

Artificial Intelligence in Drug Discovery and Drug Design

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ABSTRACT

Over the past ten years, artificial intelligence has revolutionised the field of drug research. The process for discovering new drugs could be completely transformed by artificial intelligence, which could provide increased speed, accuracy, and efficiency. The process for discovering new drugs could be completely transformed by artificial intelligence, which could provide increased speed, accuracy, and efficiency. Numerous uses of artificial intelligence, including virtual screening and drug design, have been employed in drug development. AI methods are broken down into learning paradigms and model architectures. The surveyed publications are arranged chronologically to illustrate the evolution of AI in drug discovery over time in terms of technical advancement. We anticipate that this survey offers an in-depth examination of artificial intelligence in drug discovery. This development is being motivated, among other things, by the increasing use of machine learning, and specifically deep learning, in many scientific domains and by advancements in computer hardware and software. Medicinal chemistry has benefited from the beginning scepticism that has begun to fade over the use of AI in pharmaceutical development. A number of methodological advancements, including hybrid de novo design, message-passing models, spatial symmetry-preserving networks, and other cutting-edge machine learning paradigms, are probably going to become standard practices and aid in answering some of the trickiest problems. The creation of models and open data sharing will be essential to the advancement of drug discovery using AI. There is a growing potential for the discovery of several novel indications as a result of the advancement of artificial intelligence in the pharmaceutical sector. Human illness rates are rising dramatically, but there are very few medications available to treat or cure them. However, the pharmaceutical industry's and artificial intelligence's combined efforts will prevent this sort of situation in the future by accelerating the discovery of medications

with better clinical outcomes. AI-based drug development techniques are being used by several pharmaceutical companies to treat a variety of illnesses, including diabetes, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, OCD, and more. Technology may significantly assist in resolving a number of issues and limitations with the conventional drug development process.

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We have highlighted the range of applications of artificial intelligence (AI) in pharmaceutical sciences, including extensive possibilities for drug discovery and development.

Objectives

Artificial Intelligence (AI) seeks to automate human-performed repetitive tasks and procedures in order to boost productivity, lower mistake rates, and free up human resources for more intricate and imaginative projects.

Artificial intelligence (AI) models are built to evaluate and forecast or predict future trends or events. This talent is used to make educated decisions in a variety of industries, including finance, weather forecasting, and healthcare. Applications like picture identification, natural language processing, and anomaly detection are made possible by AI algorithms' exceptional ability to identify patterns and trends in massive datasets. By identifying the best answers to challenging issues, artificial intelligence (AI) is used to optimise systems and processes. This covers route planning, scheduling, logistics, and resource allocation. AI makes experiences more individualised by evaluating user information and preferences to create customised recommendations.

I. INTRODUCTION

Drug discovery advancements have fundamentally altered medicine, turning once-fatal illnesses into a sort of prescribed therapy regimen.

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The advancement of medicine has been facilitated by the ease of developing and testing novel medications. A new drug's development can take more than ten years and cost an average of 2.6 billion US dollars. Furthermore, less than 10% of drugs that begin Phase I clinical trials successfully reach the market [1,2]. The process of developing a new drug is particularly time-consuming and costly since it involves numerous in vitro, in silicon, and in vivo experiments that typically take four years on average. Preclinical, pharmacokinetic,

pharmacodynamic, and toxicological research are also included in this process. Drug screening is a process that involves a series of experiments and characterizations on the further possible drug, synthetic intelligence Artificial intelligence (AI), also known as machine intelligence,

is the simulation of human intellect, whereby a computer replicates the cognitive behaviour linked to the human brain during learning and problem-solving [3], using tools and software that enable autonomous decision-making for certain objectives by learning from and analyzing incoming data [4]. The terms artificial intelligence and machine learning have different meanings. A subfield of computer science that combines engineering and statistics, artificial intelligence employs models or algorithms to accomplish tasks and produce actions like decision-making and prediction. Drug candidates' potential toxicity has also been predicted using AI-based techniques [5].

Purpose of AI

1. Utilising real-time data collecting, a mobile platform can enhance medical outcomes by making patient recommendations.
2. The capacity to assess vast patient data and determine available treatments via a cloud-based technology is known as personalised medicine.
3. Drug development: Pharmaceutical firms are experimenting with the most cutting-edge technologies to reduce the expensive and time-consuming process of drug research in

collaboration with software businesses [29].

4. Numerous acquisitions to meet the initial demands of major biotech corporations, new startups are fusing artificial intelligence and healthcare.

Artificial Intelligence within the Pharmaceutical Sector

Data digitization in the pharmaceutical sector has increased dramatically in recent years. However, digitization has made it more challenging to gather, examine, and integrate such knowledge to solve critical clinical issues [6]. Knowledge representation, problem solving, and a basic machine learning model (ML) are only a few of the methodological domains that are included in artificial intelligence (AI).

When earlier neural network implementations, such as the Perceptron, were introduced, they appeared to be a promising solution to these problems. A notable example from this era is a 1992 paper by Weinstein et al. that used neural networks to explain the mechanism of action of cancer treatment [7]. Unsupervised machine learning can provide results like the identification of disease targets and sickness subtypes by using feature-finding algorithms and grouping [8].

Limitations of existing drug discovery techniques

Using these methods, a vast number of possible medication molecules are examined to find those that have the necessary qualities. But these techniques may be expensive, time-consuming, and frequently produce inaccurate findings [9]. They may also be constrained by the availability of appropriate test substances and the capacity to precisely forecast how they will behave in the body [10]. These issues may be resolved by a variety of AI-based algorithms, such as reinforcement learning, supervised and unsupervised learning techniques, evolutionary algorithms, and rule-based algorithms. For example, these algorithms can more accurately and efficiently forecast the efficacy and toxicity of novel therapeutic molecules than conventional methods [11,12]. Additionally, novel targets for drug development, such as particular proteins or genetic pathways implicated in illnesses, can be found using AI-based algorithms [13]. This has the potential to broaden the scope of drug discovery beyond the constraints of more traditional methods and ultimately result in the creation of new and more potent drugs [14]. Despite their historical



relative success, traditional pharmaceutical research methods are constrained by their reliance on trial-and-error testing and their incapacity to precisely anticipate the behaviour of novel, potentially bioactive chemicals. Conversely, artificial intelligence (AI)-based methods can increase the efficacy and precision of drug discovery procedures, resulting in the creation of more potent drugs.

Artificial Intelligence Applications

Although ligand and/or structure-based approaches are the most well-known methods for creating unique molecular profiles with efficient pharmacological potency and qualities, computer-assisted de novo drug creation is a difficult process [15, 16]. Making use of AI When combined with single-cell biology information, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning can lead to previously unheard-of results in drug development and discovery by improving biomarker prediction and finding high-quality, disease-associated targets for new drug candidates [17]. AI in medication development and research can increase a drug's metabolism and excretion, improving a medicine's safety and efficacy in both humans and animals. In order to eliminate hazardous compounds from our bodies and stop their build up, which may lead to metabolic disorders and damage to the liver and kidneys, regulation of metabolism and excretion is essential. In particular, drug metabolism also affects mult drug resistance in cancer treatment and viral diseases. AI's usefulness in anticipating the metabolism and excretion of medications has been demonstrated by recent studies [18].

The use of ML to forecast the toxicity and effectiveness of drugs

To determine a compound's possible effects on the human body, traditional drug development processes frequently rely on labour-intensive and time-consuming experiments. The procedure can be time-consuming and expensive, and the outcomes are frequently ambiguous and highly variable. These restrictions can be solved by AI methods like machine learning. Machine learning algorithms are able to detect patterns and trends in a vast quantity of data that human researchers could miss. Recently, a dataset of recognised medicinal molecules and their associated biological activity was used to train a DL algorithm [19]. Then, the algorithm demonstrated a high degree of accuracy in predicting the activity of new chemicals. After

extensive training utilising vast databases of known hazardous and non-toxic chemicals, notable contributions to the prevention of the toxicity of possible therapeutic compounds have also been reported [20].

The detection of drug-drug interactions, which occur when several medications are used for the same or different conditions in the same patient and result in changed effects or bad responses, is another significant application of AI in drug development. Through the analysis of massive datasets of known medication interactions and the identification of patterns and trends, AI-based techniques can identify this. A machine learning system has recently solved this by successfully predicting the interactions of novel medication pairings [21]. AI plays a significant role in personalised medicine by helping to discover potential drug-drug interactions, which makes it feasible to create individualised treatment regimens that reduce the chance of negative side effects.

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As a result, new compounds with great promise for treating cancer were found, proving that this approach is capable of finding promising new therapeutic possibilities. It has recently been shown that machine learning can be used to find small chemical inhibitors of the MEK22 protein. Although MEK is a target for cancer therapy as well, finding efficient inhibitors has been difficult. For this protein, the ML system was able to find new inhibitors. As further instance involves the application of machine learning algorithms to identify new inhibitors of beta-secretase, an enzyme implicated in the progression of Alzheimer's disease [22]. The aforementioned instances show how using AI to pharmaceutical research might enhance the forecasting of possible therapeutic compounds' toxicity and efficacy. This can expedite the drug discovery process and allow for the production of safer and more effective drugs.

What role for AI to improve medicinal chemistry

Access to sizable datasets for training and techniques that facilitate analysis and interpretation are essential for the success of AI and machine-learning technologies in medicinal chemistry. Tomisquote McAfee and Brynjolfsson, it seems plausible that "medical chemists who use AI will replace those who don't," rather than "AI replacing medicinal chemists." Predicting the toxicity and efficacy of possible therapeutic

molecules is one of the main uses of AI in medicinal chemistry. Traditional drug development methods frequently depend on labor-intensive and time-consuming experiments to evaluate a compound's possible effects on the human body.

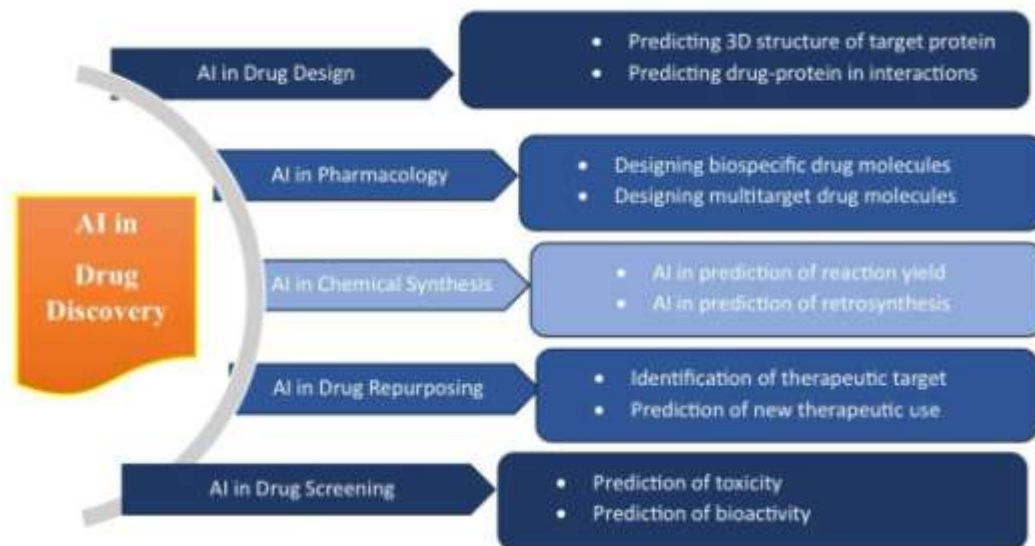
Artificial intelligence (AI) has become ubiquitous in many fields, such as research and the pharmaceutical business, where it has been effectively applied to find novel chemical entities with desired features. AI algorithms' application to drug research offers amazing potential as well as difficulties. Artificial Intelligence is used in many areas of chemistry to improve R&D and operating procedures. AI is typically applied in computational chemistry, spectroscopy and analysis, materials design, reaction optimisation, drug discovery, and process control and optimisation. Clinicians can create therapies based on outcomes with the aid of clinical decision support systems. Additionally, it is employed in medical imaging to analyse MRIs, CT scans, X-rays, and other pictures for lesions or other radiological findings in humans. Clinicians can create therapies based on outcomes with the aid of clinical decision support systems. Additionally, it is employed in medical imaging to analyse MRIs, CT scans, X-rays, and other pictures for lesions or other radiological findings in humans. Artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to completely transform medicine by improving our knowledge of health and illness and expanding our capacity for data-driven decision-making. "AI won't replace doctors," stated Carolyn Meltzer, MD, dean of USC's Keck School of Medicine.

Ethics in the application of AI in the pharmaceutical sector

The potential for AI to be used to make judgements about which pharmaceuticals to create, which clinical trials to run, and how to sell and distribute drugs is a major concern. These decisions might have an impact on people's health and well-being. The possibility of bias in AI algorithms is another major worry as it might lead to unjust

treatment of particular groups of people and even access to medical care. Concerns about job losses from automation are also raised by the application of AI in the pharmaceutical sector. Furthermore, concerns regarding data security and privacy are brought up by the application of AI in the pharmaceutical sector. Sensitive personal data may be accessed or misused since AI systems depend on vast volumes of data to operate. Both the reputation of the organisation and individual people may suffer greatly from this. Sensitive medical data must be gathered and used in a way that respects people's privacy and conforms with applicable laws. In order to apply AI ethically in the pharmaceutical sector, these issues must be carefully considered and addressed. This might involve taking steps like making sure AI systems are trained on representative and varied data, auditing and evaluating AI systems on a regular basis to check for bias, and putting in place stringent data protection and security procedures.

The core principles of reinforcement learning include decision-making within a specific environment and taking appropriate action to maximise effectiveness. More than 800 cancer treatments and vaccines are currently being tested, according to a 2015 study by Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. This could advance the science of genetically based personalised medicine by producing new compounds that could develop into new treatments, discovering or repurposing existing drugs that might be more effective when used alone or in combination, and other areas where AI is being widely incorporated for ease, automation, and better results. In order to improve radiation treatments, University College London Hospital (UCLH) and Google's DeepMind Health are collaborating to develop machine learning algorithms that can distinguish between malignant and healthy tissues. AI is also being used to provide customised treatments for more accurate disease assessments in clinical trial research, radiology, and radiotherapy.



AI in synthesis of drug

After molecules are identified, the most important and difficult step is synthesis of the chosen compounds, which is often done by the process of retrosynthesis [23]. Using a set of criteria programmed into the computer, the Synthia programme, formerly known as Chematica, may propose possible synthesis paths for eight targets that are significant for medicine. It is also said to be helpful in the synthesis of materials that haven't been made before and to be able to provide substitute synthetic processes for products that are patented. The Reinforcement Learning for Structural Evolution approach, which uses generative and predictive DNNs to produce new molecules, was used to explore de novo drug production.

AI for Drug Discovery

Target Identification: Artificial intelligence (AI) systems have the capacity to assess many forms of data, such as clinical, proteomic, and genomic data, in order to pinpoint possible targets for treatment. AI aids in the development of drugs that control biological processes by revealing targets and molecular pathways linked with illness. Target identification and disease modelling are essential first phases in the drug discovery process that have a big impact on how well drugs are developed. Modern drug target discovery is increasingly relying on artificial intelligence (AI) due to its benefits in analysing vast data sets and intricate biological networks. We cover the use of artificial intelligence (AI) generated

synthetic data for target identification, the application of deep learning models for target discovery, and the validation of AI-identified targets through experiments. Target selection heavily relies on novelty as well as druggability and toxicity. Selecting innovative targets against high-confidence targets comes with a trade-off. A new era in AI-driven drug development has begun with the entry of numerous AI-derived medications into clinical trials in recent years. The most important first steps in drug discovery are disease modelling and target identification, which affect the likelihood of success at every stage of drug development. Conventional target identification is a laborious procedure that typically begins in an academic atmosphere and takes years or even decades. Artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming increasingly important in the identification of therapeutic targets in modern medicine because of its benefits in analysing big datasets and complex biological networks. We examine current developments in target discovery, emphasising innovations in AI-powered therapeutic target investigation. We also touch on the significance of choosing targets with a mix between novelty and confidence. We address the existing constraints and possible opportunities as more AI-identified targets are being confirmed through experiments and as more AI-derived medications are approaching clinical trials.

Virtual Screening: Virtual Screening AI enables the effective screening of large chemical libraries

to find therapeutic candidates that have a high likelihood of binding to a particular target. AI helps scientists prioritise and choose which compounds to test in experiments by modelling chemical reactions and forecasting binding affinities, which save time and money. Millions of lives could have been spared by SARS-CoV-2-targeting medications during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to prepare for future epidemics, it is now imperative to discover inhibitors of coronavirus reproduction. In order to identify inhibitors of the SARS-CoV-2 major protease in ultra large chemical libraries, we investigated two virtual screening techniques. First, 235 million virtual molecules from a virtual library were screened against the active site using structure-based docking. Ethanol and binding tests were performed on one hundred of the best-ranked compounds. Second, docking millions of complex molecules and testing 93 compounds experimentally directed the optimisation of a fragment found by crystallographic screening. In the first library screen, three inhibitors were found, and five of the chosen fragment elaborations exhibited inhibitory effects. The greatest health crisis of this generation has been brought on by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), which has already claimed over 5 million lives globally. (1) Despite encouraging COVID-19 immunisation campaigns, antiviral medications will probably be essential for managing the inevitable coronavirus outbreaks in the future. Since SARS-CoV-2 variations for which vaccinations are less effective have already surfaced, antiviral medications are clearly required to support vaccines in the long run. Compared to ordinary cold viruses, SARS-CoV-2 is anticipated to persist in spreading and pose a significant risk to our community. In this case, antiviral medications are required for both the treatment of infected patients and the preventative treatment of high-risk populations.

Structure Activity Relationship: Structure-Activity Relationship (SAR) modelling: Artificial Intelligence can create associations between a compound's molecular make-up and its biological effectiveness. This allows scientists to build compounds with desirable properties, such as increased potency, selectivity, and good pharmacokinetic profiles, in order to maximise the potential of therapeutic candidates. The difficulties in processing and analysing SAR data may be solved

by artificial intelligence. AI methods like deep learning and machine learning can be used to automatically extract useful information from SAR data. One of the biggest obstacles to the timely collecting of comprehensive environmental data on each compound is the sheer amount of synthetic organic compounds that are now in production. The idea of structure-biodegradability relationships, or SBR, has been used to explain why organic compounds in the environment vary in their persistence. Earlier attempts usually involved using a complicated "universal" inoculum, usually derived from multiple sources, to study the degradation of a homologous series of structurally related substances under the same conditions. Using this method, it was possible to determine how the positions and types of substituents affected the apparent biodegradability of various chemical classes. This led to the identification of broad themes, such as the general conferment of persistence under aerobic conditions by halogens. This paper introduces the ChemSAR web-based pipelining framework for creating small chemical SAR classification models. ChemSAR can be used to validate and standardise chemical structure representation, compute 783 1D/2D molecular descriptors and ten commonly used fingerprint types for small molecules, filter features, generate predictive models through a job submission process that is step-by-step, interpret models in terms of feature importance and tree visualisation, and generate reports. The outcomes can be downloaded as local files and shown as excellent plots.

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Novo Drug Design: By utilising generative models and reinforcement learning, artificial intelligence algorithms can suggest new chemical compounds that bear similarities to pharmaceuticals. AI broadens the range of chemical possibilities by incorporating data from experimental studies and chemical libraries, which makes it easier to discover ground-breaking treatment ideas. There are two main de novo drug design methodologies: structure-based and ligand-based design. Receptor three-dimensional structures are often obtained using electron microscopy, NMR, or X-ray crystallography. The job of creating new medications is difficult and complex, made more so by the continually changing needs in global health. One method that shows promise for quickening and improving this process is de novo drug design. A paradigm change has been sparked by the recent development of Generative Artificial Intelligence

(AI) algorithms, which enable the quick and semi-automate generation and optimisation of drug-like compounds. The influence of de novo drug creation is examined in this review, which also highlights the promising development of Active Learning (AL) and both conventional and recently proposed generative algorithms. It lays particular focus on their use in the development of cancer drugs, where there is a pressing demand for innovative therapeutic agents. The possible fusion of these AI technologies with well-established experimental and computational techniques portends.

Although artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to have a big impact on de novo drug discovery, it's crucial to take a balanced approach to both its present status and its future possibilities. To fully realise AI's promise in this subject, it is imperative that the issues listed in this review be addressed. Although we expect AI to enhance the efficacy and efficiency of drug development, it's critical to understand that these developments will be slow and dependent upon overcoming substantial obstacles.

Although the use of AI in medication creation seems to have a bright future, there are still many unknowns in this field. Advances in algorithmic complexity and range of applications are expected, although they will probably encounter difficulties in overcoming the existing constraints. It is envisaged that AI will both complement and improve conventional drug creation techniques as the area develops. Notwithstanding, this progression necessitates a meticulous and deliberate methodology, guaranteeing that emerging technologies are resilient, dependable, and genuinely advantageous in the pursuit of innovative therapeutic remedies.

Notable modifications in drug design have been brought about by AI approaches, including increased algorithmic efficiency and the discovery of novel chemical spaces. It's important to remember that these developments are still in their early phases. Although the use of AI in medication creation seems to have a bright future, there are still many unknowns in this field.

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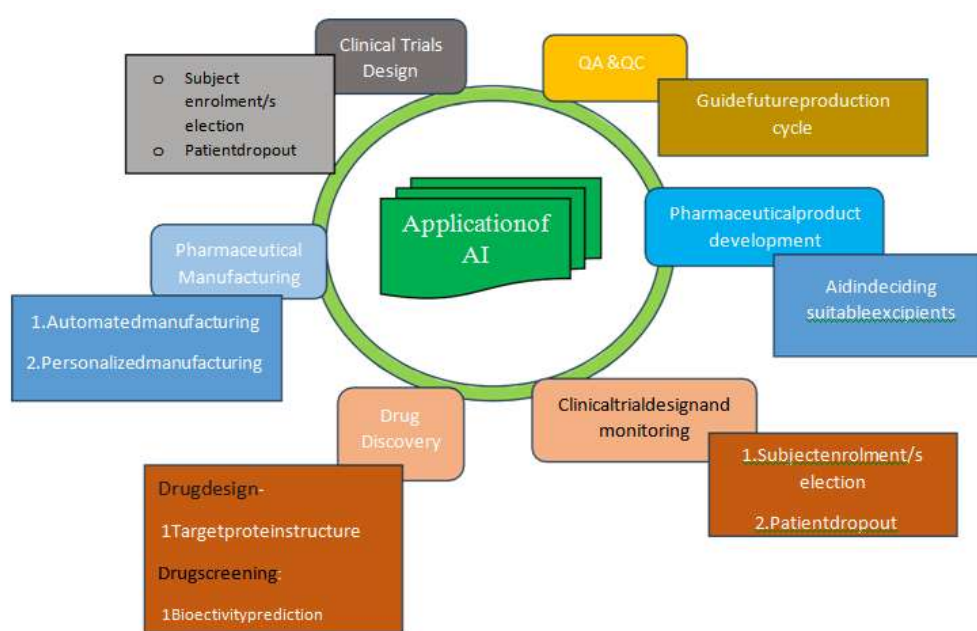
Optimizing Drug Candidate: Artificial intelligence algorithms possess the ability to evaluate and improve medication candidates by taking into account multiple aspects, including pharmacokinetics, safety, and efficacy. With the use of this computational method, researchers can optimise therapeutic compounds to maximise their efficacy and reduce the possibility of adverse consequences. Drug candidates' physicochemical characteristics, such as their solubility, bioavailability, and toxicity, can be predicted by AI algorithms. By concentrating on compounds with a higher possibility of success, this helps to optimise drug development by cutting costs and time. Artificial intelligence (AI) in medicine refers to the application of AI techniques, algorithms, and technologies in healthcare. It entails the analysis, decision-making, and execution of tasks that are typically carried out by human healthcare professionals using computer systems and specialised software. By utilising ML, NLP, and other AI techniques, medical AI seeks to increase the precision, efficacy, and efficiency of medical diagnosis, treatment, and patient care. Medical image analysis, medication discovery, customised treatment planning, illness diagnosis and prediction, virtual health assistants, electronic health record management, and patient monitoring are just a few of the many fields in which artificial intelligence (AI) is being applied. AI systems can help healthcare personnel make more informed decisions, identify patterns, and forecast patient outcomes by analysing large volumes of patient data and medical literature. This can improve patient care and medical results. Artificial intelligence (AI) in medicine is developing quickly and having an impact on fields including remote patient monitoring, virtual health aides, and medication discovery. It is anticipated that the application of AI-driven technologies would enhance medical diagnosis, illness prevention, and treatment results, ultimately resulting in a healthcare system that is more patient-centric and effective. Along with individualised treatment plans, virtual health assistants, and diagnostic support, drug discovery and development fall within the field of virtual applications. Applications of virtual AI help medical personnel diagnose patients more

quickly and accurately. Medical imaging data, including X-rays, CT scans, and MRI pictures, can be analysed by AI algorithms to find anomalies and help in early disease identification [6].

This capacity results in a far lower possibility of misdiagnosis and improves patient outcomes. Artificial intelligence (AI) is powerful because it can process and analyse vast amounts of medical data and identify trends that people might not see right away. AI can assist in enhancing the precision of diagnoses and creating individualised treatment regimens in this way. DL algorithms, in particular, can spot irregularities or possible

Drug Repurposing: One prominent use of AI in drug research is the identification of authorised medications with therapeutic potential for various disorders through the analysis of large biological data. AI lowers costs and speeds up the drug research process through this repurposing process. AI lowers costs and speeds up the drug research process through this repurposing. When it comes to serious, common conditions for which there are still few effective treatments, drug repurposing to find novel therapeutic applications

for approved medications is an appealing alternative to the expensive and time-consuming process of new drug development alone. In many respects, COVID-19 has been seen as a generational problem. However, it also acts as a spark for group efforts, creativity, and learning. Among these advancements are the realisation of artificial intelligence's (AI) full potential for drug development and the structured determination of unknown proteins. AI may be used to anticipate the structure of infectious proteins, find medications that would work well to target these proteins, and suggest novel chemical compounds for additional investigation as possible therapeutics. AI and machine learning (ML) enable the quick development of new medications as well as the repurposing of old ones. The search for new or authorised antiviral medications that could suppress SARS-CoV-2 was done using algorithms. This study provides an overview of the AI and ML techniques being employed.



Designing new molecules & planning synthesis with AI

The generating model and the activity prediction model excluded experimentally verified actives, however the model produced structures of which >95% were projected to be active.

Although the task of predicting dopamine activity is rather simple, this study showcased the capacity to produce molecules on its own and then gain knowledge by evaluating them against a model for prediction. The most suspicion regarding artificial intelligence

in medicinal chemistry pertains to the planning of chemical synthesis. This is understandable given that: retrosynthesis is a highly regarded, creative process requiring a great deal of chemical knowledge; and automated rule-based methods for forward reaction prediction lack the chemical intelligence required to provide reliable results and a wide coverage. The development of DNN techniques for synthesis prediction may provide an upgrade [25]. The next crucial step in understanding how AI may benefit medicinal chemistry and to concentrate AI innovation is the experimental validation of AI on actual drug development projects, both in competition with and enhancing traditional human-led procedures. During this phase, funding and resources must be allocated, especially to the quick production of chemicals found by AI design. Although there is an excellent argument being made for using AI in every phase of drug discovery, lead generation is the area we are currently concentrating on. In order to create predictive models, we use our extensive historical collection of pertinent physicochemical, absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion (ADME), and in vitro toxicological data. In this phase, the optimisation of molecules is primarily driven by in vitro properties. Combining this advancement in automated chemical synthesis planning with others might potentially reduce the time needed to synthesise target compound clusters from any location in chemical space. Through this paradigm AI exploration can be propelled by enough data to make further design iterations with high confidence. Notable recent advancements have been made in automating chemistry [26]. Despite our suggestion that a far larger effort be placed on tackling the difficulties of automating three- to five-step synthesis encompassing significant medicinal chemistry reaction classes, considering the enormous breadth of drug-like and chemical synthesis reactionspace [27]. It is reasonable to believe that people will wish to maintain control over the compounds that enter synthesis, as compound synthesis is still the step that determines the rate at which in vitro properties are optimised. In contrast, Delaney's study implies that existing medical and agricultural initiatives are functioning at the level of a self-avoiding stroll, with the exciting prospect that having algorithms in control now may actually be more efficient [28]. Perhaps while we don't think many projects would be prepared to give up this much control right now, the research shows that system control of medicinal

chemistry may be feasible and perhaps beneficial if automated synthesis can be widely implemented

Artificial intelligence and structure-based modelling using QSAR

In the more than 50 years since its start, QSAR/QSPR modelling has advanced significantly [42]. These computer models have had a significant impact on drug development, as demonstrated by their ability to accurately predict biological activity and pharmacokinetic parameters, such as toxicity, distribution, metabolism, and excretion [43,44]. The structural characteristics of molecules (such as pharmacophore distribution, physicochemical properties, and functional groups) are often translated into machine-readable numbers using these so-called molecular descriptors for ligand-based QSAR/QSPR modelling [45]. Many current concepts, such as self-organizing maps, recurrent systems for sequence and time-series analysis, autoencoders, and deep and adaptive network designs, were invented during the first boom of artificial neural networks in chemoinformatics in the 1990s [46,47]. Deep networks' most significant discovery may have come from their 2012 victory in the Merck Molecular Activity Challenge [48]. Deep learning techniques provide several benefits, albeit there is some debate about whether the latter kind of models perform better than other strategies (such as gradient boosting machines) [49]. When the same collection of descriptors is used [50]. Applying deep architecture to multitask learning [51,52] presents another potential benefit. Multitask learning seeks to identify a shared internal representation that serves a group of related endpoints; this is not to be confused with multi output learning, which does not specifically utilise related information between the tasks to be learned. Multitask learning may make better use of correlated data in typical situations when a chemical library is not fully evaluated on all endpoints of interest and without the requirement for previous imputation, since drug development is a multiparameter optimisation issue [53]. Aiming to link a collection of predetermined chemical descriptors to observable endpoints, the concept of multi-output QSAR modelling has been investigated prior to the increasing use of deep learning techniques [54,55].

Preclinical drug research with artificial intelligence

Preclinical research focuses on studies related to toxicity, pharmacokinetics, and non-clinical

pharmacology. Toxicological and pharmacokinetic research depend on a drug's ADMET and physicochemical characteristics [30,31]. The costly drug development phase will fail due to the inappropriate qualities of drug candidates [32]. Assessing the pertinent qualities of medication candidates early on helps reduce the failure rate and loss of clinical trials.

1. Prediction of physicochemical properties:

The success of a medicine entering the market will be greatly influenced by the ADMET qualities of a drug candidate, which can be directly influenced by its physicochemical features [33,34]. The aqueous solubility of a molecule is influenced by the ionisation constant (pKa), the fundamental parameter that underlies features like solubility and the octanol-water distribution coefficient (logD). This might have an impact on the drug formulation process.

Furthermore, the charge state of the compounds has a significant impact on the ADMET of compounds at various pH levels [35]. The promising properties of lead compounds, even though they may not always translate into successful drug designs, serve as a source of inspiration for drug design. Nevertheless, because it is difficult to measure the physical properties of small molecules directly, accurate prediction of their properties helps refine small molecules' structural optimisation until the desired properties are achieved. Certain physicochemical features, such as lipophilicity [36], or water solubility [37], are the emphasis of certain methods for predicting the physicochemical properties of molecules, whilst other methods predict many physicochemical properties simultaneously [38]. One of the models used an NLP technique to create embedding vectors based on small molecule SMILES for the second challenge, which involved predicting aqueous solubility. These vectors were then fed into the transformer model to predict molecular water solubility [39].

2. Forecasting features associated to ADMET

The majority of clinical trial failures are frequently attributed to insufficient ADMET drug studies rather than a lack of specific efficacy. The "absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion (ADME)" portion of ADMET frequently establishes whether a medication will find its way to the target protein in vivo as well as which protein will carry or process the medication [40,41]. In the early stages of drug discovery,

hundreds of compounds are awaiting evaluation for potential ADMET characteristics; it would be costly and time-consuming to confirm each one through lengthy animal trials. As a result, there has been widespread adoption of using AI to quickly and reliably predict the ADMET characteristics of medications.

Diagnosis of diseases using AI

AI is completely changing how medical professionals recognise, treat, and manage illnesses. In order to identify diseases in their early stages, AI algorithms can quickly examine huge databases of clinical symptoms and laboratory test findings. Early identification enables prompt containment and intervention efforts to stop the spread of the disease. This section focuses on the latest developments in the detection of both communicable illnesses made possible by AI. AI-powered diagnostic tools can identify infectious pathogens with a high degree of sensitivity and accuracy, which reduces the likelihood of making the wrong diagnosis and performing unnecessary medical procedures. This leads to better outcomes for patients.

Pulmonary hypertension:

A complicated cardiovascular condition called pulmonary hypertension is typified by elevated pressure in the pulmonary arteries, which reduces blood flow to the lungs. Early detection of hypertension is essential for early intervention to avoid negative consequences. Chest X-ray photographs of patients with various forms of pulmonary hypertension as well as healthy individuals are used to train the model. The AUROC is estimated to be 0.945. Their model was able to achieve an accuracy of 86.14% in distinguishing between various forms of pulmonary hypertension.

Alzheimer's disease:

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a type of brain neurodegenerative illness. The difficulty in diagnosing AD is one reason why there isn't a simple, affordable screening technique for the disease. The diagnosis of AD frequently depends on invasive testing that are usually only performed in specific clinical situations. Early AD detection was made easier by a technological advancement in imaging, specifically fluorine-18-fluorodeoxyglucose positron emission tomography (PET) of the brain. The AI model created for this work is referred to as "end-to-end" as it includes every step of the procedure,

beginning with the analysis of unprocessed speech recordings and ending with AD predictions. Because the AI system handles feature extraction and pre-processing inside a single framework, this method does away with the need for separate human stages.

Cancer:

The primary procedures for cancer diagnosis are those using clinical imaging. A online tool called "AI Dermatologist" uses deep learning to identify skin cancer from photos. The user's uploaded photograph can be used by the program to identify skin cancer. Even on the basis of asymmetry, boundaries, colour, diameter, and change over time, it may distinguish between benign and malignant tumours. The AI dermatologist's sensitivity in identifying malignant cells from body scans was 87%. Usually, microscopic analyses of the tissues are used to make the first diagnosis of skin cancer. In order to identify the optimal model architectures for deciphering various patterns and characteristics from radiological pictures, the tool is continuously being developed. The development of Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technology has produced extensive information on individual genomes and allowed for the collecting of enormous volumes of data. It might take a few days or weeks. Deep learning models and other AI-based models have opened a new area of study in turning this "big data" into fresh and relevant knowledge. Numerous aspects of genomic analysis, including gene annotation, genotype-phenotype correlations, consanguinity disorders, mutation studies, cancer detection, biomarker discovery, gene function prediction, and variant calling, have benefited from the application of AI technology.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a fascinating and promising field of study that has the potential to revolutionise the drug development process. This is due to the increased interest and attention from researchers, pharmaceutical firms, and regulatory agencies, as well as the potential advantages of AI.

Future directions and challenges:

A number of massive compound data sources have been created as a result of the rapid emergence of quicker and more affordable technologies and advances in processing power. This requires the application of many AI and machine learning techniques at different phases of the drug discovery process in order to extract medicinal knowledge from massive amounts of "big" data.

Designing and finding novel compounds, as well as further optimising them, has been spurred by the insights gained from using these AI algorithms in big data. By automating and personalising the procedure and confirming the importance of big data, this method has advanced the drug discovery process. Along with a boom in startups and AI-based research and development firms, artificial intelligence is having an increasing impact on the

academic and pharmaceutical sectors. In order to find preclinical candidates, an AI-based computational pipeline can screen virtual chemical libraries more quickly than the conventional high throughput screening methods. In addition to drug screening, artificial intelligence (AI) techniques are used in a variety of phases of the drug discovery cycle, including patient recruitment and surveillance, physical property prediction, bioactivity, toxicity of the compounds, ADME characteristics, and protein structure prediction. Aside from the diverse uses of AI-based technology, there are still certain obstacles and restrictions that must be addressed. The success of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies depends on how easily and frequently people can access data. Better data curation and administration, as well as user-friendly online portals, are necessary to meet the various "V" aspects of big data, which include volume, velocity, variety, and volatility. To extract meaningful information, trustworthy and well-curated data is therefore necessary. The absence of sufficient curated data and data accessibility can prove to be a barrier, despite the fact that AI technology is gradually revolutionising the drug development

process through quicker drug design methodologies and lower failure rates. Additional stages in rate limiting include the challenge of quickly and continuously updating the software that is now accessible in accordance with the format of the generated data and the most recent algorithm. Furthermore, it is difficult to find qualified workers for the full-fledged operation of AI-based drug discovery systems. Certain features of machine learning techniques, such as predicting conformational changes in proteins and the binding affinity between medicinal molecules and targets, continue to be thoroughly investigated despite their widespread use and advancements. Deep learning is only constrained by the quantity and quality of the data since it needs vast amounts of data. Therefore, a more effective strategy for resolving this issue may be the quick transfer of learning technology development. Even

if these cutting-edge methods demonstrated excellent performance and prediction accuracy, deep learning is still a "black box" method whose exact mechanism of problem-solving is still unknown. Furthermore, even though artificial intelligence (AI) technologies and massive data sources have greatly accelerated the medication discovery process, trials must still be completed before the treatments are authorised. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, artificial intelligence (AI) has revolutionised the field of drug discovery, and given its growing popularity, it will probably soon establish itself as a vital instrument in the pharmaceutical industry's quest for new medications and their targets [56].

II. RESULT & DISCUSSION

Predicting the toxicity and efficacy of possible therapeutic molecules is one of the main uses of AI in medicinal chemistry. Conventional drug development methods frequently depend on labor-intensive and time-consuming experiments to evaluate a compound's possible effects on the human body. AI is used in drug discovery to optimise leads, identify targets, and plan clinical trials. It contributes to more effective and efficient drug discovery by accelerating overall drug development, identifying prospective therapeutic targets, and predicting drug attributes through the analysis of enormous datasets. AI can be used to anticipate protein-drug interactions, virtually screen and optimise molecules, and evaluate their bioactivities. AI can assist in virtual screening by creating predictive models that can recognise substances that have a high likelihood of attaching to a target protein. Predicting the toxicity and efficacy of possible therapeutic molecules is one of the main uses of AI in medicinal chemistry. Traditional drug development methods frequently depend on labor-intensive and time-consuming experiments to evaluate a compound's possible effects on the human body. Artificial intelligence (AI) has become ubiquitous in many fields, such as research and the pharmaceutical business, where it has been effectively applied to find novel chemical entities with desired features. AI algorithms' application to drug research offers both incredible prospects and difficulties. The Artificial Intelligence for Structure-Based Drug Discovery programme facilitates knowledge sharing between scientists in the industry who want to use machine learning techniques that leverage molecular structure to

produce better drugs and researchers at Stanford University who are developing novel machine learning methods.

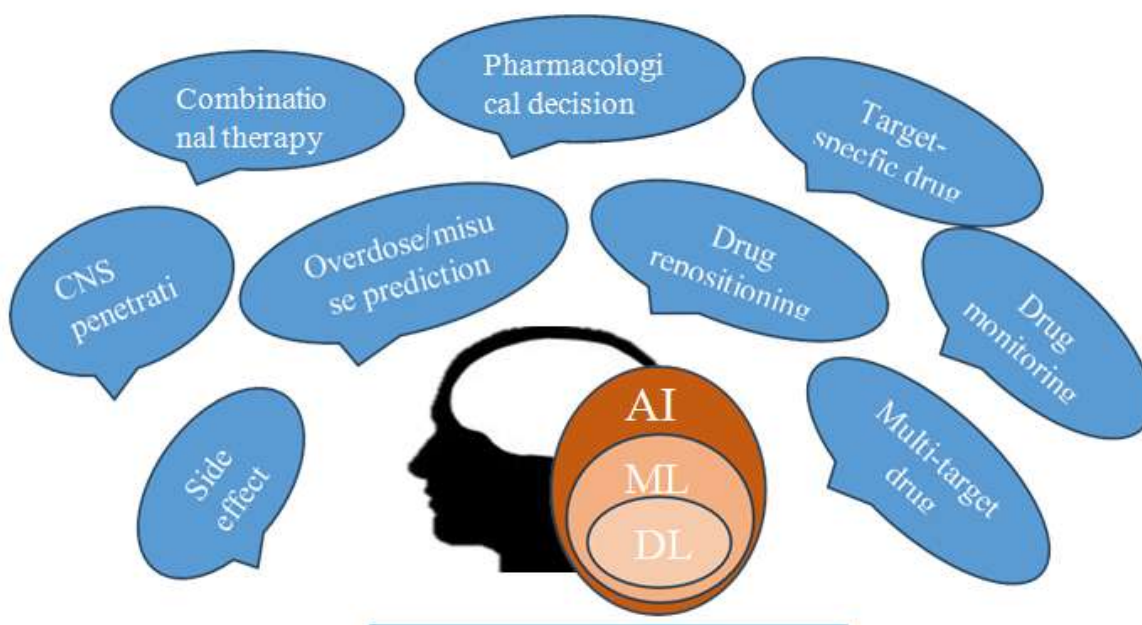
These data are utilised for the system's subsequent training, the availability of a significant volume of data is essential to AI's overall effectiveness. A business may have to pay more for access to data from many database providers, and for accurate result prediction, the data must also be dependable and of good quality. The lack of trained personnel to run AI-based platforms, small businesses' limited funding, concerns about AI replacing humans and creating job losses, scepticism about the data generated by AI, and the "black box" phenomenon (i.e., the conclusions drawn by the

AI platform) are additional obstacles preventing the full-fledged adoption of AI in the pharmaceutical industry. But, considering that AI is already replacing monotonous tasks and freeing up human intelligence to be employed in the development of more complex insights and creative endeavours, the worry of unemployment may be unfounded. Pharmaceutical companies want clarity on the ability of AI technology to solve issues when it is put into practice as well as knowledge of the realistic objectives that can be met. The full potential of the AI platform may be utilised by highly qualified data scientists, software developers with a solid understanding of AI technology, and a clear grasp of the business aim and R&D goal of the enterprise.

The development of AI and its amazing tools continuously tries to lessen the difficulties experienced by pharmaceutical firms, which has an impact on both the medication development process and the product's entire lifetime. This could account for the rise in the number of start-ups in this industry. The rising cost of medications and treatments is only one of the many complicated issues the healthcare industry is currently facing. As a result, society needs to make some very big adjustments in this area. Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be used in pharmaceutical manufacturing to create customised drugs with the right dose, release parameters, and other necessary elements based on each patient's needs. The rising cost of medications and treatments is only one of the many complicated issues the healthcare industry is currently facing. As a result, society needs to make some very big adjustments in this area. Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be used in pharmaceutical manufacturing to create customised drugs with the right dose, release

parameters, and other necessary elements based on each patient's needs. The primary concern surrounding the integration of these technologies is the potential loss of jobs and the stringent laws required to integrate artificial intelligence. But the goal of these technologies isn't to fully replace people; rather, they're just meant to make tasks easier. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has the potential to facilitate the identification of hit compounds quickly and easily. It can also suggest synthesis pathways for these molecules, forecast the necessary chemical structure, and provide insights on drug-target interactions and their SAR. AI can also significantly aid in the optimisation and continued integration of the developed medication

in the appropriate dosage form. Furthermore, AI can facilitate prompt decision-making, which can expedite the production of higher-quality products and ensure batch-to-batch consistency. By conducting thorough market research and prediction, AI can also help determine the product's safety and effectiveness in clinical trials and guarantee appropriate pricing and positioning in the marketplace. While there aren't any medications on the market right now that were created using AI-based techniques, and there are still some obstacles to overcome before this technology is widely used, it is expected that AI in the near future turn into a priceless instrument in the pharmaceutical sector.



III. CONCLUSION

The pharmaceutical industry has experienced enormous progress in a number of critical sectors since the introduction of artificial intelligence. Artificial intelligence plays a key role in finding viable therapies for life-threatening and chronic illnesses including diabetes, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's, OCD, and others that were previously difficult to treat with current methods. An AI-based strategy is also particularly helpful in the COVID-19 epidemic, where it is essential to find and develop drugs more quickly. In the near future, almost all pharmaceutical businesses will surely work with an AI-based company, which will drive the pharmaceutical sector to unprecedented heights. We believe that interpretable AI tools and active learning algorithms will play a major role in

the next ten years of AI-based drug development. These tools will gradually improve workflow and generate interpretable concepts that scientists can track, assess, and understand throughout the entire drug development process. Empirical implementations of AI/ML demonstration are essential for revolutionising the drug research and development process pipeline and enhancing human decision-making capabilities. Deep learning in AI has been widely used to speed up the identification of important drugs using Computer-Aided Drug identification (CADD) techniques. I've quickly reviewed the most current research findings in the field of artificial intelligence's application to the drug discovery and development process in this mini-review. The availability of high-quality data, the resolution of

ethical issues, and the understanding of the limits of AI-based methods are all necessary for the effective application of AI in drug discovery. Promising approaches for getting beyond the difficulties and restrictions of AI in drug discovery include the use of explainable AI, data augmentation, and integration with conventional experimental techniques.

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