Using **AI helps** frontline clinicians interpret emergency chest x-rays better...



...But can **AI do it better** alone?

Clinician performance with and without AI, compared with AI





Problem

- Only 21% of A+E CXR's and 24% of inpatient CXR's are reported the same day¹ by an expert radiology doctor
- This leaves most of the interpretation and subsequent decision to be made by the patient facing clinician such as the emergency or general medicine doctors
- These doctors may also be more junior if out of hours
- These clinicians are making time critical decision on patient management based on their CXR interpretation, which may not be as good as a consultant radiologist²⁻⁷

<u>Solution</u>

- Al assistance may improve performance of these patient facing clinicians CXR interpretation
 There is a lack of evidence in the literature that explores non-radiology clinicians' performance compared against Al and with Al assistance
- A multi-reader multi-case study design was used to explore this further using a commercial AI CXR tool (LUNIT) on 500 inpatient and emergency department CXR's

Findings

Al assistance showed a statistically significant improvement in performance for 8 out of the 10
pathologies for readers

Next Steps

- Work to be presented and written up for publication
- This study can inform possible ways to practically implement AI into clinical practice

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Skills I have learnt / other projects I was involved in:
 Involved in multicentre prospective trial evaluating AI to triage emergency CT head scans

- Learnt about the practical challenges and solutions to deploying commercial Al tools locally
- Began to appreciate the value of engaging different stakeholders early and the different approaches needed
- Further developed my statistical analytical skills using R, especially with regards to multi-reader multi-case studies
 - Practiced using R to create data visualisations to aid communication with different stakeholders
- Learnt about database management and learnt SQL by understanding local radiology CRIS database; this was used to help inform local departmental leads the scale of reporting backlog
- Developed understanding of current regulatory challenges facing digital tools and AI within healthcare
- Won a prize at the Google/Deloitte/NHS hackathon

Example ROC for LUNIT AI at detecting lung nodules



Study Design

- 30 clinicians recruited to read 500 chest x-rays in 2 phases, without and then with Al assistance
- 500 chest x-rays were from inpatient and emergency department patients
 Case mix included 100 normal chest x-rays and at least 40 of each pathology

Recruitment: 30 Clinicians of different grades and specialities (Radiology, Emergency, General Medicine, Intensive Care, Radiographers)



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