

## Review of: "A Simple Preprocessing Method Enhances Machine Learning Application to EEG Data for Differential Diagnosis of Autism"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

- 1. Could you provide more details on the sample size justification and any potential biases in the selection of ASD and NPD subjects?
- 2. How generalizable are the findings, considering the specific population characteristics?
- 3. Is there external validation performed on the predictive model, and if so, what were the outcomes?
- 4. Can you elaborate on the clinical significance of the 38 figures derived from the new pre-processing method?
- 5. It would be beneficial to have more information on the computational time required for the proposed method, especially for practical applications.
- 6. Were there any challenges or limitations encountered during the study that might impact the broader application of the presented methodology?
- 7. Considering the evolving nature of machine learning, how robust is the KNN algorithm compared to other potential algorithms, and have you explored alternative models?
- 8. Clarify how the study accounts for potential confounding factors that might influence EEG data and the subsequent machine learning outcomes.
- 9. Please discuss any potential ethical considerations or implications related to the use of machine learning in psychiatric diagnoses.
- 10. Can you provide insights into the clinical relevance and implications of achieving a 93.2% accuracy in distinguishing between ASD and NPD subjects?

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