



# DiabEats:

Smart Food Analysis for Diabetes Management

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# Background

US diabetes cases to triple from 15.3M (2000)  
to 43M (2050)





Can we provide diabetes-friendly dietary recommendations for U.S. diabetic and prediabetic users using just a photo of their meal?

# Proposed Flow of DiabEats

Step 1:  
Upload  
Meal  
Image



Step 2:  
Identify  
the Meal  
Image



Step 3:  
Retrieve  
Nutrition  
Data



Step 4:  
Evaluate  
Diabetes  
Impact



Step 5:  
Offer  
Diet  
Recs



Step 6:  
Display  
Analysis  
Results



# Success Metric

## Food Recognition

80%+ top-1 food recognition **Accuracy** and 90%+ top-5 **Accuracy**



# Upload Meal Image




📷 Upload meal photo(s) for instant analysis

Supports JPG, PNG formats

Drag and drop files here

Limit 200MB per file • JPG, JPEG, PNG

 Browse files

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Image**

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Image

3: Retrieve  
Nutrition

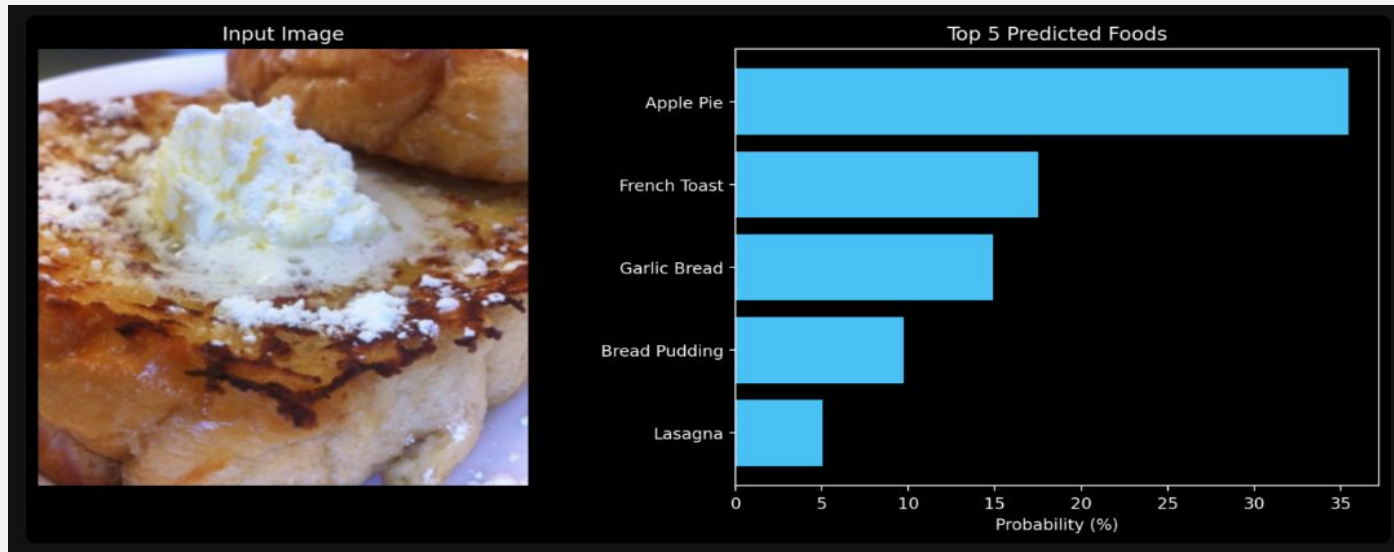
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Diab Impact

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# Identify the Meal Image

- **Objective:** Identify foods from photos to support diabetes-friendly meal choices
- Recognizes foods from a set of 101 different foods
- Lists top 5 likely foods with confidence scores
- Sets foundation for nutritional analysis



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# Augmentation for DiabEats

- **Objective:** Ensure accurate food recognition for all kinds of photos
- Tweaks photos with flips, rotations, and color changes
- Handles varied photos (e.g., dim light, odd angles) for reliable results
- Makes food identification trustworthy for diabetes management

Dim light Example

Before Augmentation



After Augmentation



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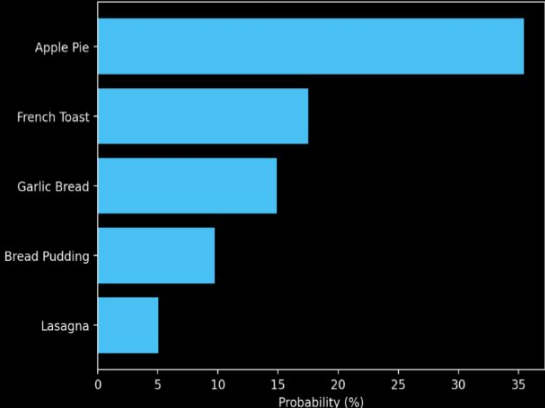
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# Meal Image Recognition Model Performance

Model	Accuracy (%)	Example of Top-5 Food Prediction												
Food Recognition	Top-1: 80.5	<div><div>Input Image</div><div>Top 5 Predicted Foods</div><table><tr><th>Food</th><th>Probability (%)</th></tr><tr><td>Apple Pie</td><td>35</td></tr><tr><td>French Toast</td><td>18</td></tr><tr><td>Garlic Bread</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>Bread Pudding</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Lasagna</td><td>5</td></tr></table></div>	Food	Probability (%)	Apple Pie	35	French Toast	18	Garlic Bread	15	Bread Pudding	10	Lasagna	5
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	Top-5: 94.6													

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# Nutritional Data Retrieval

- Retrieves nutritional profile from Food101 dataset
- Scales nutritional values based on user-specified portion sizes
- Shows food details in easy-to-read tables

Nutrient	Amount
Calories	300.00 kcal
Protein	3.03 g
Carbohydrates	45.07 g
Fats	12.03 g
Fiber	2.20 g
Sugars	20.00 g
Sodium	150.00 mg

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# Diabetes Impact Assessment



Food Recognition Model

Apple  
Pie

Retrieve Nutrition

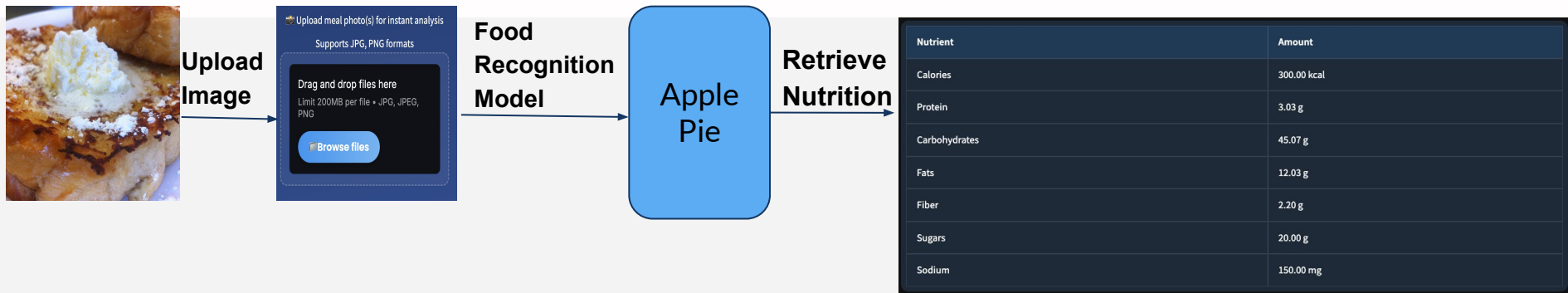
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Evaluate Diabetic Impact

Impact Score = 1 (Protein <10) + 2 (carbs > 40) + 2 (sugar > 10) = 5

Factor	Threshold per 100g	Score	Evidence Source
Calories	>400kcal	+1	ADA weight management guidelines
Protein	<10g	+1	ADA balanced macronutrient guidelines
Carbs	>40g 20-40g <20	+2 +1 -1	ADA carbohydrate monitoring recommendations
Fats	>30g	+1	ADA nutrition therapy position statement
Fiber	≥5g 3-5g	-2 -1	Reynolds et al., Lancet 2019 meta-analysis
Sugars	>10g 5-10g	+2 +1	WHO & ADA sugar intake guidelines
Sodium	>1200mg >800mg	+2 +1	ADA & AHA cardiovascular guidelines

# Diabetes Impact Assessment ...



Classifies foods into:

- **Low** (impact score  $\leq 0$ )
- **Moderate** ( $1 \leq \text{impact score} \leq 2$ ), or
- **High** (mpact score  $> 2$ ) Diabetes impact categories

**Evaluate  
Diabetic  
Impact**

Metric	Value
Score	5.00
Impact Level	High
Top Impact Factors	1. Low Protein (3.03g) 2. Refined Carbs (45.07g) 3. Added Sugar (20.00g)

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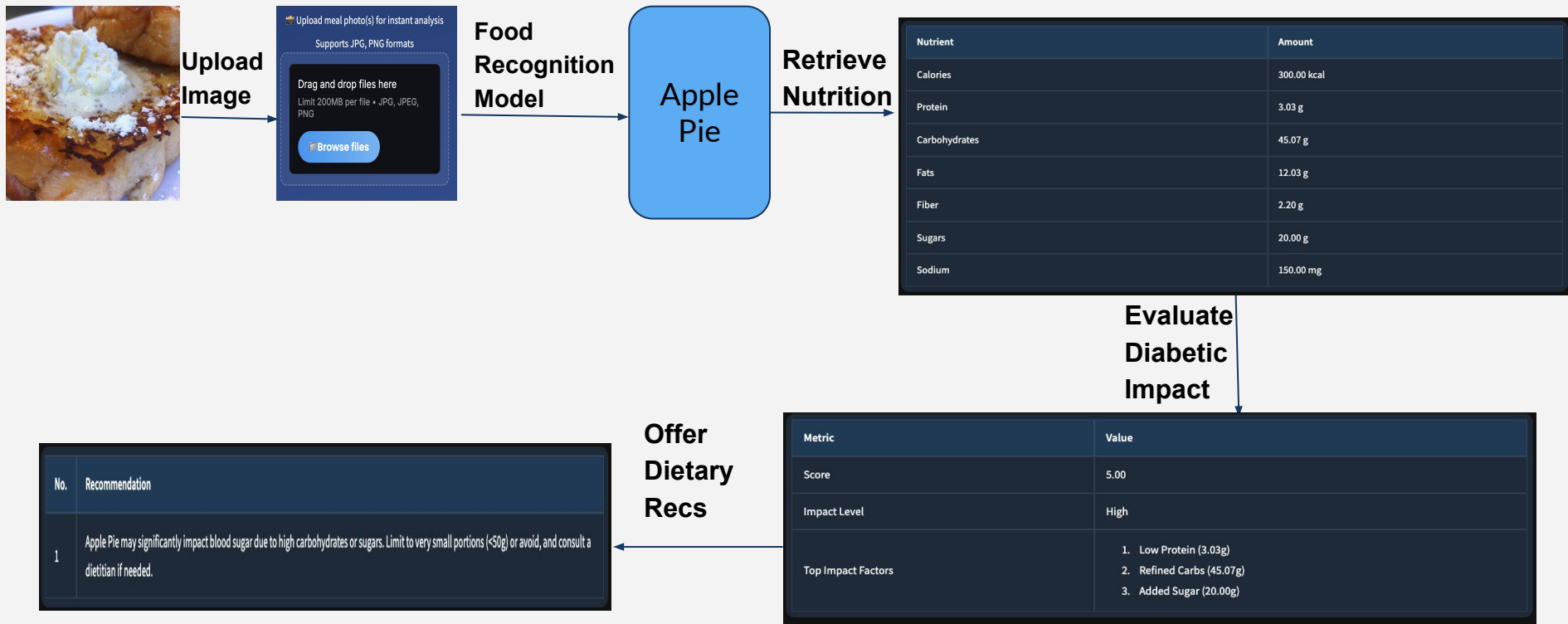
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# Offer Dietary Recommendations (Single)



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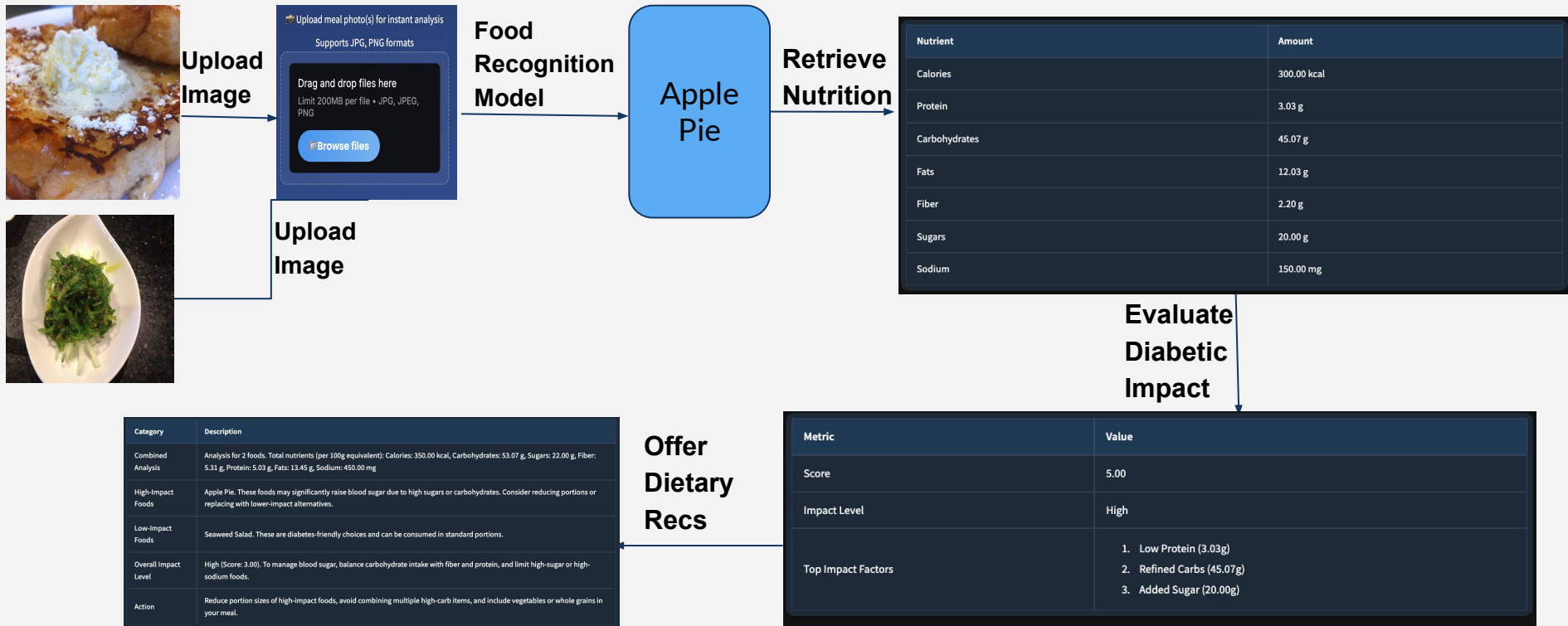
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# Offer Dietary Recommendations (Multiple) ...



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4: Evaluate Diab Impact

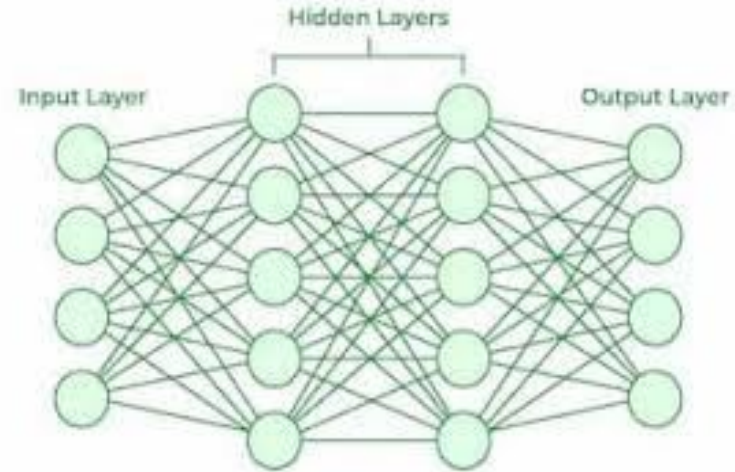
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# Analysis Dashboard

- Upload single or multiple food images (JPG/JPEG/PNG)
- Set custom portion sizes for each food
- View top 5 predictions with confidence levels
- Get detailed nutritional analysis and impact assessment
- Receive combined analysis for multiple foods

<https://diabeats.streamlit.app/>



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# Conclusions

- ✦ The system successfully meets its objectives, with the food recognition model achieving 80.5% Top-1 accuracy and the rule-based assessment delivering consistent, evidence-based classifications for Low, Moderate, and High diabetes impact categories.
- ✦ The rule-based diabetes impact assessment effectively identifies carbohydrates and sugars as key factors influencing blood glucose levels,
- ✦ The Streamlit-based user interface provides an intuitive and interactive experience, enabling users to easily upload meal photos, view nutritional breakdowns, and access personalized recommendations.
- ✦ The integration of portion size adjustments in the diabetes impact assessment enhances personalization, allowing the system to reflect real-world eating habits accurately.

# Next Steps

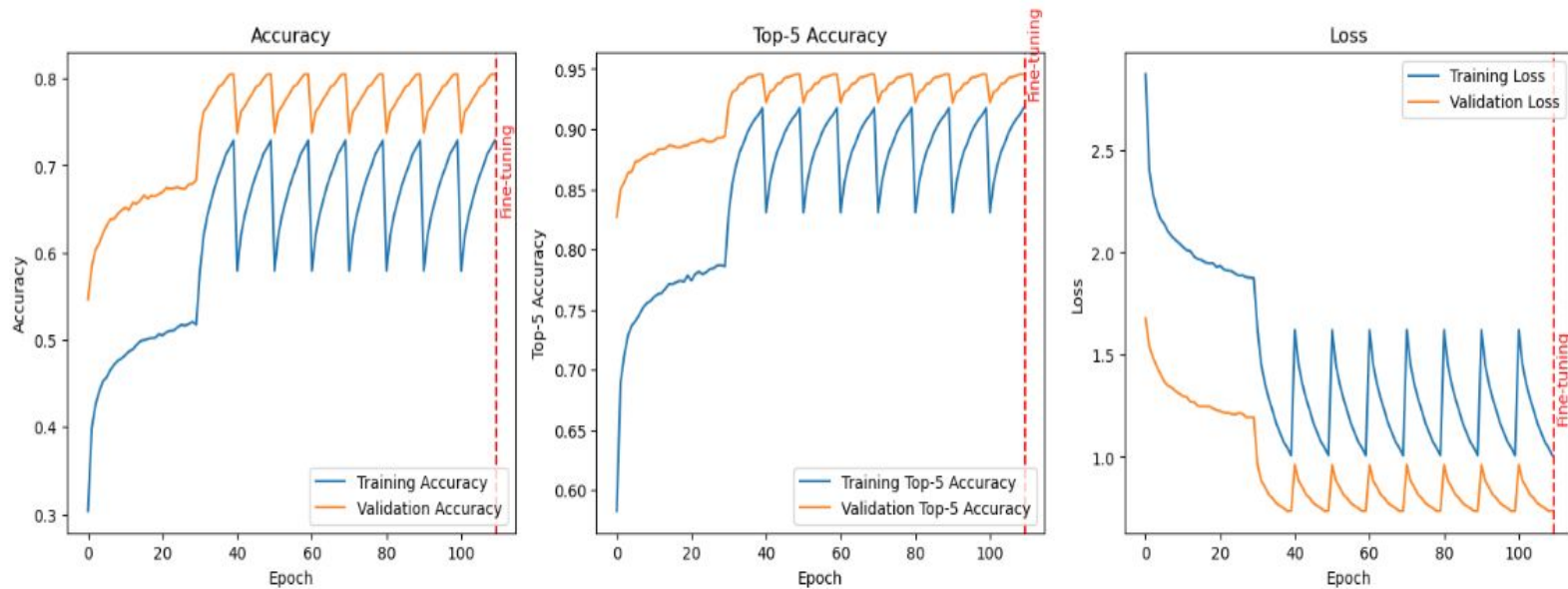
- + Expand the nutritional database beyond the current 101 food categories to include a broader range of regional and ethnic food varieties, enhancing the system's applicability to diverse diets.
- + Refine the rule-based diabetes impact assessment by incorporating additional nutritional factors (e.g., glycemic index)
- + Optimize the EfficientNetV2B3 model to increase Top-1 accuracy beyond 80.5%, potentially through advanced data augmentation techniques or further fine-tuning.
- + Implement a user feedback mechanism to allow users to correct misclassifications, improving the system's accuracy and personalization over time.

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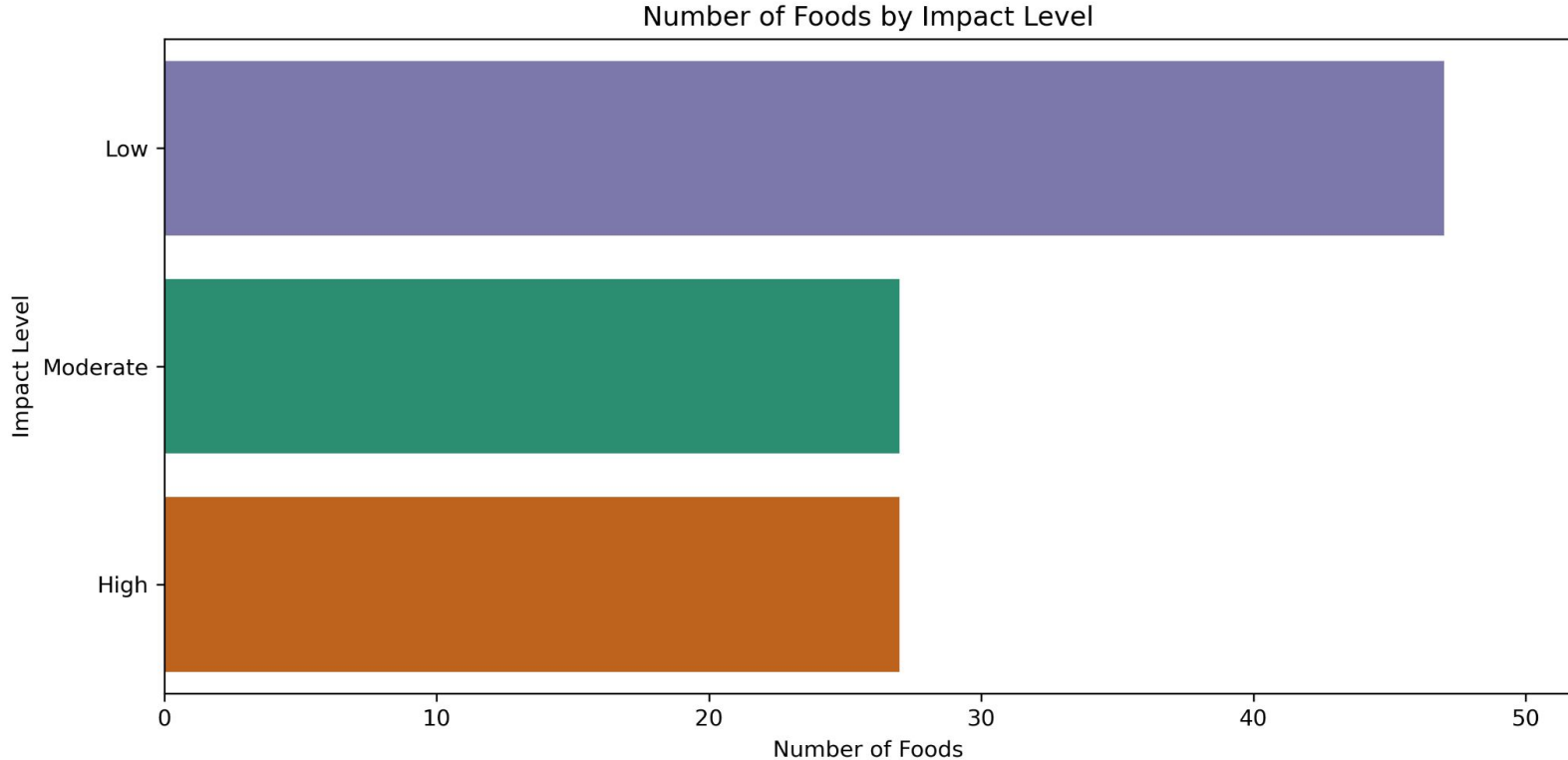
# Appendix

## Model Loss and Accuracy



# Appendix ...

## Distribution of Diabetes Impact Levels



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## Aggregation by Impact Levels

Impact Level	Food Class Count	Food Class Labels	Average Impact Score
High	27	Cupcakes, apple_pie, baklava, beignets, bread_pudding, cannoli, carrot_cake, cheesecake, chocolate_cake, chocolate_mousse, churros, creme_brulee, donuts, french_toast, frozen_yogurt, ice_cream, macarons, onion_rings, pad_thai, pancakes, panna_cotta, red_velvet_cake, strawberry_shortcake, sushi, takoyaki, tiramisu, waffles	4.11
Moderate	27	bibimbap, breakfast_burrito, bruschetta, dumplings, fish_and_chips, french_fries, fried_calamari, fried_rice, garlic_bread, gnocchi, grilled_cheese_sandwich, gyoza, hamburger, lasagna, macaroni_and_cheese, nachos, paella, pizza, poutine, pulled_pork_sandwich, ramen, ravioli, risotto, samosa, spaghetti_bolognese, spaghetti_carbonara, spring_rolls	1.63
Low	47	Lobster Roll, baby_back_ribs, beef_carpaccio, beef_tartare, beet_salad, caesar_salad, caprese_salad, ceviche, cheese_plate, chicken_curry, chicken_quesadilla, chicken_wings, clam_chowder, club_sandwich, crab_cakes, croque_madame, deviled_eggs, edamame, eggs_benedict, escargots, falafel, filet_mignon, foie_gras, french_onion_soup, greek_salad, grilled_salmon, guacamole, hot_and_sour_soup, hot_dog, huevos_rancheros, hummus, lobster_bisque, miso_soup, mussels, omelette, oysters, peking_duck, pho, pork_chop, prime_rib, sashimi, scallops, seaweed_salad, shrimp_and_grits, steak, tacos, tuna_tartare	-0.79