



# **TOWARDS DOMAIN-SPECIFIC EXPLAINABLE AI:**

## **MODEL INTERPRETATION OF A SKIN IMAGE CLASSIFIER USING A HUMAN APPROACH**



# ทำไมถึงทำ

- The increasing number of skin cancer patients and the promising therapeutic results for early detection
- Machine Learning models have started to outperform medical experts in some classification tasks.
- people are more likely to accept a sytem if it can explain itself in a way they can understand

# GOAL

- make AI decisions more understandable and trustworthy for both medical professionals and patients

# ทำอะไร

combine the machine learning model interpretation methodology  
LIME with the ABCD rule of dermatoscopy for skin image analysis

# ABCD RULE

higher the score for a criterion on a lesion, the more likely it is to be classified as melanocytic.

**(A)** ASYMMETRY

**(B)** BORDER

**(C)** COLORS

**(D)** DIFFERENT STRUCTURAL

# GRAD-CAM

## GRADIENT-WEIGHTED CLASS ACTIVATION MAPPING

general interpretation method suitable for DNN-based skin image classifiers, but it may not capture the specific criteria outlined in the ABCD rule for distinguishing melanocytic and non-melanocytic skin lesions

# RISE

## RANDOMIZED INPUT SAMPLING FOR EXPLANATION

not using RISE with the ABCD rule because RISE's random masking approach may not align well with the specific criteria and characteristics used in the ABCD rule of dermatoscopy

# LIME

## LOCAL INTERPRETABLE MODEL-AGNOSTIC EXPLANATIONS

widely used technique in Explainable AI (XAI) that helps in making the decisions of complex machine learning models more understandable

LIME methodology may lack specificity for both machines and humans in the context of skin image classification

To eliminate the limitation  
by modifying the perturbation algorithm of LIME along the dimensions of the ABCD rule

# EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

A TOTAL OF

**1,561 SAMPLES**

1,354 NEVUS SAMPLES (HAM10000 DATASET)

216 MELANOMA SAMPLES (TSCHANDL'S DATASET)



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## MODEL

AVOIDED FEATURE ENGINEERING AND  
MODEL TUNING TECHNIQUES

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# APPLIED ABCD RULE WITH THE INTERPRETATI ON MODEL

(B) BORDER

(C) COLORS

(R) ROTATE

(S) SHIFT

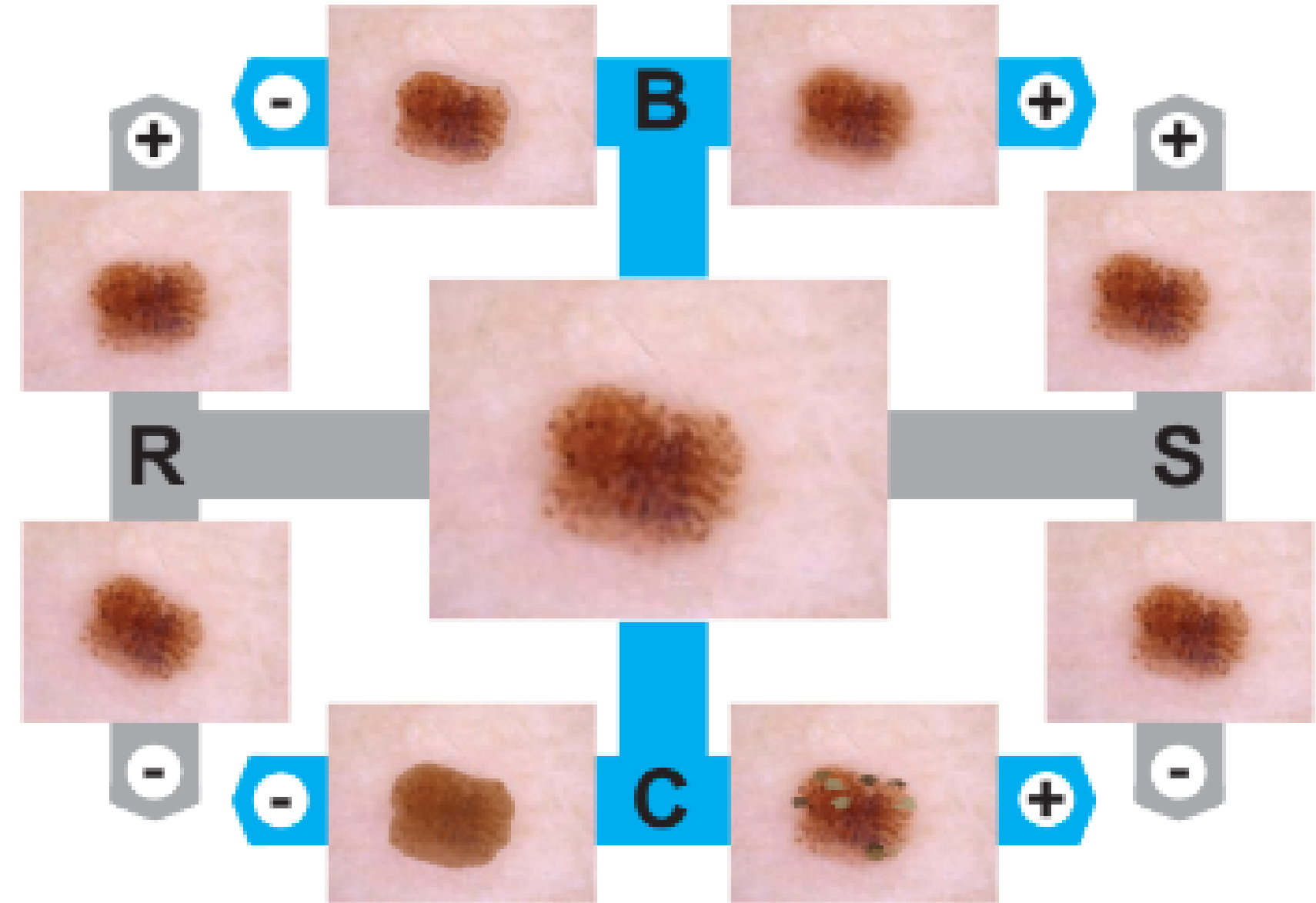


Figure 2. Perturbation dimensions of the explainer. The original image in the center is perturbed along medically relevant (blue) dimensions (B) Boundary and (C) Color, as well as medically irrelevant (gray) dimensions (R) Rotate and (S) Shift, each in a reinforcing (positive) and weakening (negative) manner.