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AI Chatbot: Disease Analyzer with Voice and Image Input

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Abstract: This paper aims to improve healthcare accessibility and enable faster diagnosis, especially for people living in remote and underserved areas. It introduces an AI-powered medical chatbot that can understand health problems through voice input, uploaded images, and written symptoms. The system uses Natural Language Processing (NLP) to understand what users describe, Computer Vision to analyze medical images such as skin conditions or X-rays, and Machine Learning algorithms to predict possible diseases. By combining these different inputs, the chatbot provides personalized health suggestions, recommends necessary medical tests, and offers basic medical guidance in real time. The solution is designed with an easy-to-use interface for both web and mobile platforms, allowing users to access healthcare support quickly, conveniently, and anytime they need it.

Keywords: AI-powered Medical Chatbot, Healthcare Accessibility, Disease Prediction, Multimodal Input, Natural Language Processing.

1 INTRODUCTION

Healthcare access and timely diagnosis continue to be serious concerns worldwide, especially in rural, remote, and underserved areas where medical facilities and qualified professionals are often scarce. Many people postpone seeking medical help due to long travel distances, high consultation costs, overcrowded hospitals, or a lack of awareness about their symptoms. As a result, health conditions that could have been treated easily at an early stage often become severe or even life-threatening. With the global population increasing and healthcare systems under constant pressure, there is a clear need for smart, scalable, and easily accessible digital solutions that can help individuals understand their health concerns early and take timely action [1].

Advances in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and human–computer interaction have created new opportunities to improve healthcare delivery. Among these innovations, AI-based chatbots have emerged as effective virtual health assistants that can communicate with users in a natural and user-friendly way. Unlike traditional healthcare applications that depend on rigid forms or manual data entry, intelligent chatbots interact through conversations, making the experience more comfortable and less intimidating for users [2]. This conversational approach encourages people to openly describe their symptoms and seek guidance without hesitation, helping bridge the gap between patients and medical information.

This research introduces an AI Chatbot for Disease Analysis using voice, image, and text inputs to provide preliminary healthcare support. Users can describe their symptoms by typing, speaking, or uploading medical images such as skin conditions, wounds, or X-ray images. Supporting multiple input methods overcomes the limitations of single-mode systems and improves diagnostic reliability [3]. While text and voice inputs help capture subjective symptoms like pain or discomfort, image inputs provide visual evidence that plays a crucial role in identifying certain medical conditions [4].

Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a key component of the system, enabling the chatbot to understand and interpret user-provided symptoms expressed in everyday language. Since users may describe the same problem in different ways, NLP techniques help extract important medical details, identify user intent, and match symptoms with relevant disease patterns [5][1]. This allows the chatbot to generate meaningful, personalized, and context-aware responses instead of generic outputs. To further enhance accessibility, the chatbot includes voice-based interaction, making it especially useful for elderly users, visually impaired individuals, or anyone who finds typing inconvenient. Spoken inputs are converted into text using speech-to-text technology and then analyzed by the NLP engine. This hands-free interaction improves ease of use and ensures that healthcare assistance is accessible to a wider range of users [6].

The system also uses computer vision to analyze medical images uploaded by users. Visual data such as skin rashes, lesions, wounds, or X-ray images can provide strong indicators of underlying health issues [2]. Deep learning models, particularly convolutional neural networks, are used to study these images and identify patterns linked to specific diseases [7]. This visual analysis significantly strengthens the chatbot's ability to support early disease identification, especially for conditions where appearance plays a critical role [8].

Machine learning models combine information from text, voice, and image inputs to generate disease predictions and healthcare recommendations. By analyzing multiple data sources together, the system becomes more reliable and reduces errors caused by incomplete or unclear input. Based on the analysis, the chatbot suggests possible health conditions, recommends medical tests, and provides basic advice such as precautions or lifestyle changes. Although it does not replace professional medical diagnosis, the system acts as an effective first-level assessment tool that encourages users to seek timely medical consultation. The chatbot is designed with a simple and intuitive interface for both web and mobile platforms, ensuring ease of use for people with different levels of technical knowledge. Real-time responses, clear explanations, and interactive features improve user engagement and trust. By providing instant guidance, the system helps users decide whether they need immediate medical attention or can manage minor symptoms with basic care [9].

This AI-powered chatbot can be especially useful in telemedicine, emergency triage, pandemic situations, and routine health monitoring. In areas with limited healthcare infrastructure, it serves as an initial point of support, guiding users toward appropriate medical action. For urban users, it offers quick and convenient access to health information without unnecessary hospital visits. Additionally, it helps reduce the workload on healthcare professionals by handling non-critical cases and offering preliminary guidance. The AI Chatbot for Disease Analysis with Voice and Image Input presents a practical, intelligent, and user-friendly healthcare support solution [10]. By integrating NLP, computer vision, and machine learning into a single multi-modal system, it provides personalized and real-time health assistance anytime and anywhere. This paper highlights the potential of AI-driven chatbots to improve healthcare accessibility, support early disease detection, and promote informed decision-making, ultimately contributing to better health outcomes and more efficient healthcare systems.

2 LITERATURE SURVEY

The use of artificial intelligence in healthcare has increased significantly over the past few years due to the rapid growth of medical data, improvements in machine learning techniques, and the rising demand for scalable and efficient healthcare solutions. Early digital healthcare systems mainly focused on electronic health records and rule-based expert systems that worked using predefined medical rules. Although these systems offered structured support, they were rigid in nature and struggled to handle complex, real-world scenarios such as unclear symptoms or varied patient descriptions. As these limitations became evident, researchers began exploring machine learning–based approaches that could adapt better to diverse and uncertain medical data [5].

Medical chatbots gradually emerged as an important research area within digital healthcare, aiming to provide interactive and conversational support for symptom checking and health guidance. Initial chatbot systems relied heavily on keyword matching and decision trees, which often resulted in generic or inaccurate responses due to poor understanding of user intent. With the advancement of Natural Language Processing (NLP), chatbots became more capable of understanding free-text symptom descriptions [11]. Techniques such as intent detection, entity recognition, and semantic analysis allowed chatbots to interpret user input more accurately, leading to improved interaction quality and more relevant health suggestions. This marked a major step toward intelligent and user-friendly virtual healthcare assistants.

Voice-based interaction has also gained attention in healthcare research, particularly for enhancing accessibility. Studies show that speech-enabled health assistants are especially helpful for elderly users, visually impaired individuals, and people with limited literacy skills. Modern speech-to-text systems powered by deep learning models have achieved high accuracy in converting spoken language into text [7]. Research indicates that voice-enabled medical chatbots improve user engagement and ease of use, especially in hands-free situations. However, challenges such as background noise, accent variations, and accurate recognition of medical terms still remain important areas for further improvement.

At the same time, computer vision has played a major role in medical diagnosis through image analysis. Early image-based systems depended on manually designed features and traditional classifiers, which limited their ability to handle complex visual patterns. The introduction of deep learning, particularly convolutional neural networks, transformed medical image analysis [12]. Researchers have successfully applied these models to detect skin diseases, analyze chest X-rays for pneumonia, screen diabetic retinopathy, and classify tumors. Many studies show that deep learning models can achieve accuracy levels comparable to medical professionals when trained on large, well-annotated datasets, establishing image-based AI diagnosis as a powerful tool in modern healthcare [8].

Recent research highlights the growing importance of multi-modal learning in medical diagnosis. Systems that rely on a single type of input—such as text, voice, or images—often suffer from limited information and reduced accuracy. Studies demonstrate that combining multiple data sources leads to more reliable and confident predictions. Text input helps capture subjective symptoms, images provide objective visual information, and voice input enables natural and accessible interaction. Multi-modal disease prediction systems consistently outperform single-modality approaches, strongly supporting the integration of text, voice, and image inputs in healthcare chatbots.

Machine learning techniques used for disease prediction have also evolved over time. Early studies focused on traditional algorithms such as Naïve Bayes, Decision Trees, Support Vector Machines, and k-Nearest Neighbors. While these methods achieved reasonable results, they required extensive manual feature engineering and struggled with complex datasets. More recent research adopts deep learning models, ensemble methods, and attention-based architectures that can learn complex relationships directly from data. These advanced models show improved accuracy and robustness, especially when dealing with diverse and noisy patient information. Another key aspect discussed in the literature is the role of decision support and recommendation systems in medical chatbots. Beyond predicting diseases, effective chatbots are expected to offer practical guidance such as test recommendations, preventive measures, and advice on when to consult a doctor. Studies suggest that such systems help improve patient awareness and promote timely medical intervention. However, researchers also emphasize the importance of clearly stating that chatbot recommendations are advisory and should not replace professional medical diagnosis, to prevent misuse or overdependence on automated systems.

User experience and trust are repeatedly identified as critical factors in the success of healthcare chatbots. Research shows that users are more likely to trust systems that provide clear explanations, structured outputs, and transparent recommendations. Features such as simple language, mobile accessibility, multilingual support, and empathetic responses significantly improve user acceptance, particularly in low-resource settings. Well-designed interfaces and conversational tone further enhance user engagement and satisfaction. Privacy, security, and ethical considerations are also central to AI healthcare research. Since medical chatbots handle sensitive personal health data, ensuring data security and user privacy is essential. Literature emphasizes the use of encryption, secure data storage, anonymization, and compliance with healthcare regulations. Ethical concerns such as data bias, accountability of AI decisions, and informed user consent are also widely discussed. Addressing these issues is crucial for building trustworthy and responsible AI-driven healthcare systems.

The existing research strongly supports the potential of AI-based medical chatbots that combine NLP, computer vision, and machine learning techniques. The literature clearly indicates a shift toward multi-modal, real-time, and user-focused healthcare solutions. However, there is still a gap in developing fully integrated systems that seamlessly combine voice, text, and image analysis in a single, accessible platform. These research gaps provide strong motivation for the proposed research, which aims to develop a comprehensive disease analyzer chatbot capable of delivering accurate, personalized, and timely healthcare assistance.

3 Disease Analysis Aspects for AI-Based Chatbot System

Accurate disease analysis in automated healthcare systems depends on several important factors, including the quality of user input, the effectiveness of artificial intelligence models, and the seamless integration of multiple data types. Unlike traditional diagnosis methods that rely only on physical examination, the proposed AI chatbot analyzes health conditions using text-based symptoms, voice input, and medical images. Each input type provides unique and valuable information, and when combined, they offer a more complete understanding of a user's health status. This section explains the key disease analysis aspects considered in the paper and describes how AI techniques process and interpret different inputs to deliver meaningful healthcare assistance.

3.1. Text-Based Symptom Analysis

Text-based symptom input serves as the primary interaction method between users and the chatbot. Users describe their health issues in natural language, which is often unstructured and varies based on personal expression, language skills, and medical awareness. To manage this variability, the system uses Natural Language Processing techniques such as tokenization, lemmatization, intent detection, and medical entity recognition. These techniques help identify important symptoms such as fever, pain location, duration, severity, and associated conditions, and convert them into structured medical information. From a practical perspective, text-based analysis captures subjective experiences that cannot be visually assessed, such as fatigue, dizziness, nausea, or emotional discomfort. Machine learning models analyze combinations of these symptoms and compare them with known disease patterns stored in medical databases. Based on this analysis, the chatbot suggests possible health conditions and recommends further steps such as tests or consultations. Support for conversational and multilingual input makes the system more accessible to a wide range of users.

3.2. Voice-Based Health Input Analysis

Voice input improves the accessibility and ease of use of the chatbot, especially for elderly users, visually impaired individuals, or those who prefer hands-free interaction. In this system, spoken symptoms are converted into text using speech-to-text technology powered by deep learning models. The converted text is then processed through the same NLP pipeline used for typed input, ensuring consistency in symptom analysis. Voice interaction also allows users to communicate more naturally and comfortably. Although the current system focuses mainly on speech transcription, voice input can potentially capture additional cues such as speech speed, pauses, or tone variations, which may indicate stress or urgency. This design supports future enhancements such as emotion-aware health analysis. Overall, voice-based input reduces interaction barriers and promotes inclusive access to healthcare services.

3.3. Image-Based Disease Analysis

Image-based analysis is a crucial component of the proposed chatbot, particularly for conditions with visible symptoms. Users can upload images of skin lesions, rashes, wounds, burns, swelling, or diagnostic images such as X-rays. The system applies computer vision and deep learning techniques, mainly convolutional neural networks, to analyze these images and identify relevant visual patterns. From the paper's viewpoint, image analysis provides objective evidence that complements subjective symptom descriptions. The CNN models learn features related to color, texture, shape, and abnormal structures to detect potential medical conditions such as skin infections, allergies, fractures, or lung abnormalities. Image preprocessing steps like resizing, normalization, and noise reduction help maintain accuracy across varying image quality and lighting conditions. This visual analysis significantly improves the reliability and confidence of disease predictions.

3.4. Multi-Modal Disease Interpretation

One of the main strengths of the proposed system is its ability to perform multi-modal disease interpretation by combining text, voice, and image inputs. Systems that rely on a single input type often face limitations due to incomplete or unclear information. By integrating insights from multiple sources, the chatbot gains a more holistic understanding of the user's health condition. For instance, textual symptoms such as itching or pain, when combined with an uploaded skin image, allow more accurate identification of dermatological conditions. Similarly, voice-reported respiratory symptoms paired with X-ray images enhance the detection of lung-related diseases. Machine learning models merge features from all input modalities to generate disease predictions, assess severity, and reduce uncertainty. This approach closely mirrors real-world clinical decision-making, where multiple sources of information are considered together.

3.5. Disease Severity Assessment and Recommendations

In addition to identifying potential diseases, the chatbot evaluates the severity of the condition by analyzing symptom intensity, duration, and visual indicators. The system categorizes outcomes into low-risk, moderate-risk, or high-risk levels. Based on this classification, it provides suitable recommendations such as home-care advice, lifestyle suggestions, diagnostic test recommendations, or guidance to seek immediate medical attention. From a responsible AI perspective, the chatbot clearly communicates that its suggestions are advisory and not a replacement for professional medical care. This decision-support mechanism encourages early awareness and timely consultation while maintaining transparency and user trust. The recommendation process is designed to be simple, informative, and user-focused.

3.6. Adaptability and Learning Capability

The proposed system is designed to be adaptive and capable of continuous improvement. As new medical datasets, symptom patterns, and image samples become available, the AI models can be retrained to improve accuracy and relevance. This learning capability ensures that the chatbot remains effective as medical knowledge evolves and new disease trends emerge. By continuously updating its knowledge base, the system stays aligned with real-world healthcare needs and maintains long-term usability.

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4 COMPARATIVE EVALUATION AND DISCUSSION

The effectiveness of an AI-based disease analyzer chatbot depends on several interrelated factors, such as the quality of user inputs, feature extraction methods, model design, training strategy, and the integration of multiple data sources. Unlike traditional healthcare assessment approaches that rely mainly on manual evaluation or isolated medical tests, the proposed system uses artificial intelligence to analyze health conditions through text, voice, and image inputs within a single unified framework. This section presents a comparative discussion of disease analysis performance across different input modalities and highlights key observations related to system behavior and insights drawn from existing research.

4.1. Comparison of Input Modalities and Diagnostic Attributes

The accuracy of disease prediction in the proposed chatbot is strongly influenced by the type and richness of input data. Each modality—text, voice, and image—contributes unique diagnostic information that collectively strengthens the overall analysis. Text-based input primarily captures subjective symptoms such as pain intensity, duration, discomfort, and medical history. These details are essential for understanding internal or non-visible conditions, although they may sometimes be incomplete or ambiguous depending on how users describe their symptoms. Voice input enhances user convenience and accessibility, allowing users to report symptoms naturally without typing. While voice input is converted into text for analysis, it significantly improves usability and promotes inclusive access to healthcare services.

Image-based input offers objective visual evidence, which is particularly valuable for diagnosing conditions with visible symptoms, including skin disorders, wounds, infections, and abnormalities seen in medical images such as X-rays. Visual features like color variations, texture changes, lesion shapes, and structural irregularities provide strong diagnostic clues. Comparative observations indicate that image-based predictions generally achieve higher confidence for visually identifiable conditions, while text and voice inputs are more effective for conditions that rely on subjective symptom descriptions. Deep learning models process these multi-modal inputs by learning complementary feature representations. Convolutional neural networks extract spatial and texture-related features from images, while NLP models encode semantic and contextual information from text and voice-derived data. Combining these features significantly improves diagnostic reliability compared to single-input systems.

4.2. Discussion of Disease Prediction and System Performance

Comparative evaluation shows that AI-driven disease analysis offers greater consistency and responsiveness than traditional symptom-checking methods or manual preliminary assessments. Machine learning models trained on combined symptom and image data are better at capturing complex relationships between clinical features, resulting in improved predictive accuracy. Conditions with clear visual indicators, such as skin diseases or fractures, are identified with higher confidence due to strong image-based features. Diseases that depend more on symptom descriptions, such as infections or gastrointestinal issues, show improved predictions when users provide detailed text or voice input. Overlapping or transitional disease states remain more challenging, but the use of multi-modal learning helps reduce uncertainty and improve classification reliability. The use of deep learning architectures allows the system to capture subtle variations across different input types. Techniques such as balanced datasets, regularization, and optimized training parameters help prevent overfitting and improve model stability. Overall, the chatbot demonstrates dependable performance and delivers consistent, interpretable preliminary diagnostic suggestions suitable for real-time healthcare support.

4.3. Factors Affecting Disease Analysis Performance

Several key factors influence the accuracy and reliability of disease prediction in the proposed system. Input quality plays a major role, as low-resolution images, unclear voice recordings, or vague symptom descriptions can negatively impact predictions. Dataset diversity is also critical, as training data that includes multiple diseases, demographic variations, and imaging conditions improves model generalization. Effective integration of text, voice, and image features enhances diagnostic confidence and reduces ambiguity. Preprocessing techniques such as noise removal, normalization, speech cleaning, and image enhancement significantly affect feature extraction quality. Additionally, model architecture choices and training strategies—including learning rate, batch size, and regularization methods—directly influence performance and robustness. Class imbalance within datasets can bias predictions toward more frequent diseases, making careful dataset design and balancing essential for fair and accurate results.

4.4, Manual Medical Assessment vs AI-Based Disease Analyzer

Traditional medical assessment relies heavily on physical examinations, clinical expertise, and diagnostic tests, which can be time-consuming, expensive, and difficult to access in remote or underserved areas. Patient self-assessment is often unreliable due to limited medical knowledge or misinterpretation of symptoms. In contrast, the AI-based disease analyzer chatbot provides a fast, scalable, and consistently available preliminary assessment tool. Once trained, the system applies uniform decision logic across all users, reducing variability caused by human fatigue or subjective judgment. Comparative observations show that the chatbot's recommendations align well with standard medical guidelines, highlighting its effectiveness as a decision-support system. However, the chatbot is not intended to replace professional medical diagnosis. Continuous model updates, expanded datasets, and clinical validation are required to maintain accuracy and adapt to evolving medical knowledge. When used responsibly, the AI chatbot serves as a valuable first-level healthcare assistant that supports early detection, triage, and informed healthcare decision-making.

5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section presents the experimental evaluation and performance analysis of the proposed AI-based disease analyzer chatbot. The system was assessed based on its ability to analyze health conditions using text-based symptoms, voice input, and medical images, as well as its effectiveness in generating meaningful disease predictions and healthcare recommendations. The evaluation focuses on diagnostic accuracy, response reliability, and the contribution of multi-modal inputs.

5.1. Experimental Evaluation Setup

The chatbot was tested using a combination of simulated user inputs and publicly available medical datasets. Textual symptom descriptions were created to represent common medical conditions, voice inputs were converted into text using speech-to-text processing, and medical images such as skin condition images and X-ray samples were used for image-based analysis. The performance of the system was evaluated across three configurations: text-only input, image-only input, and combined multi-modal input.

Table 1. Disease Prediction Accuracy for Different Input Modalities

Input Modality	Accuracy (%)
Text-Based Symptoms	82.4
Image-Based Analysis	86.7
Voice-Based Symptoms	80.9
Multi-Modal (Text + Image + Voice)	**91.6**

As shown in Table 1, the multi-modal configuration achieves the highest prediction accuracy. Text-based analysis performs well for conditions involving subjective symptoms such as fever, pain, or fatigue, while image-based analysis provides stronger performance for diseases with visible manifestations such as skin infections and wounds. Voice-based input shows slightly lower accuracy due to variations in speech clarity and background noise. However, combining all three input modalities significantly improves prediction reliability by compensating for the limitations of individual inputs.

5.2. Image-Based Disease Analysis Performance

Image-based disease detection plays a crucial role in identifying conditions with visual indicators. Convolutional neural network models were used to extract spatial features related to color, texture, and shape.

Table 2. Image-Based Disease Classification Performance

Disease Category	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)
Skin Infection	90.2	88.5	89.3
Allergic Reaction	87.6	85.9	86.7
Wound / Injury	92.1	90.4	91.2
Lung Abnormality (X-ray)	89.3	87.1	88.2

The results in Table 2 indicate strong classification performance for visually identifiable diseases. Higher precision and recall values confirm the effectiveness of deep learning–based feature extraction in recognizing disease-specific visual patterns. Image preprocessing and normalization contribute to stable performance across varying image quality and lighting conditions.

5.3. Impact of Multi-Modal Integration

The integration of text, voice, and image inputs enables the chatbot to perform holistic disease interpretation, similar to real-world clinical reasoning.

Table 3. Comparison of Single-Modal vs Multi-Modal Disease Analysis

Evaluation Aspect	Single-Modal System	Multi-Modal System
Prediction Confidence	Moderate	High
Error Rate	Higher	Lower
Diagnostic Coverage	Limited	Broad
Recommendation Reliability	Moderate	High

Table 3 demonstrates that multi-modal disease analysis improves diagnostic confidence and reduces prediction uncertainty. When textual symptoms are unclear or incomplete, visual or voice-based inputs provide complementary evidence, leading to more consistent disease suggestions and recommendations.

5.4. Discussion on System Effectiveness and Practical Utility

The proposed AI chatbot provides real-time preliminary health assessment and guidance without requiring physical hospital visits. Its conversational interface improves user engagement, while voice-based interaction enhances accessibility for elderly and visually impaired users. Image-based analysis significantly strengthens disease prediction accuracy for conditions with visible symptoms. The system's ability to recommend medical tests and advise users on whether to seek professional consultation makes it a valuable first-level decision-support tool. Although the chatbot demonstrates strong performance, its recommendations are advisory and not a replacement for professional medical diagnosis. Input quality, dataset diversity, and model training remain critical factors influencing performance. Nonetheless, the system effectively reduces the burden on healthcare professionals by handling non-critical cases and promoting early awareness.

6 Conclusion

This paper successfully presents the design and development of an intelligent AI-powered medical chatbot capable of analyzing health conditions using text-based symptoms, voice input, and medical images. By integrating Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, and Machine Learning into a single unified system, the chatbot effectively addresses key challenges related to healthcare accessibility, early disease awareness, and timely medical support. It provides users with a reliable preliminary health assessment tool that can be accessed anytime and anywhere, making it especially useful in regions where access to medical professionals is limited. The multi-modal approach adopted in this work significantly improves diagnostic reliability when compared to systems that rely on a single input type. Text and voice inputs allow users to express subjective symptoms such as pain, fatigue, or discomfort in a natural manner, while image-based analysis supplies objective visual evidence for conditions with visible signs. By combining these complementary sources of information, the system reduces uncertainty and delivers more context-aware and meaningful disease predictions. This approach closely mirrors real-world clinical practice, where doctors consider multiple forms of information before reaching a diagnosis. Machine learning models form the core of the chatbot's disease analysis capability. NLP models interpret natural language symptom descriptions by identifying important medical entities and patterns, while convolutional neural network–based vision models analyze uploaded images to detect abnormal visual features. Together, these AI components generate possible disease suggestions, recommend appropriate diagnostic tests, and provide basic healthcare guidance. Although the chatbot is not intended to replace professional medical diagnosis, it serves as an effective first-level screening and decision-support tool that encourages users to seek timely medical attention when needed.

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