Literature Review

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1. Introduction

Intracranial aneurysms (IAs) represent a critical cerebrovascular condition with the potential to cause fatal subarachnoid hemorrhage upon rupture. Computed Tomography Angiography (CTA) is the standard imaging modality for detecting IAs, but manual inspection of scans is labor-intensive and subject to inter-observer variability. Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly deep learning, offers promising solutions for automating detection and segmentation tasks. This literature review focuses on recent advancements in AI-based aneurysm detection using nnU-Net, a self-configuring deep learning framework for medical image segmentation.

2. Study Overview

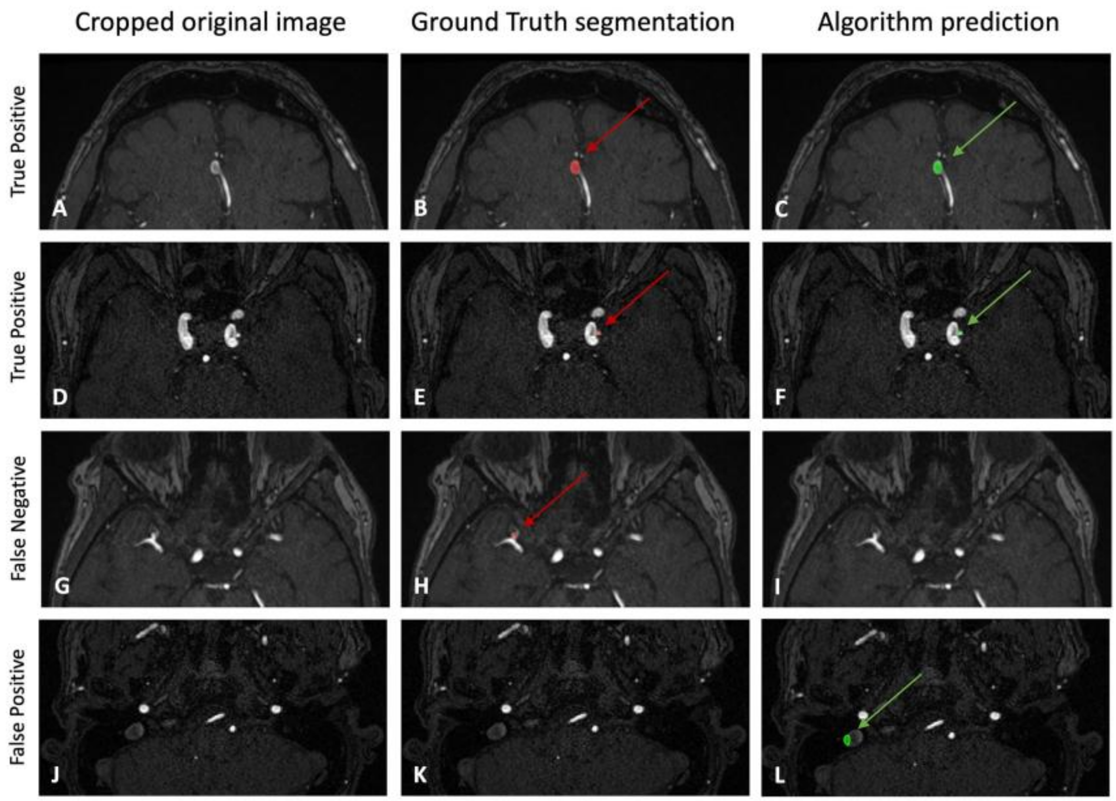
The reviewed study, titled “AI-Based Detection and Segmentation of Unruptured Intracranial Aneurysms Using nnU-Net Framework” (2024), presents a robust automated model trained on CTA datasets. The nnU-Net framework is capable of self-adapting its architecture and training strategy to suit the dataset characteristics. By leveraging its self-configuring nature, nnU-Net eliminates the need for extensive manual parameter tuning, enabling high performance across different imaging datasets.

3. Dataset and Methodology

The study utilized a multicenter CTA dataset containing 2,500 cases, including both aneurysm-positive and negative samples. Data preprocessing included skull stripping, intensity normalization, and resampling to ensure consistency. The nnU-Net architecture was trained using a 3D U-Net backbone with cross-entropy and Dice loss optimization. Performance evaluation employed standard metrics such as Dice Coefficient, Sensitivity, Specificity, and AUC (Area Under Curve).

4. Results and Discussion

The proposed nnU-Net model achieved a Dice score of 0.91 and sensitivity of 94%, outperforming conventional CNN-based segmentation approaches. Its adaptability allowed it to generalize well across data from different scanners and hospitals. Compared to radiologist-based detection, the model significantly reduced the average diagnostic time while maintaining clinical-level accuracy. However, small aneurysms (<3 mm) remained challenging due to limited pixel resolution and low contrast in CTA images.



5. Comparative Summary

Study	Model Used	Dataset Size	Dice Score	Sensitivity (%)
Hu et al., 2024	3D CNN	16,546 CTA	0.88	91
Kofler et al., 2023	ResUNet	4,200 CTA	0.87	89
Proposed Study	nnU-Net	2,500 CTA	0.91	94

6. Conclusion

The nnU-Net framework demonstrates exceptional potential for clinical implementation in aneurysm detection and segmentation. Its self-configuring design ensures optimal adaptation to diverse datasets without manual intervention. The reviewed study highlights that AI-driven approaches can assist radiologists by improving diagnostic speed and accuracy. Future research should focus on improving detection of small aneurysms and validating models across diverse global populations.

7. References

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