

TRUE AI eliminates racial bias and prejudice – every life matters! Re: Can we trust AI not to further embed racial bias and prejudice?

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Over the last few years’ considerable discussion around the topic of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) have continued to capture the imagination of physicians, journalists and the lay public. Unfortunately the erroneous use of terms – as is the case with the terms AI and ML - can and has lead to more bias and confusion than clarification [1-4].

Most individuals and companies using the term AI or ML are referring to algorithms coupling a series of tests together in an effort to improve the predictability of these algorithms. Each of these tests has their independent sensitivity and specificity errors corrupting the algorithm [5].

The inclusion of these errors, based upon qualitative interpretation of testing outcomes and associated limitations is nothing more than a collection of human bias – including the bias introduced by race, sex and religion. Such testing is not TRUE AI and does introduce bias and prejudice [5,6] – in addition to more tests, time, money and potential loss of life .

TRUE AI [4] does not and cannot introduce such bias because it is free of human interpretation, error and prejudice [7]. Resistance to transitioning from biased medical tests or merely adding the term AI or ML to these tests by those seeking to profit from the use of AI/ML has appropriately lead to considerable confusion and concern [8] over the potential for AI bias and prejudice. To remove this bias, concern and prejudice, and to achieve TRUE AI we must remove the human element [10].

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