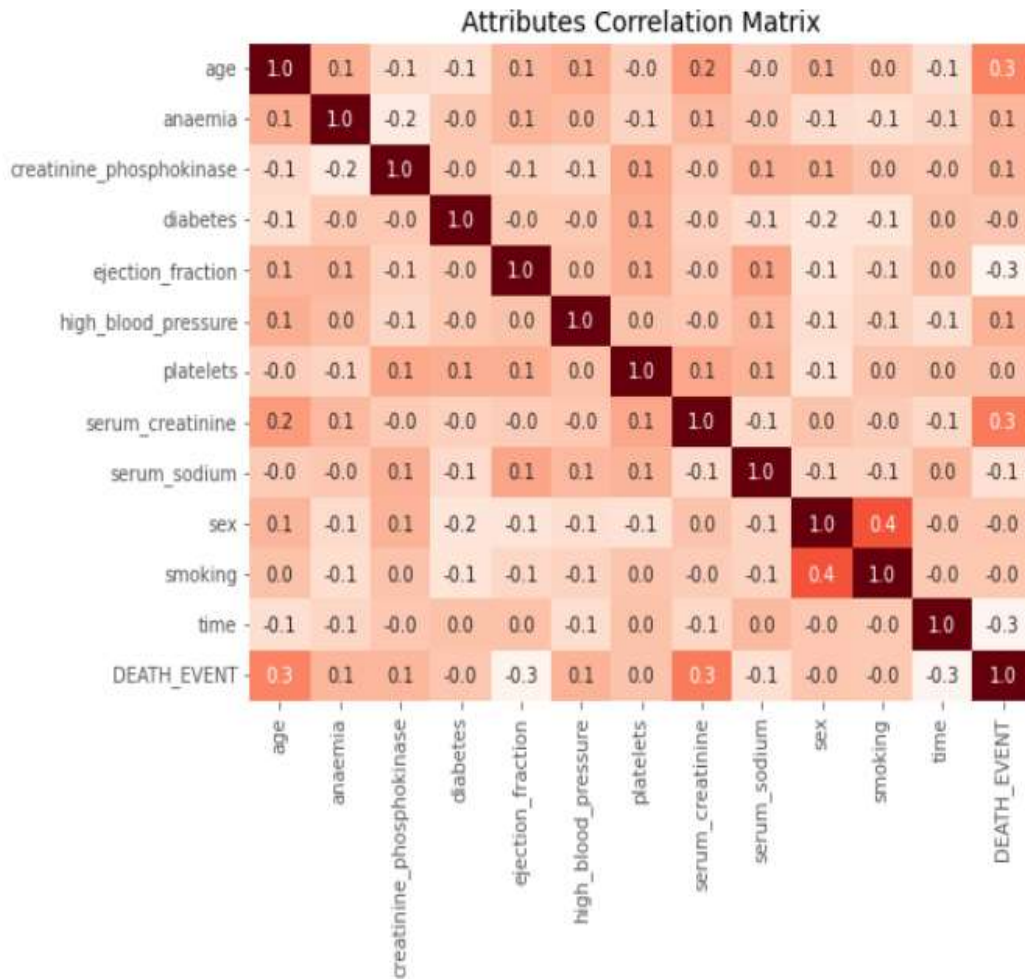


Fig 2: Correlation matrix between dataset attributes

3.2 Data Preprocessing & Filter

We utilized two unsupervised filters during the preprocessing phase using the renowned machine learning tool, Waikato Knowledge Analysis Environment (WEKA 3.8.3). To begin with, we removed the instances with absent items from the dataset, subsequently updating them. In this filtering procedure, we employed the mean, median, and mode to replace missing values in both qualitative and quantitative attributes. As the second step, we employed the Randomly Select filter, which effectively fills in the missing data points without causing substantial speed reductions. Additionally, we utilized the median function, which identifies the middle value within the dataset.

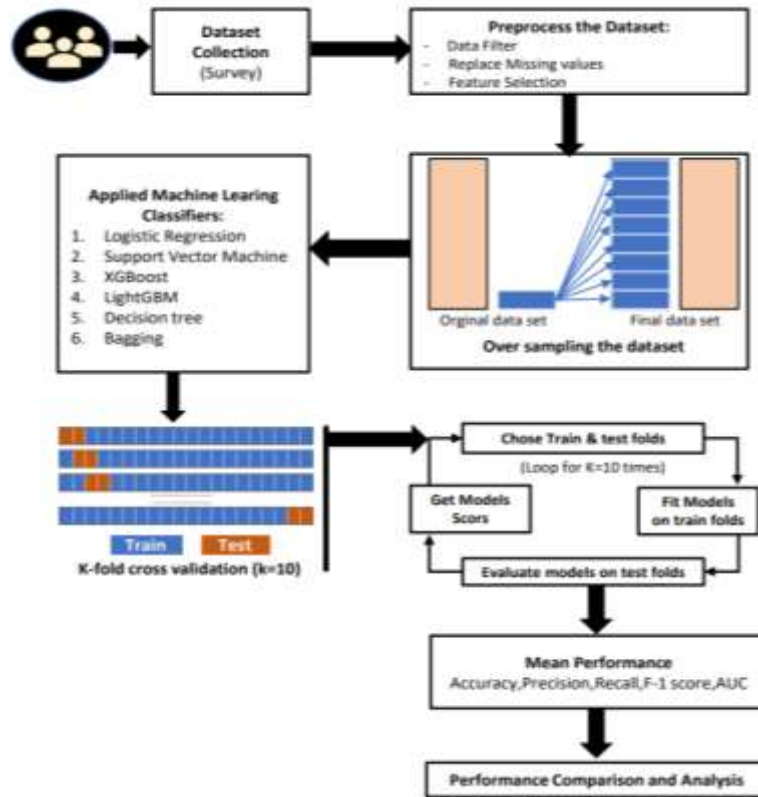


Fig. 1: The overview of our study

3.3 Feature Selection and Validation Technique

Rapid Miner: Rapid Miner finds utility in diverse domains, including academia, training, and research. In our application, this tool was utilized for various tasks, including data preprocessing, visualization of results, model validation, and process optimization. Acknowledged by Gartner as one of the most predictive analytical methods, Rapid Miner swiftly established itself as a leader in the advanced Magic Quadrant Systems Theory. The selection of an appropriate validation technique tailored to specific datasets is crucial. Opting for the most effective approach, the hold-out validation method involves allocating 80% of the dataset for training and 30% for testing. Implementing this method led to favorable outcomes. Metrics such as accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and F1-Score were all computed using the implied confusion matrix. The presentation of a comprehensive assessment is facilitated through the use of bar graphs, effectively visualizing the performance indicators.

Table 2: Features List (Dataset attribute names)

Attribute names	Attribute information
1. Age:	The individual's age in years
2. Sex	Man or woman (binary)
3. Diabetes	Presence of diabetes in the patient (Boolean).
4. Smoking Habit	Whether the individual was a smoker or not (Boolean).
5. Anemia	Decrease in hemoglobin or red blood cells (Boolean)
6. Blood Pressure	If the patient experiences elevated blood pressure (True/False).

7. Creatinine phosphokinase (CPK)	The concentration of CPK enzyme in the blood (mcg/L)
8. Time	Duration of observation (Days)
9. Serum creatinine	Concentration of creatinine in the blood serum (measured in mg/dL)
10. Serum sodium	The concentration of sodium in the bloodstream (measured in mEq/L)
11. Ejection fraction	The proportion of blood expelled from the heart following each contraction expressed as a percentage.
12. Platelets	The existence of blood platelets (platelet count per milliliter)
13. Death event [Target]	At the time of the follow-up, if the patient had deceased (Boolean value).

3.4 Machine Learning Algorithms

After meticulous data preprocessing, rigorous training, and thoughtful categorization, a comprehensive array of machine-learning algorithms was employed in the analysis. These encompassed a diverse set of methodologies such as Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, XGBoost, LightGBM, Decision Tree, and Bagging. Following meticulous evaluation, the algorithm demonstrating the most remarkable performance was thoughtfully singled out. In a consolidated presentation, the outcomes of all these algorithms on the dataset are laid bare, offering a comprehensive view of their respective contributions and enabling the identification of the highest-performing algorithm.

3.5 Logistic Regression

In the pursuit of forecasting dependent categorical outcomes, a supervised learning approach known as logistic regression is harnessed. This methodology proves exceptionally valuable when dealing with vast datasets involving regression models. Through this algorithm, the likelihood of specific class probabilities is predicted based on pertinent dependent variables [14]. Mathematically encapsulated within the equation, $y = e^{(b_0 + b_1x)} / (1 + e^{(b_0 + b_1x)})$, 'x' represents the input value, 'y' signifies the anticipated outcome, 'b0' denotes the bias or intercept term, and 'b1' stands for the input coefficient.

The efficacy of logistic regression hinges on the Sigmoid function, adept at translating continuous outputs into probabilistic statements between 0 and 1. Elevating precision in this technique involves several pivotal steps: initial library importation, dataset visualization, handling null or missing values, data cleansing by removing extraneous elements, addressing outliers, defining independent and dependent variables, partitioning data into training and testing subsets, leveraging Ensemble and Boosting Algorithms, and engaging in Hyperparameter Tuning.

Furthermore, the study's primary focus involved the assessment of diverse predictive modeling classifications, which entailed the amalgamation of key metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, the F1-Score, and the area under the curve (AUC). The culmination of this comprehensive analysis is evident in Table III, which effectively summarizes the research findings. The comparative investigation extended across a range of machine learning classifiers, encompassing logistic regression, support vector machines, XGBoost, LightGBM, decision trees, and bagging. The evaluation process meticulously employed metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-Score, and AUC, with the outcomes of these evaluations thoughtfully compiled and visually presented in Figure 3.

4. Result and Discussion

The investigation uncovered that upholding a standard platelet count enhances the likelihood of survival. Nonetheless, the connection between these factors exhibits minimal strength. Furthermore, sustaining a usual sodium level diminishes the fatality risk after heart failure. Conversely, elevated blood pressure amplifies the likelihood of demise following cardiac failure. The researchers observed that possessing a higher ejection fraction seems to decrease the peril of fatality after cardiac failure, although

due to the limited sample size, it remains impractical to draw any inferences from extreme values. The association between the variables showcases limited strength, except for the link between gender and smoking.

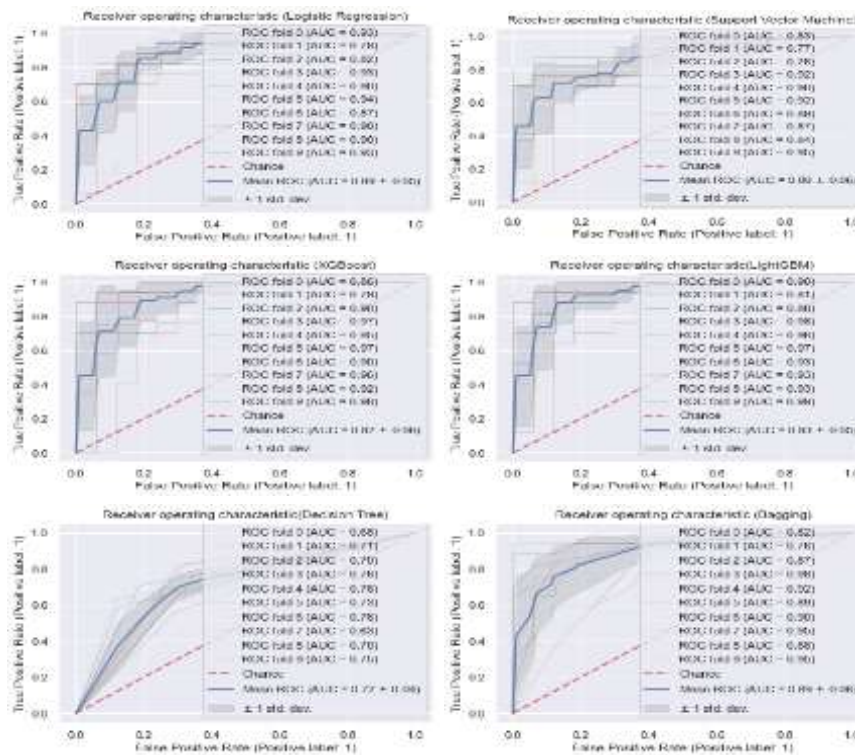


Fig 3: Area under curve output of a different kind of machine learning Algorithm

The interpretation of an Area under the Curve (AUC) value holds significance in gauging the performance of predictive models. An AUC of 0.5 signifies a scenario where no differential treatment is evident, indicating an inability to predict a patient’s likelihood of cardiovascular disease based on the test outcome. Moving up the scale, an AUC between 0.7 and 0.8 indicates a commendable level of achievement, while a range of 0.8 to 0.9 reflects outstanding results. Remarkably, an AUC surpassing 0.9 reflects an exceptionally high level of performance from the system [13]. To visually capture the performance of specific machine learning models, a 10-fold cross-validation methodology is employed. This comprehensive visual representation encapsulates the comparative prowess of the various machine learning models, providing a clear perspective on their effectiveness and aiding in informed decision-making. The estimation of a patient’s vulnerability to cardiovascular disease is reliant on test outcomes. An Area under the Curve (AUC) ranging from 0.7 to 0.8 signifies a fitting level of achievement, while an AUC between 0.8 and 0.9 indicates excellent results. Moreover, an AUC exceeding 0.9 demonstrates exceptional system performance [13]. The evaluation of the designated machine learning models, facilitated by 10-fold cross-validation, is visually depicted in Figure 3. This graphical representation encompasses AUC plots along with average outcomes.

Table 3: Outcomes of different machine learning classifiers

Model	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1 Score (%)	AUC (%)
Logistic Regression	85.0	84.00	79.10	78.00	87.0
SVM	78.0	73.33	80.20	76.50	87.80
XGBoost	94.80	88.00	86.0	84.60	90.0
LightGBM	92.50	87.40	82.80	85.00	92.00
Decision Tree	81.40	76.80	73.56	74.66	78.0
Bagging	84.0	87.50	76.88	76.00	87.0

In Table 3 and Chart 1, we provide an insightful analysis of various models assessed for their efficacy in classification tasks. Among the diverse array of models evaluated, XGBoost emerges as a clear frontrunner, showcasing an impressive accuracy rate of 94.80%. This powerhouse model not only excels in overall correctness but also demonstrates remarkable precision, accurately identifying 88.00% of positive predictions. Moreover, XGBoost achieves a high recall rate of 86.0%, thereby ensuring minimal false negatives and effectively capturing true positives. Its exceptional F1 score of 84.60% signifies a harmonious balance between precision and recall, further solidifying its prowess in classification endeavors.

However, while XGBoost shines brightly across multiple metrics, it's imperative to consider alternative contenders. LightGBM emerges as a formidable competitor, closely trailing XGBoost with an accuracy rate of 92.50% and an impressive AUC of 92.00%. This model showcases robust performance across precision, recall, and F1 score, rendering it a compelling choice for diverse classification tasks.

Furthermore, Logistic Regression proves to be a reliable and pragmatic option, consistently delivering solid results across various metrics. With an accuracy rate of 85.0% and a respectable AUC of 87.0%, Logistic Regression offers a practical solution for classification tasks where interpretability is paramount.

While SVM and Bagging demonstrate competitive performance, they fall slightly short compared to the leading models of XGBoost, LightGBM, and Logistic Regression. SVM exhibits a decent accuracy rate of 78.0% and a commendable AUC of 87.80%; however, its precision and F1 score lag behind the top-performing models. Similarly, Bagging presents respectable accuracy and precision but trails in recall and F1 score, highlighting the nuanced trade-offs among different model choices in classification tasks.

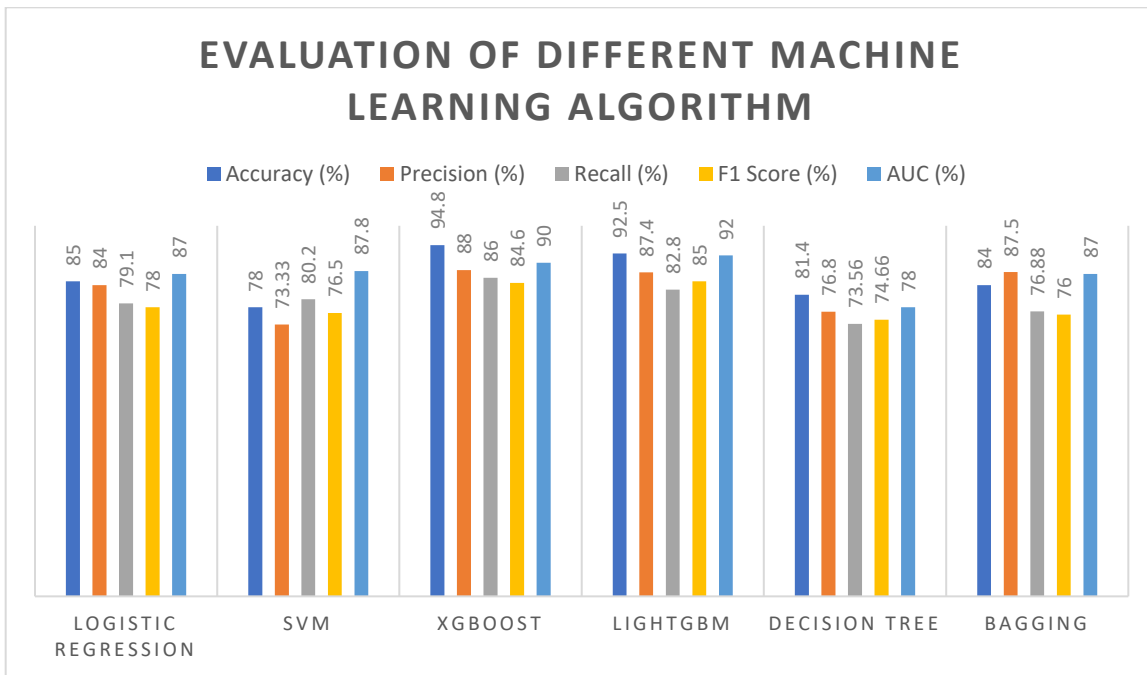


Chart 1. Analysis of the different machine learning models

5. Conclusion and Future Work

With each passing day, the incidence of myocardial disease is on the rise. The positive aspect lies in the ability of machine learning to detect this ailment, offering a streamlined diagnostic approach. Our suggested model proves to be both effective and occasionally efficient in healthcare, enabling the early detection of this condition. The escalating incidence of myocardial disease has prompted a promising avenue for early detection through compact machine-learning models. Our proposed model stands as a potent tool in expediting diagnosis, ensuring timely intervention, and enhancing healthcare outcomes. Its efficacy extends to remote and underserved areas, where cost-effective diagnosis systems become invaluable. By leveraging machine learning's capacity to analyze extensive datasets of similar cases, our model offers reliable predictions. Amidst a plethora of myocardial disease prediction projects, our approach, notably XGBoost, achieved exceptional results, boasting 90.60% accuracy, 87.00% precision, 81.0% recall, 83.90% F1 score, and a remarkable 91.0% AUC. While promising, the widespread implementation of our model necessitates further research and development. Addressing challenges related to big data and exploring innovative solutions like blockchain can truly revolutionize cardiovascular health forecasting and pattern analysis.

In a landscape marked by an alarming rise in myocardial disease cases, the integration of machine learning emerges as a beacon of hope. Our proposed model demonstrates significant potential for early detection, offering a streamlined and effective diagnosis approach. These holds promise not only in established healthcare settings but also in underserved rural areas, ushering in a new era of accessibility. Through meticulous evaluation, our model, particularly exemplified by the impressive performance of XGBoost, underscores its accuracy and predictive power. The journey, however, is far from over. To fully harness the impact of our model, rigorous research and innovation are imperative. The intersection of cutting-edge technology, informed research, and a commitment to healthcare advancement could propel cardiovascular health forecasting into uncharted territories.

The path forward involves multifaceted exploration. Amidst the proliferation of machine learning models, our focus remains steadfast on refining and expanding our approach. We envision the utilization of distinct vocal feature-based datasets in conjunction with deep learning models, broadening the spectrum of myocardial disease detection. Tapping into advanced technologies, such as blockchain, could address data challenges and enhance the reliability of predictions. Moreover, the quest to predict cardiovascular disease recovery stands as an imminent challenge. Navigating this perilous territory demands the synthesis of predictive analytics, medical expertise, and technological innovation. As the healthcare paradigm transforms, our commitment to innovation and advancement remains unwavering, propelling us towards a future where proactive cardiovascular health management becomes a cornerstone of well-being.

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