

STRATEGICAL SURVEY AND ANALYSIS OF RECENT DRUG DISCOVERY

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ABSTRACT

The discovery of drug based on latest technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning which has been in the highlighted in current days and significantly which will reduce the time and cost required for developing new drugs. Thus the advancement technologies like machine learning ,artificial intelligence and deep learning technologies which will grow rapidly with drug related data set and the steps of drug development process by these methods has been analysed, In particular the pharmacists, chemists and druggists will face significant problems and issues regard to selecting and designing of potential drugs for interest of target testing, hence the major challenges which will predict and estimate the production state, the drug and its drugable interaction, generation of its novel molecular structures suitable for a target of interest.^[1] Therefore, in this paper it has been reviewed recent methodologies adopted by latest technologies (AI, ML&DL), So these technologies applications will enhance the drug design interaction and new drug design process and also it has been summarized that the comprehensive process will be reported in this paper and Finally, we present the remaining challenges for the promising future on AI, ML & DL based prediction and novel drug design process.^[3]

KEYWORDS: Pharmacology, AI ML, DL.

1. INTRODUCTION

Creating safe and efficient treatments for human illnesses is the main objective of drug discovery. From target selection to meticulous clinical studies, every stage of the drug development process takes a substantial amount of time and money. As costs increase gradually with every step, it is essential to ensure that appropriate drug candidates are selected for the next phase at each milestone.^[5] In particular, the “hit-to-lead” process is a pivotal step in identifying promising lead compounds from hits and determining their potential as therapeutics. One of the reasons why clinical trials face side effects and lack in vivo efficacy is that single or multiple drugs often interact with multiple targets based on the concept of polypharmacology, in current days much effort was invested in drug discovery through artificial intelligence (AI), which has enabled significant and cost-effective development strategies in academia and pharmaceutical industries. The vast amounts of chemical and biological data accumulated over decades, along with technological automation through the availability of high-performance processors such as graphics processing unit computing, paved the way for AI in drug development Utilizing deep neural networks provides the advantage of understanding the very complex contexts of biological space. This is because nonlinear models can be constructed in hidden layers to extract complex patterns from multi-level representations. It also minimizes the work of manually pre-processing unformatted raw data and selecting all

kinds of features.^[5] Consequently, advances made in the development of deep learning based methods have led to successful outcomes for prediction of drug–target interactions and generation of novel molecules with desired properties, However, since datasets for drug development exhibit types and distributions that are different from those used in traditional AI data, such as images and texts, further attempts are still required to analyze data from a different angle and apply the latest AI ML and DL techniques.

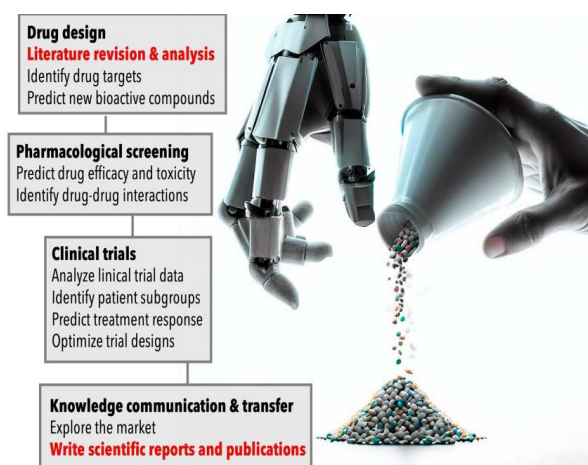


Fig 1: Graphical flowchart illustrating the development process of a pharmacologically active molecule, from design to knowledge communication and transfer.

2. Drug Discovery AI-Enabled, Its Challenges and Opportunities

With the growing accumulation of genomic and clinical data, data scientists face both challenges and opportunities when attempting to extract biologically or clinically relevant information from massive genotype and phenotype datasets.^[8] In genomics, AI-based technologies and data science techniques have been utilized effectively over the past two decade.

The initial phase of drug discovery usually involves computational screening of numerous compounds to identify those with the desired cellular or biochemical effects. To enhance the speed, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of this process, new methods are constantly being developed. A positive response during the first round of screening in a biochemical assay identifies primary "hit" compounds.

Subsequently, additional screening is performed to assess whether the physicochemical and pharmacological properties of the hit compounds are suitable for developing a medicine. If they pass this filter, they are designated as "leads". These leads are then refined chemically and subjected to biological screening in subsequent rounds before proceeding to clinical testing. With some luck, a lead may ultimately receive drug approval, a process that may take 12-15 years from the beginning of testing.^[9]

Since the last decade, AI has been used in different areas of biological sciences, medical sciences, and general

sciences. AI, also known as machine intelligence, directs computer systems' capability to learn from past data and input. AI is generally applied when a machine imitates cognitive behavior and behaves like a human. It is associated with the human brain's learning and problem-solving capabilities.^[10] Due to massive multi-omics data and high-performance computer hardware availability, AI techniques were introduced as a fundamental application in various disciplines. Similarly, data digitalization has increased in the pharmaceutical sector, which has inspired the use of AI.

At the same time, automation was enhanced, and AI was empowered to handle large volumes of data. Pharmaceutical industries have collaborated with the computational industries.^[11] In the last few years, progress has been made in drug discovery using AI-enabled drug discovery technologies. AI has also been used by drug discovery organizations, which has changed the drug discovery scenario in the last decade. Various AI techniques have been adopted in the different areas of drug discovery, such as virtual screening, target selection, and hit-to-lead generation.^[36]

Data are required for any statistical inferences, including ML. Similarly, different models can be developed using data modalities. Data come in different forms, such as textual, image, and numerical. Extensive data analysis broadly transforms pharmaceutical and medicinal fields. Presently, data-driven digital transformation is noted in every sector, which is an emerging phenomenon.^[43]

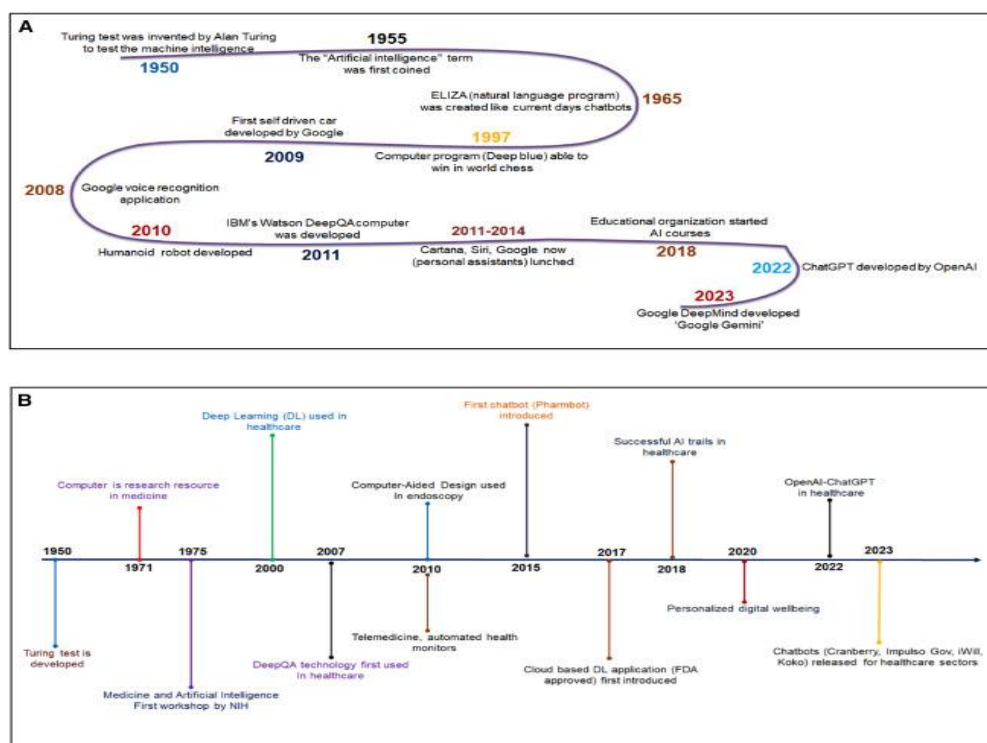


Fig 2: Illustration of timeline achievement of AI Milestone (A) the Status of AI (B) The Time line milestone of AI in healthcare sector.

Several AI tools and techniques exist that can be classified on the basis of neural networks, use of training data, and extraction of features, e.g., machine learning vs deep learning, supervised vs unsupervised learning, and

feature selection vs dimensionality reduction, respectively. Machine learning and deep learning are related but distinct concepts within the artificial intelligence (AI) field.^[11]

Table 1: The AI ML and DL Techniques and its usage in phaemalogical research.^[43-57]

Technique	Methods	Process
Machine learning	Support vector machine (SVM)	It finds the best hyper plane that separates different classes with the maximum margin, allowing effective classification even in complex datasets. Identifies decision boundaries in high-dimensional data and can handle non-linear relationships. It is used for classification and regression tasks in pharmacological research.
	Random Forest	An ensemble learning method, that works by combining multiple decision trees to improve predictive accuracy, feature importance analysis, and identification of potential drug candidates. Primarily used for feature selection and classification tasks in drug discovery and toxicity prediction .
	Supervised Learning	It involves training models with labeled data to yield desired outputs, enabling accurate classification and prediction tasks through algorithms, such as neural networks, support vector machines, and random forests. Drug-target interaction prediction, virtual screening, and toxicity prediction are its main uses.
	Unsupervised Learning Principal Component Analyses (PCA)	Recursive feature elimination (RFE) is a feature selection algorithm that iteratively eliminates less important features from a dataset based on their relevance in predicting the target variable. It starts with all features and removes them one by one until the desired number of features is reached. LASSO regression, also known as L1 regularization, is a linear regression technique that performs both feature selection and regularization by adding a penalty term to the loss function. It encourages sparsity in the coefficients, effectively shrinking less important features to zero, and keeping only the most relevant features in the model. They are primarily used to select relevant molecular or clinical descriptors for drug-target interaction prediction or patient stratification.
	Dimensionality reduction principal component analysis (PCA) t-SNE (t-distributed stochastic neighbour embedding)	Utilized to transform high-dimensional data into lower-dimensional representations while preserving essential information. It has value in E data exploration and visualization, feature selection, clustering and classification, noise reduction in data, and pre-processing for machine learning.
Deep Learning	Neural Networks	The Structure And Function Of Biological Neurons.
	Convolution neural networks (CNNs)	They employ convolution, a mathematical operation, to process pixel data. By breaking down images into smaller features and progressively combining them into more complex patterns, CNNs efficiently learn and extract abstract representations, minimizing overfitting. These have revolutionized image analysis tasks, enabling accurate image classification, segmentation, and object detection.
Recurrent neural networks (RNNs)	Sequence-based tasks like protein structure prediction.	

4. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper the technologies like AI ML & Deep learning are analysed for drug usage and its data process in various cases.

Machine learning refers to a subset of AI techniques where computers learn from data and improve their performance without being explicitly programmed. It involves the development of algorithms and models that

can automatically learn and make predictions or decisions based on data.^[25-28]

On the other hand, deep learning is a subfield of machine learning that focuses on training artificial neural networks to mimic the human brain's learning process. It involves using deep neural networks, composed of multiple layers of interconnected artificial neurons, to process and analyze complex patterns in data.[35-60] Deep learning algorithms can automatically learn

hierarchical representations of data and have shown remarkable performance in tasks such as image recognition, natural language processing, and speech recognition.

In summary, machine learning is a broader concept encompassing various algorithms and techniques for training computers to learn from data. In contrast, deep learning is a specific approach within machine learning that focuses on training deep neural networks to learn and extract complex patterns from data.

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