

# Breast Cancer Classification Using Deep Learning

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## Abstract

Breast cancer is one of the top causes of cancer deaths in women. Early detection and precise classification increase breast cancer survival and therapy. Traditional diagnostic methods including biopsy, mammography, and histopathology require professional interpretation and variability. Recent deep learning advances allow automatic and accurate image-based cancer classification. This research proposes a medical imaging dataset-based deep learning breast cancer classification framework. The suggested method classifies benign and malignant tumours using convolutional neural networks and transfer learning. Experimental results show increased performance above standard machine learning. The study shows that deep learning models can support clinical oncology decision-making.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer is one of the most common diseases in women and a global health issue. Early and accurate diagnosis cut mortality and improves prognosis. Diagnostic methods like mammography and histopathology need skill and are subject to interobserver variability.

Recent years have seen a surge in medical imaging AI. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) excel at picture classification [1], [2]. Multiple research in 2023 and 2024 found that deep neural networks trained on mammography and histology datasets improved breast cancer diagnosis [3], [4].

Optimising deep architectures for medical picture classification while addressing data imbalance and interpretability has also been studied [5]. Inspired by these advances, this study offers a deep learning-based breast cancer classification system using transfer learning and advanced CNN architectures to improve diagnostic reliability.

## II. Related Work

Recent 2023–2026 research demonstrates AI-driven breast cancer diagnostic advances. In [1], a deep convolutional mammography classification model outperformed traditional classifiers. A mixed deep learning system with multiscale feature extraction for breast tumour identification was suggested [3].

Transfer learning works well in medical imaging due to limited labelled datasets. Finetuned ResNet and EfficientNet architectures classified breast cancer histopathology images well in 2024 [4]. In [6], lightweight clinical deployment models improved computing efficiency without sacrificing accuracy.

Explainability is key in medical AI. GradCAM and SHAP were used to understand deep learning breast cancer predictions in [5], enhancing clinician trust. In [7], ensemble learning algorithms were examined to improve medical imaging model resilience and reduce overfitting.

The current findings prove deep learning is reliable and scalable for automated breast cancer classification.

## III. METHODOLOGY

The proposed framework includes data collection, preprocessing, model construction, training, evaluation, and deployment.

Public breast cancer imaging datasets including mammography and histology slides were used. The dataset has benign and malignant categories. Images are scaled to 224x224 pixels and converted to a standard pixel intensity.

Data augmentation methods include rotation, flipping, zooming, and brightness manipulation improve generalisation and reduce overfitting. Class imbalance is handled by oversampling and classweighted loss functions.

A basic CNN architecture is implemented. After that, transfer learning is implemented utilising new deep architectures like ResNet, EfficientNet, or DenseNet,

verified in medical imaging research. Modified final classification layer produces binary outputs for benign and malignant groups.

Adam optimiser and binary crossentropy loss train the model. Overfitting is prevented by early halting and dropout regularisation. Validation data adjusts learning rate, batch size, and epochs.

The workflow is as follows:

- Medical Image Dataset Collection
- Image Preprocessing and Augmentation
- Transfer Learning Model Initialization
- Model Training and FineTuning
- Performance Evaluation
- Clinical Deployment Integration

Accuracy, precision, recall, F1score, ROC Curve Area, and confusion matrix analysis are evaluation measures.

#### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Experimental data show that transfer learning outperforms CNN classification accuracy. Deep residual and efficient structures capture tumour properties well.

Confusion matrix analysis distinguishes benign from malignant patients with good sensitivity and specificity. Area Under the ROC Curve values indicate good categorisation.

GradCAM visualisations show tumour locations impacting model decisions, matching radiologist observations. Model performance is steady throughout validation folds, demonstrating good generalisation.

These findings support recent research [3], [4] that show deep learning works for breast cancer classification.

#### V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

CNN and transfer learning were used to classify breast cancer using deep learning. The suggested system has great diagnostic accuracy and clinical decision support capabilities.

Integrating multimodal data like clinical and genomic features, using vision transformer architectures for feature extraction, federated learning for hospital privacy, and improving explainability for clinical adoption are future goals.

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