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Introduction

Breast cancer (BC) is the most commonly diagnosed cancer and the leading cause of cancer death among females [1]. Based on the report of Global Health Estimates, WHO 2013, approximately 508,000 women died in 2011 due to BC globally [2]. The prevalence rates of BC vary greatly globally from 19.3 per 100,000 women in Eastern Africa to 89.7 per 100,000 women in Western Europe [3-4]. The overall survival rate of BC is ranging from 80% or over in North America, Sweden, and Japan to around 60% in middle-income countries and below 40% in low-income countries. The higher rate of incidence and mortality of BC has prompted efforts in the risk stratification of BC patients based on available clinical features [5-6]. The currently available risk scores have several shortcomings including lack of variables, low performances that are the main hindrances of utilization in everyday clinical practice. A tool that could able to classify patients more correctly and precisely is required for clinical practice [7-8]. The recent improvements in the deep learning algorithms are considered as promising tools to meet this compelling demand. We aimed to develop a deep learning (DL)-based risk stratification system to predict BC patients one year early using minimal features from electronic health records.

Methods

We identified 8,606 patients who underwent a diagnosis of BC between January 1999 and December 2013. For each of these patients, clinical characteristics such as demographics, medical history, and laboratory parameters were extracted retrospectively from electronic medical records and entered our structured database. Follow-up data [status (BC), date of BC diagnosis] was obtained for all patients from the Taiwan National Health Insurance database. Patients with less than 1-year follow-up duration were excluded from all analyses. The primary endpoint of our study was to predict BC patients one year earlier. The task of CNN was to predict the probability of BC of each patient based on clinical features. We used a 5-fold cross-validation technique to reduce prediction bias. To quantify the model discriminative capability, receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve analysis was performed and an area under the curve (AUC) was calculated.

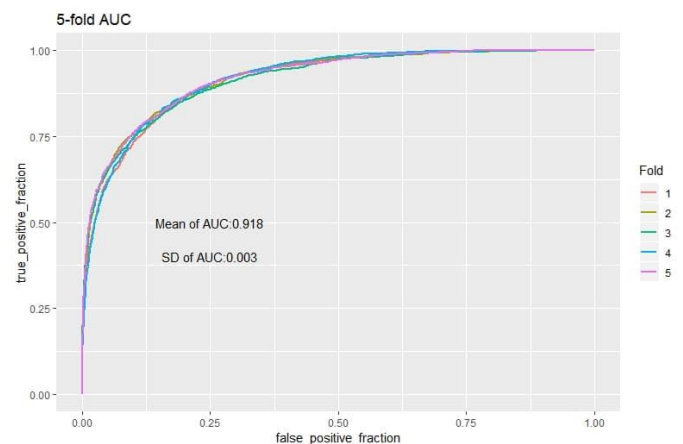


Figure 1- Receiver operating characteristic curve analysis of breast cancer risk.

Results

The final dataset contained a total of 8,606 cases and 34,424 controls. CNN model demonstrated great performance in predicting BC cancer. For the prediction of BC one year earlier, the areas under the receiver operating characteristic curve was 0.918 (Figure 1). The sensitivity, specificity, and positive predictive value were 0.816, 0.848, and 0.541, respectively. The

discriminative ability of our model was superior to other existing prediction models.

Discussion and conclusion

In this study, we applied a deep learning approach to clinical features, including medication history, and comorbidities, to develop a prediction model to stratify BC patients one year earlier. Our CNN-based risk assessment tool outperformed previous findings. By capturing variables from EHR, the CNN model effectively stratifies patients at high risk and low risk. Therefore, the integration of the CNN model to daily clinical practice may facilitate optimal candidate selection and prognostication of BC patients.

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