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Al for Healthy Aging

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An Aging America

- Background about ICH and an Aging America
- Outcomes Assessment What does "healthy aging" mean?
- An aging America will be at higher risk for more diseases
- Using ML to predict discrete events:
 - Hematoma expansion
 - Seizures
- Using ML to predict multiple domains of HRQoL

Models for Improving Outcomes in Acute Disease



Therapies that improve outcomes in acute neurological disease in RCTs:

tPA (alteplase) for acute ischemic stroke

Clot retraction (variable methods) for proximal stroke (vessel occlusion)

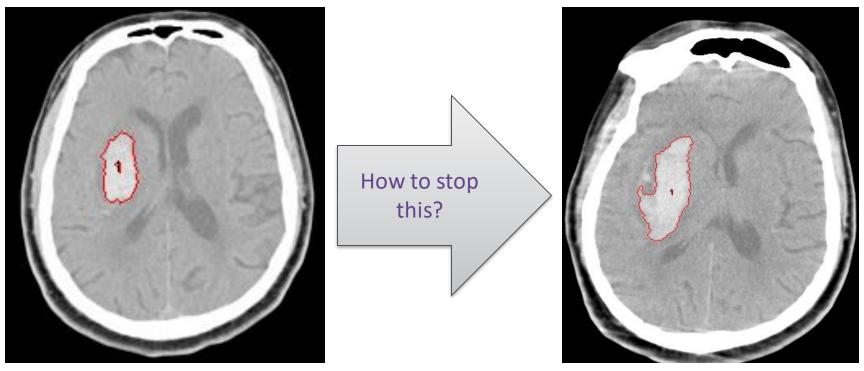
Blood pressure in acute ICH (a little, a few caveats)

Anticoagulant reversal for warfarin-related ICH

Early aneurysm clipping for ruptured brain aneurysms

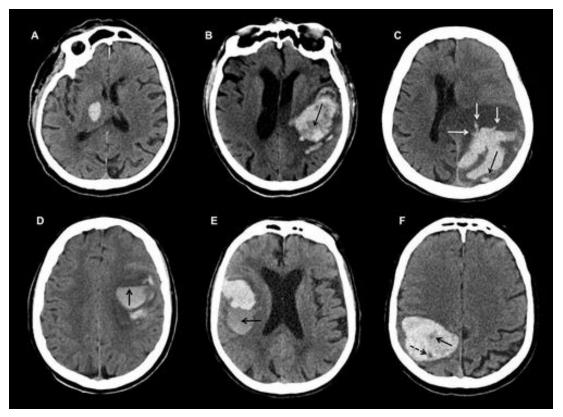
(2023) Surgery for superficial hematomas, but not deep hematomas

Hematoma Growth Worsens Outcome



Hematoma Expansion by tested definition (e.g., >3 mL, >25% from initial volume) is predictive of worse patient outcome, by any definition

Standards for Detecting, Interpreting, and Reporting Noncontrast Computed Tomographic Markers of Intracerebral Hemorrhage Expansion



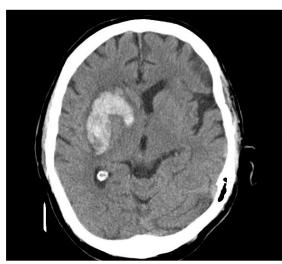
Representative examples of noncontrast computed tomographic markers of intracerebral hemorrhage expansion. (A) Regular shape (grade I) and homogeneous density (grade I). (B) Irregular shape (grade V) and heterogeneous density (grade V). Arrow indicates swirl sign. (C) Island sign (all arrows) and satellite sign (black arrow only). (D) Fluid level (arrow). (E) Blend sign (arrow). (F) Hypodensities (both arrows), swirl sign (both arrows), and black hole sign (dashed arrow only).



ICH070 presents with hypodensities in a 18.5 mL hematoma ("black hole"). There is reduced platelet activity (427 aspirin reaction units, indicating an aspirin effect).



Hematoma Expansion (to 47.5 mL) is plainly visible 16 hours later.

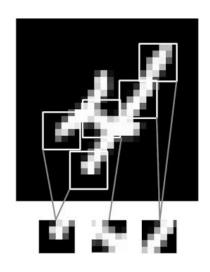


Patient ICH031 presents with hypodensities ("black hole") in a 28 mL irregularly shaped hematoma. There is abnormal hemostasis (INR 2.4, 526 aspirin reaction units).



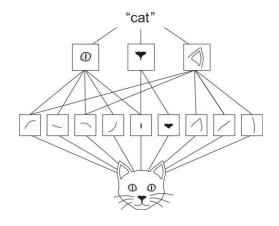
Follow-up CT shows hematoma growth to 44 mL.

Convolutional Neural Networks



Form of deep learning that samples progressively more abstract information from image data.

Here, example of details from "4".



Sampling of features of a cat allow abstraction

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Updated Framework

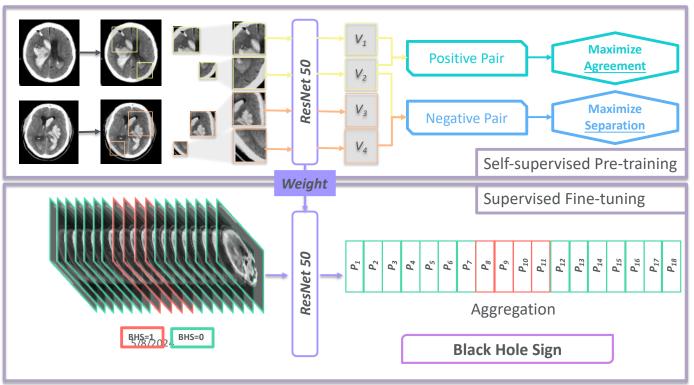


Figure 10 Updated framework

Results -- GradCAM++

Gradient-weighted **C**lass **A**ctivation **M**apping++

NUBAR -- ICH259

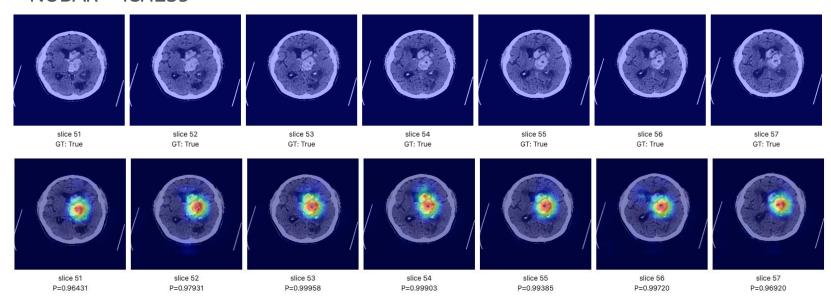


Figure 13 A true positive case from NUBAR with GradCAM++ visualization

Predicting Common Chronic Conditions

- Dementias will increasingly common in an aging America, 5.8m to 13.8 by 2050.
- Risk models, including ML/AI, might predict dementias.
- The actual incidence in the population is still (~5%) for prediction models
- Ongoing data harmonization project (R33 NS120245) will harmonize and curate 12 observational cohorts to improve dementia prediction

Scale	Advantages	Disadvantages	
Modified Rankin Scale, Glasgow Outcome Scale (and Extended)	High inter-rater reliability Measures independence Easy to obtain	Min. cognitive assessment Not specific	
Mortality	Easy to obtain in house, may be obtainable after discharge with search	Crude	
NIH Stroke Scale	High inter-rater reliability Clinically Useful Quick examination	In-person only Insensitive in coma Min. cognitive assessment	
Sickness Impact Profile	136 questions	Long, subjective	
Barthel Index	Comprehensive assessment of independence	More tedious	
Tel. Interview Cognitive Status	Given remotely Sensitive	Not specific	
Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA)	"Blind version" can be given remotely, new standard for PETAL Network	Not specific	
Euro-QOL 5D	Many countries, 5 domains (mobility, pain, depression, self care, usual activities)	Only 3 categories for each domain	
NIH PROMIS and Neuro-QOL	Web based (can be paper), validated for proxy entry, NIH imprimatur, numeric T score	Need someone to report outcomes	
NIH Toolbox	Normed ages 3-85, comprehensive, validated	In-person assessment. Needs iPad and \$500 app.	

Patient Reported vs. Assessed

Patient
Reported
Sickness
Impact Profile,
questionnaires

Investigator
Assessment of
Patient Report

MRS

Certified
Examiner

NIH Stroke
Scale

Labor intensive to input answers Mostly patient reported

More labor intensive Examination space

Validation studies may link specific instruments

Modified Rankin Scale

- 0. No symptoms.
- 1. No significant disability; symptoms present but no limitations.
- 2. Slight disability, limitations in participation in usual social roles, but independent for daily living.
- 3. Moderate disability, need for assistance with some instrumental but not basic activities; able to walk independently with a device.
- 4. Moderate disability, need for assistance with some basic activities, but not requiring constant care.
- 5. Severe disability, bed bound.
- 6. Dead.



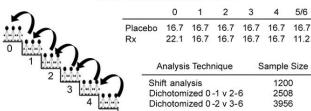
Not independent Rankin = 4



Social roles limited but able to ambulate Rankin = 3

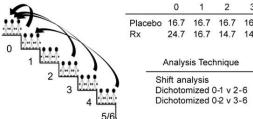
Dichotomous Outcomes Have Low Power

Model 1: Neuroprotective effect



The four analyzed treatment effect models.

Model 2: Early recanalization effect



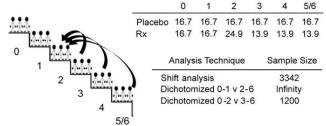
	0	1	2	3	4	5/6
Placebo	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7
Rx	24.7	16.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7

Sample Size

1200

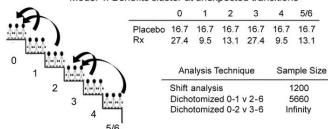
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Model 3:	Late recanalization effect



For each, the staircase schematic shows the pattern of the treatment effect, the upper table shows the percentile distribution of outcomes among the six Rankin levels in the treatment and control groups, and the bottom table shows the sample size required by each of the endpoint analytic techniques.

Model 4: Benefits cluster at unexpected transitions

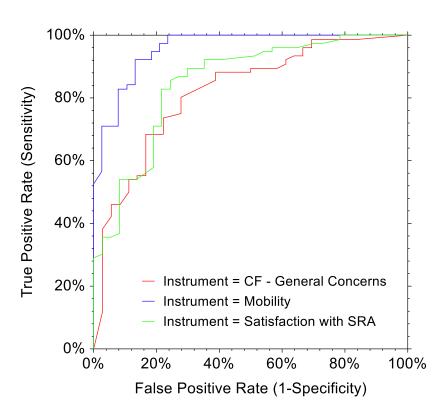


In FASTEST, the FDA insisted on an ordinal analysis of mRS 0-2, 3, 4-6.

Analysis of Neuro-QOL/PROMIS/Toolbox

- Results presented in continuous, numeric scores
- Appropriate for usual parametric or non-parametric analyses
- For data over time, mixed models or repeated measures may be used
- Cross-walked to other standard outcomes (PROsettastone website)

"Good outcome" is domain specific



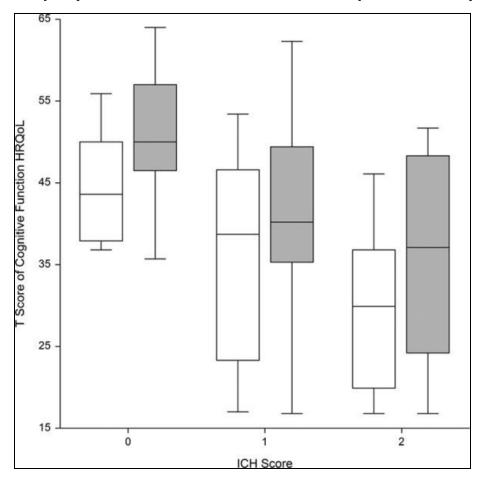
Receiver Operating Characteristic Curves of specific domains of Neuro-QOL vs. "good outcome" for survivors of ICH and SAH at one month.

Area under the curve for mobility (blue, 0.957) is greater than for satisfaction with social roles and activities (SRA, green line, 0.850) and cognitive function (CF, red line, 0.819).

"Good outcome" is less informative of cognitive function or social function. N=63.

SRA – social roles and activities CF – cognitive function

Prophylactic Levetiracetam Specifically Predict Worse Cognitive HRQoL



If you only study mRS or motor function, there is no difference. (Of course there isn't.)

Prophylactic Seizure Medication and Health-Related Quality of Life After Intracerebral Hemorrhage.

Naidech, Andrew; MD, MSPH; Beaumont, Jennifer; Muldoon, Kathryn; Liotta, Eric; Maas, Matthew; Potts, Matthew; Jahromi, Babak; MD, PhD; Cella, David; Prabhakaran, Shyam; MD, MS; Holl, Jane; MD, MPH

Critical Care Mediane. 46(9):1480-1485, September 2018. DOI: 10.1097/CCM.00000000003272

Figure 1 . Box plot of T-score for cognitive function health-related quality of life (HRQoL) at 3 mo, stratified by prophylactic levetiracetam (white) or no prophylactic levetiracetam (shaded).

Prophylactic levetiracetam was associated with lower HRQoL, regardless of severity of injury (Intracerebral Hemorrhage [ICH] Score).

Propylactic levetiracetam was not associated with mobility HRQoL or mRS





Anti-Seizure Medication

Ideal: Only give anti-seizure medication to patients who are definitely going to have a seizure

- Current prediction rules are only moderately predictive
- Machine learning of common predictors (hematoma location, age, hematoma volume) are a little better
- Electrocephalography (EEG) predictive

Predicting Seizures After ICH from Clinical Criteria

Data from Northwestern and Hopkins (courtesy R Faigle) Lasso and Extreme Gradient Boosting were more predictive

CAV – Cortical hematoma Age < 65, Volume > 10 ml CAV + antiplatelet, anticoagulant, GCS, INR, Systolic BP

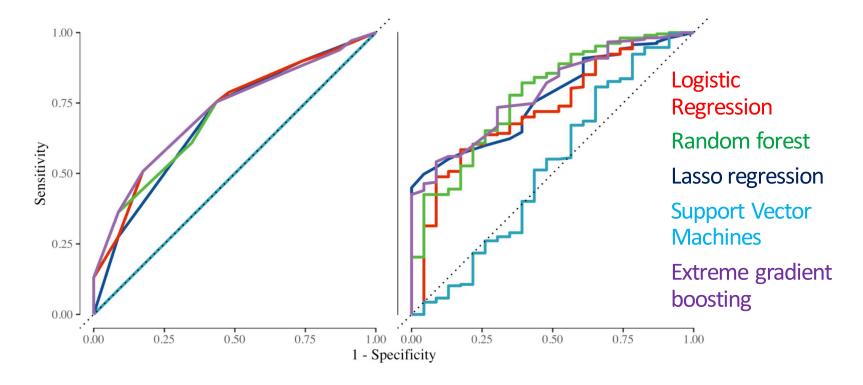
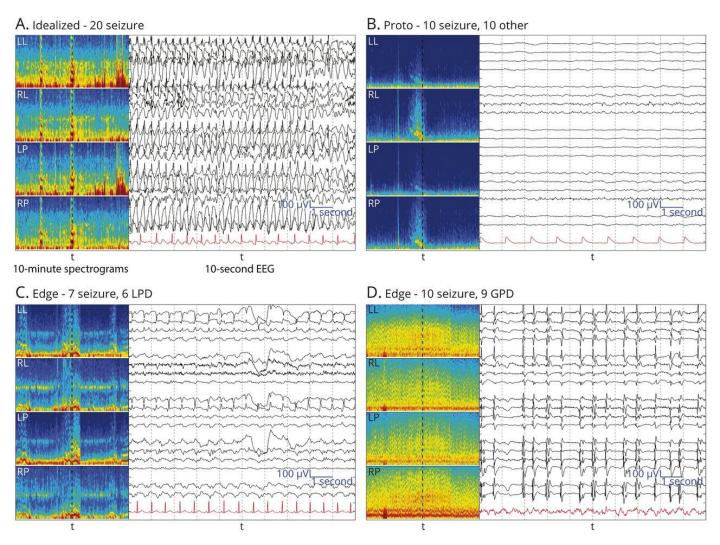
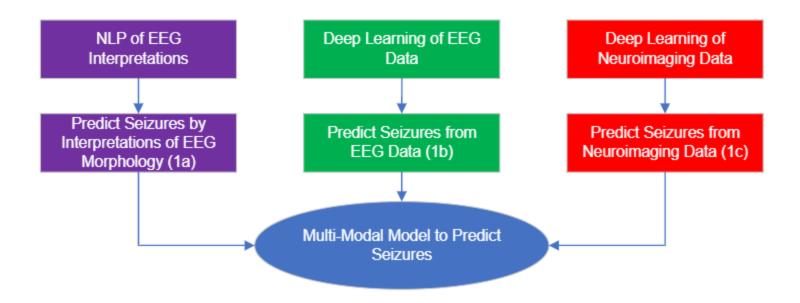


Figure 2 Selected EEG Examples for Class Seizure



Jin Jing et al. Neurology 2023;100:e1737-e1749

Ideal: Give Prophylactic Anti-Seizure Rx Iff (if and only if) the Patient Will Have a Seizure



Health Neurological Aging

- "A healthy patient is one who has been inadequately studied"
- Defining "healthy" aging will need a lot of data from a variety of sources, several of which may not be routinely collected
 - EEG
 - Cognitive
 - Imaging
- Will need a paradigm shift from treating individual diseases to global outcomes
- Opportunity where parametric statistics leaves off