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Smartbloodnet -A Transfer Learning-Based Automated Framework For Early Detection And Precautionary For Thalassemia And Anemia

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Abstract: ***Thalassemia and anemia are common blood disorders that require early detection to avoid serious complications. This project proposes an automated system using the VGG16 model to analyze blood smear images. The system identifies patterns and classifies diseases accurately. It also generates a precautionary report with results and recommendations. This approach improves diagnostic speed, reduces human error, and supports better patient care.***

KEYWORDS :This project focuses on anemia and thalassemia, common blood disorders that need early detection. It uses blood smear images and deep learning, specifically the VGG16 model, to classify images and predict diseases accurately.

I. INTRODUCTION

Thalassemia and anemia are some of the most common blood disorders affecting people around the world. If they are not detected early, they can lead to serious health problems. Usually, doctors diagnose these conditions using methods like blood smear examination and Complete Blood Count (CBC) tests, which mostly depend on manual analysis and careful observation. This process can take a lot of time and usually needs experienced medical professionals to analyze the results. Since it depends on human observation, there is also a chance of errors or delays in diagnosis. Detecting these conditions early and accurately is very important for proper treatment and better patient outcomes. With the growth of technology, artificial intelligence has become a helpful tool in medical diagnosis. Deep learning, especially in image analysis, has shown strong potential in identifying diseases. In this project, the VGG16 model with transfer learning is used to study blood smear images. The system is designed to quickly and accurately detect thalassemia and anemia, while also providing a precautionary report to help doctors and patients make informed decisions.

II. RELATED WORKS

Earlier studies have used different machine learning methods like Support Vector Machine, Random Forest, and K-Nearest Neighbors to detect anemia and thalassemia. These approaches mainly depended on structured data, such as numerical test results, rather than directly analyzing images. These methods mostly used structured data like Complete Blood Count (CBC) reports and needed manual feature extraction, which made the process more complex and dependent on experts. Some studies also analyzed blood smear images, but they required a lot of preprocessing before getting results.With the growth of deep learning, Convolutional Neural Networks have made it easier to automatically extract important features and improve accuracy. Techniques like SMOTE helped in handling imbalanced data, while biosensor-based methods offered faster diagnosis but needed expensive equipment. However, many existing systems are not fully automated and do not provide precautionary reports. Therefore, there is a need for a simple, efficient, and fully automated image-based system for early and accurate disease detection.

III. METHODOLOGY

The proposed system uses a deep learning approach to detect anemia and thalassemia at an early stage using blood smear images. First, the images are collected and improved through basic preprocessing steps like resizing, normalization, and

noise removal to make them clearer. To make the model more reliable, data augmentation techniques such as rotation and flipping are used to increase the variety of images and reduce overfitting. The system then uses the VGG16 model with transfer learning to automatically identify important patterns in red blood cells. These features are passed through fully connected layers, and a softmax function is used to classify the images as normal, anemia, or thalassemia.

The system provides fast and accurate predictions along with confidence scores, helping users understand how reliable the results are. It also automatically generates a simple precautionary report with suggested medical actions. This makes the diagnosis process quicker and more efficient, while supporting doctors and patients in making better healthcare decisions.

IV. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed system is designed as a clear and step-by-step process for automatically detecting diseases. It starts by collecting blood smear images, which are labeled into three categories: healthy, anemia, and thalassemia. The dataset is then divided into training and testing sets to properly evaluate the model's performance. To improve the quality and variety of data, techniques like rotation and flipping are used. The images are also preprocessed through resizing, normalization, and noise reduction.

After this, the processed images are given to the VGG16 model, which extracts important features from the red blood cells. These features are then passed to fully connected layers for classification, where a softmax function predicts the probability of each class. The model is trained using labeled data to achieve better accuracy, and during testing, it classifies new images and shows results along with confidence levels.

Finally, the system stores the results for future use and generates a precautionary report with useful suggestions, helping improve diagnosis and support better medical decision-making.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed system offers a simple and effective way to detect thalassemia and anemia at an early stage using deep learning. By using the VGG16 model, it can accurately classify blood smear images and give reliable results.

Since the process is automated, it reduces the need for manual diagnosis and helps avoid possible errors. The system also provides quick results along with a precautionary report to support better decision-making. Overall, this approach makes diagnosis faster and more efficient, helping improve healthcare outcomes.

VI. CONCLUSION

The proposed system provides an easy and effective way to detect thalassemia and anemia at an early stage using deep learning. By using the VGG16 model, it can accurately analyze blood smear images and give reliable results.Because the process is automated, it reduces the need for manual work and helps minimize errors. The system also gives quick results along with a precautionary report, which helps in making better decisions. Overall, this approach makes diagnosis faster, more efficient, and improves patient care.

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2. Several studies have explored the use of technology and machine learning for detecting anemia and thalassemia. Appiahene et al. (2023) compared different machine learning algorithms to detect iron deficiency anemia using medical images. An et al. (2024) developed a point-of-care diagnostic test for beta-thalassemia, making diagnosis faster and more accessible.
3. Barrera and de la Torre Diez (2022) focused on predicting β-thalassemia carriers using complete blood count data, while He et al. proposed a machine learning model based on routine blood tests for carrier screening. Saputra et al.

(2024) introduced a new technique called SMOTE-MRS to improve anemia prediction by handling imbalanced data.

4. Other researchers have explored advanced methods, such as biosensor-based diagnostics and nanotechnology approaches (Tariq et al., 2023), as well as AI-driven models for detecting thalassemia and anemia (Uçucu & Azik, 2024). Taleie et al. (2023) used machine learning and imaging features to study heart-related complications in thalassemia patients.
5. Additionally, Lachover-Roth et al. (2024) developed an SVM-based formula for identifying α-thalassemia carriers, and Tepakhan et al. (2025) used machine learning to differentiate between iron deficiency anemia and thalassemia. Overall, these studies highlight the growing importance of AI and machine learning in improving disease detection and diagnosis.

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