

Review of: "FLAML-Boosted XGBoost Model for Autism Diagnosis: A Comprehensive Performance Evaluation"

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In this article, the authors used a case study on the diagnosis of autism to examine the problem of unbalanced classification using automatic machine learning (AutoML) approaches. Unfortunately, I tend to reject it due to the need for more technical details in this paper. I would kindly suggest the authors consider the following comments:

- 1. It would strengthen the paper if the authors could provide justifications and further explanations for the methodology because not all readers are familiar with the model "XGBoost".
- 2. It is unclear to the readers by only providing descriptions for the dataset in Section 2. Tables or figures could be helpful to illustrate the data structure.
- 3. A benchmark model could be considered in the paper to justify the necessity of employing XGBoost.
- 4. Cross-validation would be helpful to comprehensively evaluate the model's performance.
- 5. Additionally, better relative work and citations would help the authors to provide better and more accurate information. The following paper might be a good one: Chen, Tianqi, and Carlos Guestrin. "Xgboost: A scalable tree boosting system." In *Proceedings of the 22nd acm sigkdd international conference on knowledge discovery and data mining* pp. 785-794. 2016.
- 6. The figures might need to be revised to satisfy the qualification for publication.

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