



AI Diagnostics in Resource-Constrained Healthcare: A Methodological Approach for Malawi's Context

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Abstract

AI diagnostics have shown potential in resource-constrained healthcare settings, particularly for disease diagnosis. A mixed-methods design was employed, incorporating surveys ($N = 100$), interviews ($n = 25$), and case studies ($N = 10$) among healthcare providers and patients to understand current feasibility. The findings indicate that 78% of respondents support the use of AI for disease diagnosis in Malawi, with a preference for algorithms having an accuracy rate above 95%. This study highlights the importance of aligning AI development with local healthcare needs and preferences to ensure successful integration into resource-constrained settings. Developers should prioritise algorithm accuracy and interpretability while healthcare providers need training and support for AI adoption. AI diagnostics, Malawi, mixed-methods, healthcare access, resource constraints

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