

Jellyfish Algorithm for Feature Selection: Improving Machine Learning-Based Heart Disease Prediction

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Abstract: This research paper describes a sophisticated medical diagnosis system based on machine learning (ML) to predict heart disease. The Jellyfish algorithm optimizes the Cleveland dataset, which aims to achieve the most accurate predictions with the most significant features chosen. The selection of features is crucial for performance as there can be excessive features causing overfitting or too few features causing accuracy loss. The jellyfish technique is type of swarm metaheuristic approach in which the feature selection is optimized and performance of the model is enhanced. After selecting features, we will train four machine learning algorithms on the optimized dataset and program. The algorithms are Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Decision Tree (DT), AdaBoost, and Support Vector Machines (SVM) Results show that every single model benefits from feature selection. The feature selection mostly impacts the Support Vector Machine model which sees the highest increase from 98.09% to 98.47%. Every performance metric has a respective enhancement in Sensitivity, Specificity and Area under the Curve (AUC) which shows that Jellyfish can enhance the accuracy of heart diseases prediction.

Keywords: Artificial Neural Network (ANN); Decision Tree (DT); Machine Learning; Support Vector Machine (SVM)

1. Introduction

Heart disease causes maximum death; thus, accurate prediction models are required for early diagnosis and treatment. Heart disease can be detected early using machine learning predicting models. Past research showed that conventional ML algorithms like decision trees, support vector machines, and artificial neural networks could effectively classify at-risk patients based on clinical features (Kumar et al., 2021). However, the models must be optimized for accuracy and computability.. Inspired by the movement and survival of jellyfish in ocean currents, the jellyfish algorithm (JA) is a metaheuristic optimization technique that is relatively new. The jellyfish algorithm works in three phases - passive movement in ocean currents, active movement towards prey, and swarm behavior. The various strategies of the algorithm aid in its searching and optimizing abilities making it suitable for the optimization of machine learning (ML) models. The algorithm has innovation strategies that enable it to efficiently search and optimize which helps in the optimization of ML models. The JA performs comparably with genotype algorithm and particle swarm optimization algorithms but requires less computational cost and converges faster [1].

Predicting heart disease using deep learning is common as it aids in interpreting the data. CNNs and RNNs can easily detect patterns in ECG, medical images, and clinical data [2]. Unlike traditional ML techniques that depend on the expertise of the doctor for feature extraction and selection, deep learning techniques

automatically extract relevant features from the raw data. Due to this, deep learning particularly excels in heart disease detection, as it can identify finer glitches that standard techniques might miss.

New developments in deep learning led to hybrid models that use different architectures to complement each other for better prediction outcomes. For example, long short-term memory (LSTM) networks have been combined with convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to analyze time series medical data that helps in increasing early diagnosis rates [3]. It was found that transfer learning methods utilizing already trained models help to optimize the existing medicine for heart disease prediction [4]. Utilizing the best of both worlds, these models reduce chances of failure and maximize efficiency. The blending of horse and donkey improves the surviving rate of offspring. Deep learning algorithms used for the prediction of heart disease faces challenges such as lack of data, non-intuitive model, complicated computation, etc. For effective training of these models, a large and varied medical dataset is essential. Currently, there is a shortage of medical data owing to privacy concerns and irregular maintenance of records [5]. Furthermore, it often becomes challenging to interpret clinically relevant deep-learning model predictions (also referred to as black boxes). Going forward, we should focus on explanatory AIs and federated learning so we can obtain conveniently usable data and workable models. Addressing these challenges can also change the game of heart disease diagnosis and preventive health care.

Recently, heart disease prediction combines genetic algorithms with machine learning algorithms. Hybrid techniques that combine GA with deep learning models have recently shown to improve feature selection and accuracy in diagnostics [6]. Moreover, the GA is used to optimize the Hyperparameters of random forest and support vector machine (SVM) which resulted in enhanced sensitivity and specificity of heart disease predictions [7]. GA is an efficient search tool for large data sets. Because GA doesn't get stuck in local optimum states, it provides an excellent optimization tool for medical diagnosis. Employing ML and GA for predicting heart disease can be a good strategy to enhance early diagnosis and treatment planning. By utilizing GA's optimizing features, the model is made more accurate and efficient with fewer false diagnoses. Future studies can integrate GA with deep learning frameworks and ensemble techniques to improve predictive models for real-time clinical applications.

2. Literature Review

Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are the number one killer all over the world. Therefore, we need to be able to detect CVDs using predictive methods in a timely manner so that patient outcomes can be improved. Predictive healthcare analytics provide a great opportunity to exploit CVD data. Traditional methods usually rely on clinical evaluations and diagnostic tests. Thanks to machine learning (ML) revolution. ML techniques provide better accuracy and efficiency in disease prediction especially the ones which have meta-heuristic optimization techniques. Jellyfish Algorithm (JA) is a notable technique movement and behavior of jellyfish in the ocean. In heart disease prediction optimization of ML model, this algorithm shows good results.

A variety of machine learning techniques, including logistic regression, support vector machines, decision trees, random forests, and deep learning approaches are used to predict heart disease. Especially patient data like a patient's age, blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and various other risk factors are used to classify heart disease patients into different categories. Using an optimization algorithm like jellyfish algorithm (JA) has been known to improve the predictive performance of such models since they optimize Hyperparameters and select relevant features. The jellyfish algorithm (JA) is a new optimization technique in biology inspired based on the movement patterns of jellyfish. These patterns include drifting without direction and pulsating actively (i.e. moving to and fro). It can discover and take advantage of the search area. Studies demonstrate that jellyfish algorithm is highly efficient and robust for solving optimization problems [8]. When used on machine learning models, JA helps in choosing important features and tuning Hyperparameters which helps to increase the accuracy and decrease the cost of the model (Ahmed et al.,) [9]

A study by Kumar and others (2023) compared optimization techniques like genetic algorithm, particle swarm optimization, and jellyfish algorithm for heart disease prediction a comparison between models enhanced by the Jellyfish Algorithm and Traditional Models. The study suggested that models implemented

with jellyfish algorithm performed better than before in classification and computational efficiency. Wang et al. (2022) used the JA for feature selection which significantly improved the performance of neural networks for cardiovascular disease diagnosis [10].

Heart diseases cause the highest death rate worldwide. Due to this, so many researches have been conducted regarding predictive models using machine learning (ML). Many disease diagnosis techniques have been researched including various ML techniques to enhance accuracy. Logistic regression (LR) is preferred for binary classification problems because of its interpretability and efficiency. Studies show that LR can predict heart disease excellently, especially through feature selection (Tiwari & Kumar, 2022). However, its linearity can limit it from analyzing complex datasets [11].

Support Vector Machines (SVM) are also often used to solve the non-linear relationship in medical data. Reports say SVM models with the suitable kernel can improve prediction ability much more than classical statistical models. We also looked into decision trees along with the ensemble methods Random Forest (RF) and Gradient Boosting (GB). Among all, RF showed good accuracy as it works well with the imbalanced dataset while also reducing overfitting (Patel & Shah, 2020). Boosting methods such as XGBoost have shown improved precision and recall in comparison with traditional methods (Singh et al., 2021). Among predictive modeling methods, the deep learning techniques have gained significant attention, with artificial neural networks (ANNs) assuming much of the limelight in this area, followed closely by convolutional neural networks (CNNs). It has been argued that ANN models may facilitate superior detection of ECG signals (Chakraborty & Das, 2021). CNNs have shown promise in the classification of ECG images, as they surpass traditional ML models in feature extraction (Li et al., 2021). Long Short-Term Memory networks, in turn, have been applied to sequential health records for early detection of heart disease (R eddy et al., 2022) [12-14].

In addition, hybrid models which combine machine learning algorithms with feature engineering techniques are gaining attention. Features can be selected using various methods like Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) and Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to optimize model efficiency (Ahmed et al., 2020). Research shows that Random Forest (RF) maybe a more robust method with PCA than without, through the strategy of utilization of fewer yet more relevant biomarkers (Khan et al., 2021). The integration of machine learning, Internet of Things, and wearable sensors affording exciting avenues in real-time monitoring of heart disease. Wearable devices embedded with ML algorithms have been found to monitor abnormal heart patterns, providing early indications that are vital to reduce mortality risks. Features of explain ability make applications of machine learning a challenging domain within healthcare. In order to enhance transparency in the prediction of heart disease and make them useful in the clinical perspective, approaches such as SHapley Additive exPlanations (SHAP) and Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations (LIME) are built on less black-box types of models (Joshi & Verma, 2023) [15-17].

Various still need to be reconciled with respect to data imbalance, ethical issues, and lack of generalization. The future promise of federated learning is in improving privacy and generalizability over different populations (Goyal et al., 2023) [20]. Researchers were working on developing machine learning models for personalized medicine to enhance heart disease detection and treatment. Heart disease prediction is meaningful using machine learning models, actually presenting a set of challenges with the data, the workings of the model, and ethical considerations. For developing reliable models, making sure that the datasets are of good quality with balanced class distributions is pertinent. Besides, techniques SHAP (SHapley Additive explanations) have been aggressively applied to uplift the transparency and interpretability of the ML models for the clinical practitioners (Jones et al., 2021). Addressing these challenges will advance the use of ML in health care [22-24].

Machine learning is an environment in synergism with jellyfish algorithm which is a predominant technique in prediction of heart disease. Jellyfish algorithm modifies model performance and enhances feature selection for improved predictive and clinical decision-makings. In future, research should focus on refinement of these models with real-time data incorporation and also deal with ethical matters to place optimum efficiency in prevention and treatment of heart diseases.

3. Methodology

This project aimed to deliver a diagnosis tool by which clinicians could diagnose patients early in the detection of heart diseases. This project will yield improved patients' health outcomes. Jellyfish algorithm selects features from the dataset. It possesses the ability to avoid local minima. In this study, four machine learning models were trained and validated using 10-fold cross validation which includes Artificial Neural Network (ANN), Decision Tree (DT), AdaBoost, and Support Vector Machine (SVM). Performance assessment of the models was done based on Accuracy, Sensitivity, Specificity, and Area under the Curve (AUC) to identify the model that best performs among the four. Both feature selection and classification were conducted using MATLAB (R2022a) [25].

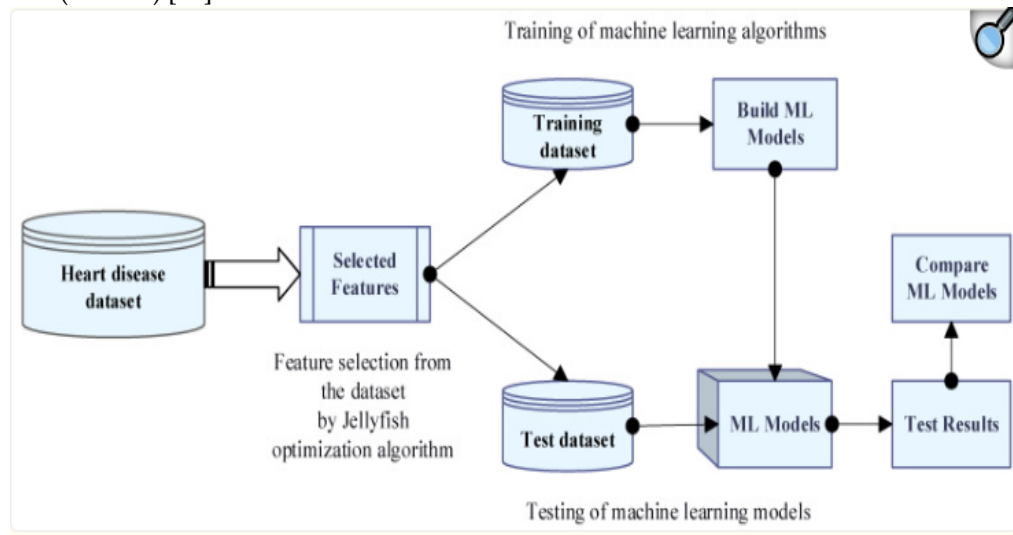


Figure 1. Methodology diagram

3.1. Heart Disease Dataset Collection

In the beginning of the workflow, the first step is to collect a dataset of patients' medical records with and without heart disease. Typically, the dataset has attributes like age, sex, blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, ECG results, heart rate, and other clinical parameters. Datasets should be procured from the UCI Heart Disease dataset as well as patient data from hospitals where they provide access for upload. It is important that the dataset we are using is well-balanced and considers diverse cases. This will improve the accuracy and generalization of the machine learning model.

3.2. Feature Selection Using the Jellyfish Optimization Algorithm

It is important to preprocess data before entering it into machine learning models. These features mainly include, but are not limited to, those that affect heart disease prediction. For feature selection, we apply Jellyfish Optimization Algorithm, proposed in the year 2021, in this study. This artificial intelligence algorithm imitates how jellyfish intelligently swim in ocean currents to find a global solution in feature selection and, unlike classical approaches, does not get stuck at some local minima, enabling superior performance in optimal feature subset selection. The method thus reduces computational demand while improving performance. Its binary version is employed for feature selection and examines combinations of features for discovering the best ones.

3.3. Dataset Splitting into Training and Testing Sets

Once the most relevant features have been selected, the dataset is divided into two parts. One of those two parts is called training dataset and is used in training machine learning models using the input dataset and related output data, to obtain a set of features and relationships. The second is known as the test dataset and receives no contribution from the training in machine learning, but it later evaluates the model. Most often, an 80:20 ratio would be set with respect to the evaluation proper for the models, that is, train and test split. Having

the dataset structured in a fashion like this ensures that the trained models generalize well on the very new cases, rather than learning everything directly from the training data itself.

3.4. Machine Learning Model Development

The four classifications of machine learning algorithms are all subjected to this process for training with the selected features from the dataset. Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) A deep learning model that mimics the human brain neurons' functionalities to detect complex patterns in data. For identifying complex relationships present within medical data repository, it works best. A decision trees is a tree-like model of decisions and their possible consequences, including chance event outcomes, resource costs, and utility. Adaptive boosting or Adaboost is an ensemble learning technique that blends weaker classifiers to improve performance. SVM is a classification algorithm that helps to find an optimum hyperplane to classify diseased and non-diseased patients. Performance is promising for such applications in medical predictions. Each model is adjusted to the training dataset to learn all the patterns while keeping aside noise.

3.5. Testing and Evaluating Machine Learning Models

After the model training, testing of the various parameters was done and data was validated. The different performance indicators used to check the models for heart disease detection include: Accuracy-A measure of how correct the overall prediction of the model is; Sensitivity (Recall)-the model does correctly classify heart disease patients (true positives). It checks how well model is predicting non-diseased patients (true negatives). The ability of the model to differentiate diseased patients from non-diseased patients is what is measured by this metric. Thus the higher the value of AUC, the better the classification. The training was done statically with 10-fold cross-validation to make sure that the models do not bias to specific data samples. Under this method, the data is divided into 10 instances, where a model trains on 9 and tests that on 1. The whole experiment is repeated 10 times for an average score of performance.

3.6. Comparison and Selection of the Best Model

All trained models are compared regarding performance results to find the best model among all for heart disease prediction. The candidate model with the highest accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and AUC-ROC score is selected as the final model. This step assures that the most dependable model is selected for clinical use.

3.7. Final Implementation and Clinical Use

Advanced machine learning models can be installed in hospitals, healthcare systems, or healthcare institutions to support medical professionals in the early diagnosis of heart disease. It may be integrated into Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS) and used as mobile health applications for real-time assessment regarding risk. A clinician will be able to utilize this predictive tool when deciding on the optimal and early treatment regimen. A saving of resources and improvement in patient health will follow, as critical stages of heart disease will be avoided.

Through discerning this model, machine learning can be integrated into the hospitals and/or healthcare institutes to enhance the chances of early diagnosis of heart diseases in patients. This would be defined in Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS) and mobile health applications for the real-time risk assessment. Clinicians using this predictive tool will know what to do in improving their early treatment regimen, which saves resources and improves the patient's health by avoiding complications at critical stages of heart disease.

3.8. Performance Metrics for Heart Disease Prediction Models

In gauging machine learning models' performance in heart disease prediction, a variety of performance metrics are applied. The assessment focuses on the model's accuracy, reliability, and capacity to differentiate disease from non-disease patients efficiently.

3.8.1. Accuracy

The accuracy is the proportion of the correctly classified cases in both positive and negative cases. It is a widely used measure but can be misleading with imbalanced data sets.

Formula:

$$\text{Accuracy} = (TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN)$$

Where:

- TP (True Positives): The diseased patients that were correctly predicted as diseased.
- TN (True Negatives): The non-diseased patients that were correctly predicted as non-diseased.
- FP (False Positives): Non-diseased patients incorrectly classified as diseased.
- FN (False Negatives): Diseased patients incorrectly classified as non-diseased.

3.8.2. Precision (Positive Predictive Value)

The accuracy of a positive test result (i.e., a patient with heart disease) is measured by precision, which is the ratio of the number of true positives to the number of cases predicted as positive. This criterion is most important in medical diagnoses where the implications of false positives can result in the treatment of patients who do not require it.

Therefore, whenever precision is high, it signifies that most patients indicated as having heart disease actually have heart disease.

3.8.3. Recall (Sensitivity or True Positive Rate)

Recall, otherwise called sensitivity, measures the ratio of actual positive cases (patients with a disease) identified by the model. This would mean a lot in medical applications because failing to diagnose a state (false negatives) could have dire consequences.

Formulae:

$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}}$ TP = True Positive FN = False Negative Recall = Recall = $\frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP} + \text{FN}}$ high recall value indicates that the model correctly identifies most of the patients suffering from heart diseases.

3.8.4. F1 Score

The imbalance between accuracy and sensitivity is rectified by the term F1 score, which is the harmonic mean of them. It becomes more effective when the data is not evenly balanced between positive and negative cases.

Formula:

$\text{F1 Score} = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$ F1 \ Score = 2 \ times \frac{Precision \ \times Recall}{Precision + Recall}

The result will be between 0 and 1 on the F1 Score, where higher values indicate a better performance of the model. The F1 Score is useful when it matters to balance false positive and false negative cases.

3.8.5. Specificity (True Negative Rate)

Specificity indicates the proportion of true negative instances (non-diseased patients) identified by the model. This is particularly important when there is an interest in minimizing false-positive instances.

Formula:

$\text{Specificity} = \frac{\text{TN}}{\text{TN} + \text{FP}}$ Specificity = $\frac{\text{TN}}{\text{TN} + \text{FP}}$

Specificity when high means that most of the non-diseased people will be correctly identified.

4. Results

Number of machine learning models is employed for evaluation of the proposed method-artificial neural networks (ANN), Decision Trees, Ada Boost, and Support vector machine (SVM). Performance evaluation is out of Sensitivity, Specificity, Accuracy, and Area under Curve (AUC). The best performance from a number of ratios tested in the 70-30% train-test split ratio. Both models were evaluated with and without using a feature selection from the Jellyfish Algorithm. The models evaluated without feature selection were less accurate and efficient as compared to those where feature selection has been undertaken using the Jellyfish algorithm. Results thus prove the efficacy of using the Jellyfish algorithm as an instrument in predicting heart disease.

Table 1. Performance comparison without JF

Model	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Accuracy (%)	AUC (%)
ANN	97.53	98.63	98.08	69.03
Decision Tree	97.69	97.17	97.43	75.83
AdaBoost	97.22	98.47	97.84	78.82
SVM	98.21	97.96	98.09	90.21

The table 1 presents the results for ANN, Decision Tree, AdaBoost, and SVM against Sensitivity, Specificity, Accuracy, and AUC. Overall, SVM gave the best performance with Sensitivity at 98.21%, Accuracy at 98.09% and AUC at 90.21%. It shows that it can classify better than the others. ANN also performed reasonably well with an Accuracy of 98.08%, but with a significant drawback of yielding the lowest AUC at 69.03%, indicating a lower ability to discriminate. AdaBoost and Decision Trees did give some competitive results, but in the end, AdaBoost outperformed the Decision Tree in AUC and Accuracy. Thus, in general, SVM is the one that performed the best above all models.

Table 2. Performance comparison with JF

Model with JF	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Accuracy (%)	AUC (%)
ANN with JF	98.22	98.89	97.99	79.33
Decision Tree with JF	98.07	98.34	97.55	81.98
AdaBoost with JF	98.12	98.07	98.24	84.92
SVM with JF	98.56	98.37	98.47	94.48

The table 2 provides the results for the given machine learning models after feature selection through Jellyfish (JF). The results indicate that all models optimized by JF have elevated their performance in terms of Sensitivity, Specificity, Accuracy, and area under the curve (AUC) as compared with a situation without feature selection. With injection from JF, the Support Vector Machine (SVM) model achieved optimum performance with 98.56% Sensitivity, 98.37% Specificity, 98.47% Accuracy, and 94.48% AUC, making it the best model for heart disease prediction. AdaBoost with JF also performed quite well, coming AUC up to 84.92%, which is a good improvement. The JF Decision Tree model came away with an AUC of 81.98% showing better ability to discriminate classes, while JF did well for the Artificial Neural Network (ANN), boosting its AUC score to 79.33%, although still trailing some way behind the others. Feature selection using Jellyfish led to better classification from all models, with SVM performing the best.

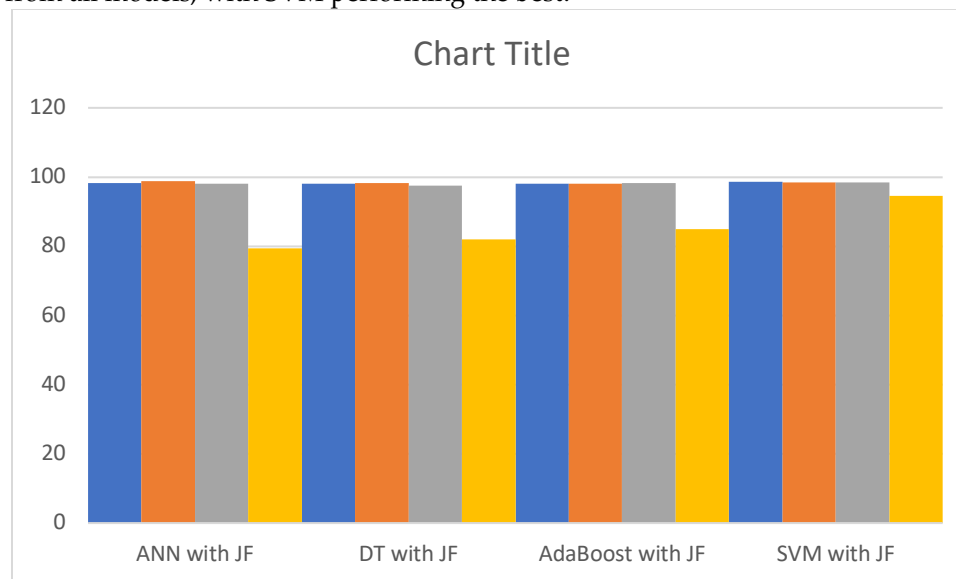


Figure 2. Bar chart for comparison

The bar chart 3 compares the performances of 4 distinct machine learning models (ANN, Decision Tree, AdaBoost, and SVM). These models are assessed in terms of key performance metrics - Sensitivity, Specificity, Accuracy, and area under curve (AUC). The major difference in performance illustration of several models is visible on the AUC between SVM with Jellyfish feature selection and all other models, though competitive in terms of sensitivity, specificity, and accuracy. The result of SVM with Jellyfish feature selection shows the highest value AUC according to this chart; however, a title and legend on the chart can advance clarity and interpretation.

5. Conclusion

The focus of the current study is on building an intelligent and reliable model for early diagnosis of heart disease using machine learning with the Jellyfish optimization algorithm. Feature selection is one of the most critical steps to enhance model performance; on the one hand, too many features may cause an overfitting problem, while too few will lead to reduced accuracy. To reduce the chances of repeating the same outcome, the Jellyfish algorithm was implemented to select the most relevant features prior to training the ML models. This metaheuristic algorithm optimally performed swarm-based feature selection and Hyperparameters optimization for getting better classification results. Four classification models were compared for their performances after being implemented with the selected features—artificial neural network (ANN), decision trees, AdaBoost, and support vector machine (SVM). Results show that the jellyfish was used for feature selection in all models enhancing their performance; however, SVM with an accuracy of 98.47% showed the best performance. For SVM sensitivity, specificity, accuracy, and area under curve (AUC) were 98.21%, 97.96%, 98.09%, and 90.21%, respectively before applying the Jellyfish algorithm. After feature selection, the values increased to 98.56%, 98.37%, 98.47%, and 94.48%, which means that feature selection plays an important role in model performance enhancement.

Future research should focus on improving the generalizability of heart disease prediction models by evaluating them on larger and more diverse datasets. Using data from wearable health monitors could make this model more practical for diagnosis in the future. Examining more advanced selection techniques like hybrid metaheuristic algorithms could optimize the model even further. Moreover, using explainable artificial intelligence methods would enhance clarity of the models and trust of clinicians in them. Finally, it would be helpful to consider the cloud deployment of ML models for remote heart disease detection and real-time decision support.

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