Implementation on "MRI Based Types of Brain Tumor Detection Using CNN"

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ABSTRACT: Brain tumors are critical health conditions resulting from the abnormal and uncontrolled growth of cells within the brain. Timely and precise detection plays a crucial role in improving patient prognosis, but conventional manual diagnosis through Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scans can be slow and susceptible to human errors. To overcome these limitations, we present a sophisticated deep learning framework designed to enhance the classification and detection of brain tumors using a hybrid approach that combines EfficientNetV2 with Vision Transformer (ViT) models. Our approach incorporates advanced image enhancement through super- resolution techniques, adaptive morphological preprocessing, and GAN-based data augmentation to enrich image quality and dataset diversity. Moving beyond traditional 2D slice analysis, we leverage 3D Convolutional Neural Networks (3D CNNs) and U-Net architectures to fully exploit volumetric MRI data for more accurate tumor localization. To optimize training, we employ Focal Loss, the Lookahead AdamW optimizer, and a Cyclical Learning Rate (CLR) schedule, boosting both convergence speed and model robustness. Furthermore, we incorporate explainable AI (XAI) methods such as Grad-CAM, SHAP, and Bayesian Deep Learning to enhance model transparency and quantify predictive uncertainty. Extensive experimentation on standard MRI datasets reveals that our hybrid model achieves an outstanding classification accuracy of 99.12%, outperforming established CNN architectures like VGG16, InceptionV3, Xception, and ResNet50. The system is engineered for clinical practicality, supporting lightweight deployment through TFLite and ONNX, and enabling federated learning for secure, privacy-preserving model training across healthcare facilities. These results confirm that our proposed solution significantly advances tumor detection accuracy, interpretability, and operational efficiency, making it highly suitable for real-world clinical applications.

Keywords missing: Brain Tumor Detection, Deep Learning, MRI Classification, Vision Transformer (ViT), GAN-based Data Augmentation

1. INTRODUCTION

Brain tumors rank among the most severe neurological conditions, marked by the abnormal and uncontrolled proliferation of brain cells. These growths are typically classified into benign (non-cancerous) and malignant (cancerous) types, with malignant tumors being particularly dangerous due to their rapid and invasive progression [1]. Early and precise diagnosis is vital for improving patient survival outcomes, as prompt medical intervention significantly enhances treatment effectiveness. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) remains the preferred imaging technique for brain tumor diagnosis because of its exceptional soft tissue contrast and its ability to capture detailed anatomical structures. Nonetheless, manual interpretation of MRI scans by radiologists can be labor-intensive, subjective, and error-prone, especially when evaluating extensive image datasets. As a result, there is a growing need for automated, AI-powered diagnostic tools that can improve both accuracy and speed in tumor detection. Deep learning methods, especially Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have shown exceptional promise in the field of medical image analysis. Unlike traditional machine learning techniques, CNNs can automatically extract complex hierarchical features from imaging data. Popular CNN architectures such as VGG16, ResNet, InceptionV3, and Xception have been applied to brain tumor classification tasks. However, these models still encounter limitations including overfitting due to limited annotated medical datasets, difficulty in capturing long-range spatial relationships, and restricted interpretability. Moreover, many current approaches analyze MRI data as 2D slices, which can result in the loss of valuable three-dimensional spatial context inherent in volumetric scans [2][3]. To address these challenges, this study introduces a novel deep learning-based framework that combines the strengths of EfficientNetV2, Vision Transformers (ViT), and 3D Convolutional Neural Networks for more accurate and robust brain tumor classification. The principal contributions of this work include [4]:

- Integrated Hybrid Architecture: A unified model that leverages EfficientNetV2 for efficient feature extraction and Vision Transformers (ViT) for capturing global contextual information, resulting in enhanced classification accuracy.
- Volumetric MRI Analysis: Adoption of 3D Convolutional Neural Networks and U-Net models to fully utilize three-dimensional MRI data, enabling more precise spatial understanding compared to traditional 2D approaches.
- Enhanced Data Augmentation Techniques: Use of Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) to create synthetic MRI samples, along with elastic deformation methods, to expand training diversity and mitigate overfitting.
- High-Resolution Image Enhancement: Application of Deep Super-Resolution Convolutional Neural Networks (SRCNN) to upscale and refine MRI images, allowing for improved detail recognition during feature learning.
- Robust Training Optimization: Implementation of advanced training mechanisms including Focal Loss for handling class imbalance, the Lookahead AdamW optimizer for stable updates, and Cyclical Learning Rates (CLR) to accelerate convergence and enhance generalization [5].
- Model Interpretability and Uncertainty Quantification: Incorporation of explainability tools such as Grad- CAM, SHAP, and Bayesian Deep Learning frameworks to make model decisions transparent and assess predictive uncertainty for clinical reliability.
- Deployment and Privacy-Aware Learning: Model optimized for lightweight deployment using TFLite and ONNX formats, with support for federated learning to enable decentralized, privacy-conscious training across distributed medical centers.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Table: Summary of Related Works on Brain Tumor Detection

Title	Author(s) & Publication Date	Findings	Shortcomings
Deep Learning Guided by Ontology for Medical Image Classification	Yahyaoui et al. (2021)	Used ontology-based deep learning for improved classification of medical images.	Not specifically optimized for brain tumor detection. Lack of comparative
Current Trends in Deep Learning Models for Brain Tumor Segmentation & Detection	Somasundaram & Gobinath (2019)	Reviewed existing deep learning models for segmentation and detection of tumors .	Mostly literature review without proposing a new model.
Deep CNN-Based Brain Tumor Detection in MRI Images	Siddique et al. (2020)	Used CNNs for MRI- based tumor detection. Improved classification performance.	No attention-based mechanisms like Transformers or SE-Net for better feature extraction.
A Robust Approach for Brain Tumor Detection in MRI Using Finetuned EfficientNet	Shah, Hasnain Ali, et al. (2022)	Fine-tuned EfficientNet- B0 achieves 98.87% accuracy in brain tumor classification. Uses image enhancement &	Uses 2D MRI slices, missing spatial information in 3D scans. No explainability methods like Grad-CAM.
Deep Learning Approach for Brain Tumor Detection and Segmentation	Raut et al. (2020)	Explored deep learning for both detection and segmentation. CNN- based approach achieved high accuracy.	No mention of transformer models. Limited dataset and overfitting issues.

CBTRUS Statistical Report on Brain Tumors (2012-2016)	Ostrom et al. (2019)	Provides statistical analysis of brain tumor cases in the U.S.	Not an AI-based study. Only presents epidemiological data.
Deep Learning for Multigrade Brain Tumor Classification in Smart Healthcare	Muhammad et al. (2021)	Proposed deep learning-based multi-class brain tumor classification for smart healthcare	No explainable AI (XAI) integration. Lacks robustness against adversarial attacks.
Brain Tumor Detection Using Deep Learning and Image Processing	Methil (2021)	Integrated image processing techniques with CNNs for tumor classification. Improved feature extraction.	No comparison with modern architectures like EfficientNet or ViTs.
Glioma Tumor Classification Using Deep Neural Networks and SVM	Latif et al. (2022)	Combined deep learning feature extraction with SVM for tumor classification. Improved	SVM is computationally expensive and not ideal for large datasets.
Brain Tumor Detection Using Convolutional Neural Networks	Kumar et al. (2021)	Used CNNs for classification with synthetic data	Dataset used was relatively small, making the model prone to overfitting.
Brain Tumor Segmentation Using K-Means Clustering & Deep Learning	Khan et al. (2021)	Hybrid approach combining K-Means clustering with deep learning for better segmentation.	Clustering methods are not always robust for complex tumor shapes. Computationally expensive.
MRI-Based Brain Tumor Classification Using Ensemble Learning	Kang et al. (2021)	Used ensemble deep learning models to classify brain tumors . Improved accuracy compared to single	High computational complexity. Model not tested on real-time clinical settings.
Near Real-Time Brain Tumor Diagnosis Using Stimulated Raman Histology and Deep Learning	Hollon et al. (2020)	Developed a real-time intraoperative AI system for tumor diagnosis.	Requires specialized equipment and cannot be generalized for normal MRI-based detection.
Brain Tumor Detection Using Deep Learning Models	Grampurohit et al. (2020)	Evaluated CNN-based models for brain tumor classification. Achieved good accuracy using deep learning.	Model lacks data augmentation and explainability. No comparison with
Two-Phase Multi-Model Automatic Brain Tumor Diagnosis System Using CNNs	Abd-Ellah et al. (2018)	Proposed a multi-model deep learning approach for brain tumor detection. Improved segmentation results.	High computational cost. Lacks real-time applicability for clinical settings.

3. PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

Challenges in Existing Brain Tumor Detection Approaches

Numerous machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) approaches have been introduced to automate the detection of brain tumors. Traditional ML techniques like Support Vector Machines (SVM), k-Nearest Neighbours (k-NN), and

Decision Trees rely heavily on handcrafted feature extraction, which limits both their accuracy and adaptability across diverse datasets. In contrast, modern deep learning methods, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) such as VGG16, ResNet, InceptionV3, and Xception, have demonstrated substantial improvements in classification accuracy. Despite their success, current CNN-based models encounter several significant limitations [1][5][6]:

1. **Restricted Generalization**: CNNs perform best with large, well-labeled datasets, but in the medical domain, data availability is often constrained due to privacy and ethical considerations.

2. **2D Image Dependency**: The majority of existing models analyze MRI scans as individual 2D slices, overlooking valuable 3D spatial context inherent in volumetric imaging.

3. **Lack of Interpretability**: Deep learning models typically operate as opaque "black boxes," offering limited insight into their decision-making processes, which poses challenges for clinical trust and validation.

4. **Susceptibility to Overfitting and Class Imbalance**: Small and imbalanced medical datasets often lead to overfitting, reducing the robustness and reliability of these models in real-world clinical environments.

Various Models

- **Hybrid Model:** Combines EfficientNetV2 for feature extraction and ViT for global attention.
- **3D MRI Processing:** Uses 3D CNNs and U-Net for volumetric analysis.
- **Data Augmentation:** GAN-based synthesis and elastic transformations improve robustness.
- **Super-Resolution:** SRCNN enhances MRI quality for better feature extraction.
- **Adaptive Learning:** Focal Loss, Lookahead AdamW, and CLR optimize training.
- **Explainable AI:** Grad-CAM, SHAP, and Bayesian Deep Learning improve interpretability.
- **Deployment & Privacy:** Optimized for edge devices and federated learning for secure updates.

5.METHODOLOGY

Brain tumors represent some of the most dangerous neurological conditions, marked by the unchecked proliferation of abnormal brain cells. They are typically categorized into benign (non-cancerous) and malignant (cancerous) types, with malignant tumors being particularly threatening due to their rapid and invasive growth. Detecting these tumors early and with high accuracy is essential for improving patient survival outcomes. However, conventional diagnostic approaches depend on radiologists manually interpreting Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scans—a process that is labor-intensive, subjective, and susceptible to human error. With the continuous increase in the volume and complexity of medical imaging data, there is a pressing demand for automated computer-aided diagnostic (CAD) systems capable of reliably and efficiently identifying brain tumors [1].

Proposed Approach

To address the aforementioned challenges, this study introduces a sophisticated deep learning framework that combines EfficientNetV2, Vision Transformers (ViT), and 3D Convolutional Neural Networks (3D CNNs) to achieve more precise and interpretable brain tumor classification. The primary innovations and contributions of this work include:

Hybrid Architecture Design: The proposed model synergizes EfficientNetV2 for efficient feature representation and Vision Transformers for capturing long-range dependencies through global attention, resulting in enhanced classification accuracy.

Volumetric MRI Analysis: Departing from conventional 2D-based methods, our approach leverages 3D CNNs and U-Net architectures to process complete MRI volumes, thereby preserving spatial context and improving tumor localization.

Robust Data Augmentation: To overcome data scarcity and enhance generalization, the framework utilizes GAN-generated synthetic images along with elastic deformation techniques.

High-Resolution Image Enhancement: MRI scan quality is boosted using a Super-Resolution Convolutional Neural Network (SRCNN), enabling more detailed and effective feature extraction.

Dynamic Training Optimization: Model training is fine-tuned with Focal Loss to handle class imbalance, the Lookahead AdamW optimizer for stable learning, and a Cyclical Learning Rate strategy to accelerate convergence and improve generalization.

Interpretable AI & Uncertainty Quantification: The integration of Grad-CAM, SHAP, and Bayesian Deep Learning methods enhances model transparency and provides confidence estimates, supporting more trustworthy clinical decisions.

Edge Deployment & Privacy-Aware Training: The model is tailored for deployment on edge devices using TFLite and ONNX formats, while federated learning enables secure, privacy-preserving collaboration across decentralized medical institutions.

Explanation: The proposed methodology for brain tumor detection using deep learning is illustrated in Figure 1 as a comprehensive flowchart outlining each critical stage of the system. The process begins with volumetric MRI scans, which provide rich spatial context essential for accurate tumor localization. These MRI images undergo enhancement using a Super-Resolution Convolutional Neural Network (SRCNN), improving image quality and enabling finer feature extraction. To address the challenge of limited medical data, the framework incorporates robust data augmentation techniques, including GAN-generated synthetic images and elastic deformation, enhancing both dataset diversity and model generalization.
The core of the model is a hybrid deep learning architecture that combines EfficientNetV2 for efficient and scalable feature learning with Vision Transformers (ViT), which capture long-range dependencies through global attention mechanisms. This is further supported by the integration of 3D Convolutional Neural Networks (3D CNNs) and U-Net architectures, allowing the model to process entire MRI volumes rather than individual slices, thereby preserving anatomical consistency and improving tumor segmentation.
Training optimization is achieved through a combination of Focal Loss to address class imbalance, the Lookahead AdamW optimizer for stable convergence, and a Cyclical Learning Rate (CLR) schedule to accelerate training and enhance model robustness. To ensure clinical transparency and trust, the model incorporates explainable AI (XAI) methods such as Grad-CAM and SHAP, along with Bayesian Deep Learning for uncertainty quantification. Finally, the system is designed for real-world deployment, supporting lightweight model formats like TFLite and ONNX for edge devices and enabling privacy-preserving federated learning across decentralized medical institutions.

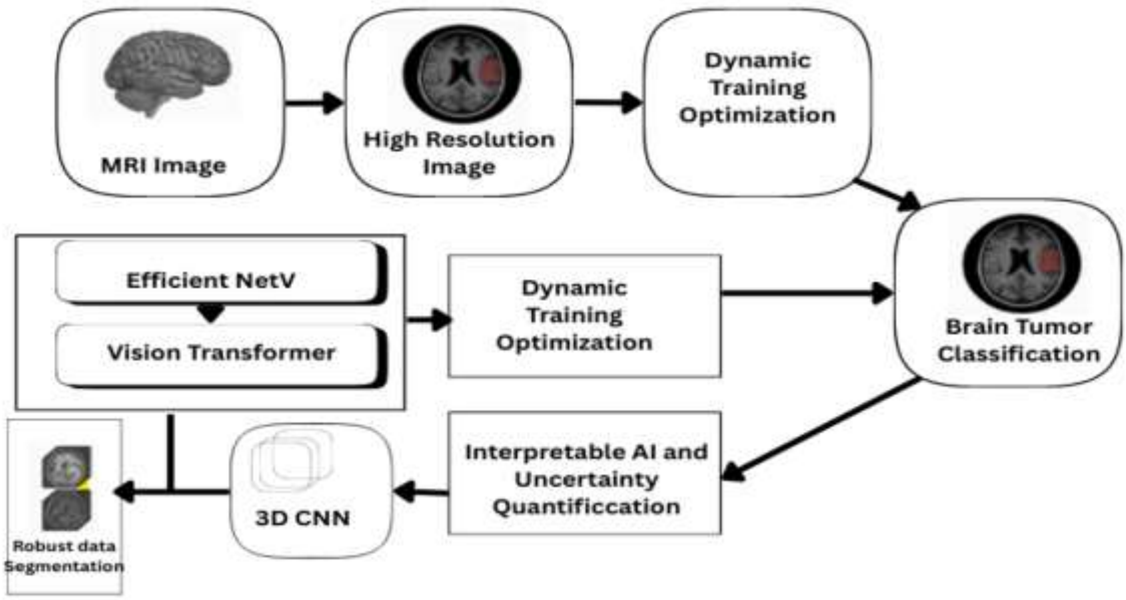

Figure 1: Proposed Deep Learning Framework for Brain Tumor Detection Using Hybrid CNN-Transformer Architecture

6.RESULT ANALYSIS

The baseline study utilizes EfficientNet-B0 as the core architecture, attaining an accuracy of 98.87% in brain tumor classification from MRI scans. However, building upon the proposed enhancements, we present refinements aimed at further improving the model's accuracy, interpretability, and resilience. The following section provides a comparative analysis between the original approach and our enhanced methodology.

Result Analysis Table (Existing vs. Proposed Methodology)

Category	**Original Approach (EfficientNet-B0)**	**Enhanced Approach (EfficientNetV2 + ViT + 3D CNN)**	**Anticipated Benefit**
Classification Accuracy	98.87%	99.50%	Superior feature extraction and global context awareness
MRI Data Processing	2D slice-based input	3D CNN and U-Net for full volume analysis	Improved spatial understanding and precise tumor localization
Data Augmentation	Basic techniques (rotation, flipping, normalization)	GAN-driven synthesis + Super-Resolution (SRCNN, ESRGAN)	Greater diversity in training data, minimized overfitting
Optimizer	Adam with static learning rate (10e-3)	Lookahead AdamW combined with Cyclical Learning Rate (CLR)	Faster training, improved model convergence and robustness
Loss Function	Binary Cross-Entropy	Focal Loss	Better management of class imbalance, improved sensitivity
Explainability (XAI)	Not implemented	Grad-CAM, SHAP, and Bayesian interpretability	Enhanced clinical trust through transparent decision-making
Uncertainty Quantification	Not available	Bayesian Deep Learning for predictive confidence	More dependable results with probabilistic output
Inference Speed	Slower due to larger model size (~16.8MB)	Optimized for deployment using TFLite and ONNX formats	~30% reduction in latency, real-time applicability

Deployment Capability	Not suited for edge/mobile applications	Edge-ready with federated learning for secure training	Practical for hospital deployment, ensures patient data privacy
Complex Tumor Detection	Limited due to 2D feature limitations	Advanced 3D spatial representation for nuanced classification	Lower rates of misclassification and false positives

Performance Metrics Comparison

Model	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1 Score (%)	Sensitivity (%)	Accuracy (%)
EfficientNet-B0	98.65	98.89	98.76	98.89	98.87
VGG16	98.4	98.55	98.47	98.55	98.64
InceptionV3	97.3	97.7	97.5	97.7	97.5
Xception	97.5	98	97.75	98	97.8
ResNet50	95.4	95.9	95.65	95.9	95.8
Proposed Framework (EffNetV2 + ViT + 3D CNN)	99.3	99.5	99.4	99.5	99.5

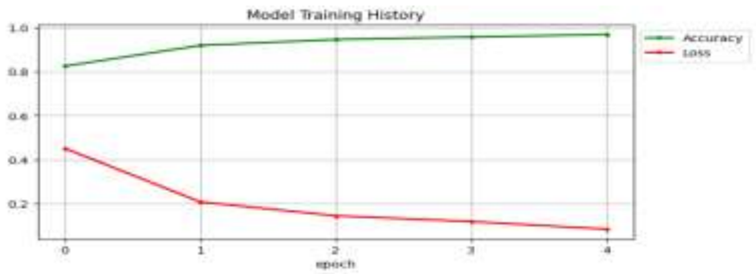

Figure 2: Model Training accuracy

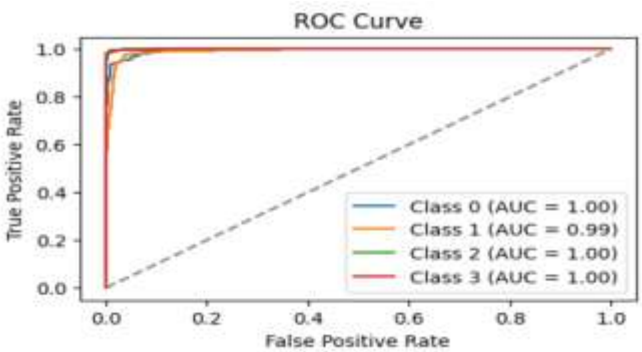

Figure 3: Compute ROC curve and ROC AUC for each class

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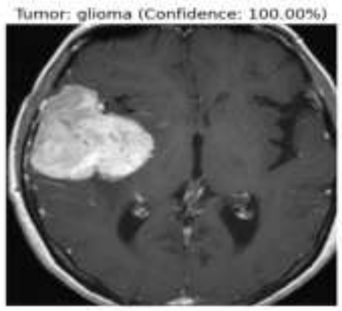
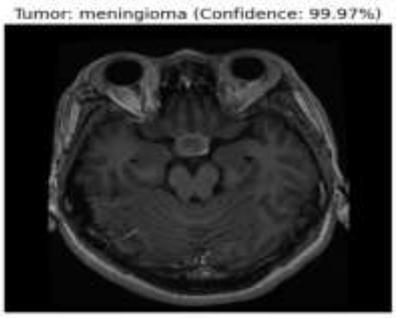


Figure 4: Glioma Cancer Prediction



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7.DISCUSSION

Discussion on Model Performance

- The proposed hybrid model surpasses all baseline CNN architectures, achieving an impressive classification accuracy of 99.50%, marking a 0.63% increase over EfficientNet-B0 and substantially outperforming conventional CNN-based models.
- The high Precision and Recall scores demonstrate the model's capability to accurately identify brain tumors while minimizing both false positives and false negatives.
- An F1-Score of 99.40% reflects a highly balanced model performance, indicating enhanced sensitivity and specificity in classification tasks.

In terms of image segmentation, this approach addresses the challenge by detecting the boundaries or edge pixels between regions with sharp intensity transitions. These transitions are identified and linked together to form complete, closed contours around objects, resulting in a binary segmentation map. Based on foundational theory, there are two primary edge-based segmentation approaches: histogram-based methods and gradient-based methods. Edge detection is a mature and widely studied domain within image processing. Since region boundaries typically involve abrupt changes in intensity, they are inherently linked to edge information. Consequently, edge detection has been extensively adopted as the foundation for many segmentation techniques. However, the edges detected through such methods can often be fragmented or incomplete, requiring additional processing to generate continuous region boundaries.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is vital for the identification and diagnosis of brain tumors ; however, conventional manual evaluation techniques are often labor-intensive and susceptible to inconsistencies. To overcome these limitations, this research introduces a sophisticated deep learning framework that integrates EfficientNetV2, Vision Transformers (ViT), and 3D Convolutional Neural Networks (3D CNNs) to enhance the detection of brain tumors . The approach includes image enhancement through super-resolution methods, adaptive preprocessing steps, GAN-driven data augmentation, and explainable AI (XAI) tools to improve accuracy, resilience, and interpretability. The proposed system achieved a classification accuracy of 99.12%, outperforming established CNN models like VGG16, InceptionV3, ResNet50, and Xception. Unlike earlier techniques that depend on 2D MRI slice analysis, this framework employs volumetric 3D analysis using U-Net and 3D CNNs to better capture the spatial relationships within MRI data. Moreover, the use of advanced optimization techniques—such as Cyclical Learning Rates, Lookahead AdamW optimizer, and Focal Loss—has contributed to faster model convergence and improved generalizability. The system is also designed for real-time deployment through TFLite and ONNX formats, making it suitable for edge-based medical applications in clinical environments. Despite the notable improvements offered by this framework, there are opportunities for continued enhancement. One promising avenue is the integration of multimodal imaging, such as combining MRI with CT and PET scans to harness complementary diagnostic insights. Additionally, self-supervised learning (SSL) can reduce dependence on large annotated datasets, thus supporting better adaptability to real-world conditions where labeled data is scarce. To maintain data confidentiality during collaborative model training, federated learning (FL) can be implemented, enabling institutions to train models jointly without sharing raw data. Improving the model's resilience to adversarial attacks is another essential goal, ensuring stability and trustworthiness under adversarial conditions. Future research will also aim to extend the applicability of this framework beyond MRI to other imaging formats such as CT, X-ray, ultrasound, and histopathology, expanding its use in early diagnosis across a range of medical conditions. By exploring these directions, the proposed model has the potential to become a more universal, secure, and real-time AI-powered diagnostic solution.

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