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Machine Learning: The Backbone of Intelligent Trade Credit-Based Systems

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1. Introduction

FinTech is an abbreviation or single word for monetary advances and indicates the collective form of digitized money and information technology innovations. It is utilized especially by banks and financial administrations associations to direct their business tasks more effectively and give better monetary administrations to their clients. It might take the state of programming or an app that empowers organizations to give mechanically complex and contactless administrations to their clients by setting up monetary exchange processes. FinTech, by facilitating convoluted monetary decision making, has significantly changed the banking and monetary administrations industry [1]. Monetary technologies have changed banking and monetary administrations activities around the world throughout the last ten years. They have worked on the clients’ and banking specialists’ lives fundamentally. Particularly, when we talk about innovation, we are alluding to online exchanges, web banking, banking applications, and online stock exchanging, in addition to other things [2]. Regardless of how much information there is, we could not realistically exaggerate the effect it has on the present economy. There is enough information at our disposal, anything from our mobile phones to online media use, web browsing, and e-commerce exchanges [3]. Although large information and information science have been accustomed to bringing about change in the banking, enormous information applications, and monetary administrations...
areas, these organizations have had especially sure outcomes in carrying out these changes.

Financial technology has gained popularity as a relatively new concept since 2010 with the title of FinTech. It is the term used to depict the combination of PC programs and other innovation drives to help banking and monetary administrations. It is a consoling field brought into the world of the combination of advanced stages and man-made consciousness administrations, to manage monetary exercises. AI is having a significant impact on how consultants behave as compared to traditional financial regulatory bodies [5]. In the last decade, a large amount of FinTech trading has had a significant boost in the financial economy. Many venture capitalists are interested in these FinTech businesses, and many scholars have looked at the technological and economic variables that drive venture capital investment. They found that nations with more FinTech firms have more evolved economies and adventure financing accessible. FinTech ventures developed rapidly, coming to a peak from 2008 to 2014, with over twofold capital increase [6]. FinTech is one of the quickest developing areas of the economy, as per an overview by Accenture. FinTech applications and administrations cover a wide scope of points. Online installments and cash moves, loaning, resource, venture executives, computerized banking, and individual accounting are among the themes impacted by FinTech. Different parts of the FinTech business are acquiring consideration step by step. It incorporates InsurTech, advanced venture executives, computerized loaning, installments, advanced banking, and blockchain innovation [7]. The financial sector relies heavily on financial data, which is utmost sensitive data, with enormous amounts of historical and market data emerging.

In the new era where technology is becoming a mandatory part of technological growth, financial systems are relocating towards more versatile and user-friendly environments. The consumer facilitation and ease of understanding are highly considerable reasons which involve click transactional changes as compared to the outdated systems where the person has to go and be physically available for the heave money to be transferred from one location to the other. The financial systems involve accurate and timely transference [8]. Financial transactions are never considered with insecure systems to breach one’s identity. The technology ensures every system the accurate and complete transference of information from one part of the region to the other. IoT, smart devices, and e-commerce are some of the examples that provide fast, effective, and user-friendly environments, as well as ensuring secure financial transactions.

Innovation in the monetary area is changing how administrations are conveyed; it is likewise making contenders outside conventional businesses. Computational benefits of late times have permitted the assortment of crucial firm information, similar to continuous exchanges and client information, is of interest to back experts who may have the option to apply it in stock estimating investigation [9]. FinTech is said to lastingly affect the entire business, due to its exceptionally inventive and possibly problematic repercussions. A few definitions consider it an industry, while others characterize it as an innovation. Of course, hardly any different writings characterize it as a kind of activity, like a business or organization. Every one of the sources recognizes FinTech as something novel, emerging, upsetting, and creative. To lay it out simply, FinTech is a clever financial industry that uses advancement to make money-related activities more useful [10]. The speedy extension in interest in features is a requirement for better perception of it. FinTech advancements are completely important to pioneers and the money business. In any case, a couple of FinTech headways can unfriendly affect explicit money-related endeavors. At the point when such headways come from decently new, nonfinancial firms, they can have more unfavorable results [11]. The fundamental goal of the money-related region is to enable trade. For model, cash, and portion game plans, the spread of splendid device models, etc. The financial sector’s and various undertakings’ capabilities are frequently obscured by these tendencies. There is a strong fuse between FinTech plans with the fundamental likewise like the discretionary regions. New strategies prompt the FinTech improvement at the association level [12]. FinTech renames the way through which clients save, store, get, spend, set aside, and guarantee cash. There are a couple of FinTech strategies, like overflowing the board models, crediting models, portion models, insurance organization models, and capital market models, that are executed by the extending number of FinTech new organizations. Such startups regularly attempt to rival the current customary monetary foundations, or they attempt to team up with them. When the different financial guidelines are great, they will quite often be more serious and less cooperative.

The main objective of the paper is to prove that the machine learning algorithms are reliable in terms of financial decision making. Whether the SMEs data is treated as supervised or unsupervised, the trade credit plays an enhanced role in the successful regulation of the organization. This ML support system is multidimensional and applicable for financial decision making systems including various terms like data science, AI, and smart business decisions. Finally, the results of ML algorithms indicate the best one that can be selected for business intelligence.

Section 1 was a thorough introduction about the FinTech and trade credit. Further sections of the paper include the following: Section 2 is the literature review. Section 3 is about FinTech and its impact on data with data science. Section 4 is about the machine learning algorithm and its implementation. Section 5 states the experiment setup. Section 6 provides the results and discussion.

2. Literature Review

The financial sector aims for profitable revenue generation systems. The sophisticated systems are using Artificial
Intelligence (AI) for decision making. AI is the technique used to make machines more intelligent. The maximum intelligence level of human beings is considered ideal since they can solve many problems with a finite number of achievable solutions. The most important concern is achievability and accuracy [13]. For this purpose, in FinTech, the systems are programmed to generate accurate results. These algorithms are goal-oriented, instead of being data-oriented. The machine learning AI-based algorithms are executed for supervised techniques [14] where the complete and labeled data set is provided. The other concept is unsupervised techniques where the data set is unlabeled and the machine has to think and decide.

Algorithmic exchanging is a term that alludes to the act of utilizing calculations to settle on more educated exchanging decisions. Ordinarily, merchants utilize numerical models that constantly screen organization news and exchange action for any factors that might make share costs increase or decline. The model [15] comes pre-customized with guidelines on various viewpoints—like time, value, amount, and different factors—for naturally making exchanges without the broker’s dynamic support. In contrast with human dealers, algorithmic exchanging can assess tremendous measures of information simultaneously and consequently execute a huge number of exchanges every day. AI empowers merchants to settle on fast decisions, giving them an edge over the market normal.

Information mining [16] is the center of information revelation in the data set, which analyzes huge existing data sets to foster the models which are utilized to do examination and expectation. Hence, information mining is utilized to observe the examples of explicit informational collections and to take on the methods created by ML for expectations.

ML trains models by taking care of gigantic, quality existing information, gaining from the information to settle on a learned choice without programming [17]. Along these lines, AI involves ML for its wise conduct. ML is a gigantic piece of AI. For ML and data mining, ML revolves around the improvement of computations through iteratively dealing with planning educational assortments and the estimates of the outcome. Curiously, data mining is based on finding models and examples in the current data. Thus, data mining systems fill in as commitments for ML, while ML takes on data mining estimations to set up models [18].

FinTech is gradually empowered in various financial-technical sectors. throws light on financial setups under the study of Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) [19]. Decision learning support systems with ANN exactly use the knowledge discovery deduction, as a human brain computes the input to convert it into respective output. ANN involves complex problem-solving techniques by applying multiple layers, thus matching the preliminary results from the first layer till the final one; some of the layers are also called hidden layers. Financial systems like image recognition, voice recognition, and biometric verification systems are all concluded under the umbrella of ANN techno-financial systems [20]. The utility of ANN is feasible for such systems where the determination is the conversion from a linear to dynamic problem-solving technique for the financial sector.

Information researchers, as a rule, embrace administered learning methods or unaided learning procedures to recognize charge card deceitful exchanges [21]. Regardless, a couple of researchers have proposed the unsupervised learning procedure to perceive charge card counterfeit trades, Figure 1, as FinTech data-driven strategy structure [22]. The instructive assortment from the machine learning method is uncommonly imbalanced, with the extent of 0.00173 between the amount of deception and authentic trades. Therefore, the Cluster Centroid technique [23] is used to under-model this imbalanced enlightening assortment.

The studies [24,25] further concentrated on the execution of the KNN calculation and anomaly discovery strategies for the improvement of answers for recognizing Visa misrepresentation. Their review demonstrated that KNN is quick with the least bogus cautions. The KNN strategy is exact and productive, as affirmed by the analysis results. In the first place, the fluffy rationale is designed to communicate mental vulnerabilities. It estimates the strength of significant worth for probabilistic measures or unquantifiable measures somewhere in the range of 0 and 1.

A computation considering fuzzy ID3 was proposed [26] to perceive charge card distortion. In this paper, the maker presents the technique associated with building an ID3 decision tree using cushioned reasoning and applies the fleecy ID3 tree on an educational record. For charge card coercion revelation, the overall precision is used to check the show. Nevertheless, deception getting rate (True Positive Rate) and fake alert rate (False Positive Rate) are better estimations while surveying the learned blackmail classifiers [27]. The above assessment showed that RF performs best with high precision and coercion getting rate. Likewise, we saw that the data assortment is by and large astounding imbalance; oversampling and undersampling systems are customarily embraced in tests for better execution.

3. FinTech for Sensitive Data

FinTech, despite its reputation as a young sector, has a long history that may be broken down into three periods. FinTech includes the creation of mainframe computers, SWIFTS, ATMs, and other financial technology [28]. FinTech was the name given to the next phase of financial technology, which included the Internet and the Internet of Things [29]. We are currently in a transition period of FinTech where more and more technologies are projected to emerge. Finance encompasses all aspects of financial management, as well as technology management and innovation management.

To make financial operations more efficient, the deployment of technological solutions in novel ways is the common observation for the upcoming era. As a result, FinTech is a multidisciplinary topic [30]. A FinTech Steamships telegraphs, and railroads all allowed for better financial links between countries. FinTech is frequently thought to be new. The association would slice the time it takes to impart between North America and Europe from as long as 10 days to 17 hours. This improvement laid the foundation for the rise of a few incredibly fruitful protection, banking, and joint-stock undertakings, exceptionally important to modern upgradation.
The revised scheme acts as a foundation for financial globalization. Several technological advancements occurred in the last decades. The risks of computer management systems were first disregarded, as seen by the failure of Long-Term Capital Management following the financial crisis of 1997–98 [31], and the Internet’s arrival paved the way for FinTech [32]. E-banking introduced additional hazards, particularly for regulators, since technology enabled fast money withdrawals. Authorized financial organizations, such as banks, were intended to be the suppliers of these e-banking services. With every passing day, more people trust technology companies to manage their money more than traditional banks. Exceeding millions, loaning stages have been laid out in evolved nations, which work outside of any managed structure globally [33]. The way that they work outside of the administrative structure does not seem to upset moneylenders or borrowers, who are more worried about low expenses, more straightforwardness, and greater returns.

3.1. Global ICT for Financial Refinements. Banks’ competitiveness and profitability were seriously harmed, and laws and procedures relating to stress testing, among other things, only added to the already increasing costs. In the case of Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), FinTech required a high level of smartphone penetration and sophistication. Another significant phase of FinTech is characterized by the rapid development of technology and a shift in the identity of financial service providers [34,35]. Financial institutions are at risk of having their services delivered to consumers and businesses in a more targeted, improved, and convenient manner by startups and IT firms. Figure 1 indicates the involvement of machine learning algorithms in facilitating financial decisions based on machine support systems. The input data is processed under critical rules, and thus the results always determine the profit or loss ratio [36,37]. The new hidden patterns from data that were previously unknown are now easily determined.

The business domains are continuously improving due to IT and various applications developed due to software. This aspect can be seen in Figure 1. The central concern is customer facilitation. The financial activities should be seamlessly activated. The customer invests by observing market opportunities. Advanced trading like e-commerce that regulates online systems is the user-friendly system that undergoes continued progress of the financial regulations. Trade credit is an open hand for the customer. It means the investor is an entity, and the buyer is another independent entity, but the facilitator is the intermediate entity who offers services with freedom of financial load. Thus, we say time is money.

FinTech focused its restrictions on systemically important institutions. However, it is now considered vital to begin focusing on certain industry participants. FinTech’s evolution has resulted in parallel advances in regional technology enhancement. It is claimed that a multilevel and flexible strategy is appropriate and that regulations should be enforced in varying degrees depending on the size and risk of companies [38]. Regulators would have to collaborate with industry to obtain clarity of the changing market and establish policies that stimulate innovation while also stabilizing risk and eliminating the possibility of regulatory arbitrage [39]. In the financial sector, technology is both revolutionizing how services are offered and creating competition outside of established industries. Finance experts who might have the option to use it in stock valuing examination will be interested in computational advances that have lately permitted the gathering of major firm information, for example, continuous exchanges and client information [33]. Because of its profoundly imaginative and possibly troublesome implications, FinTech is said to affect the whole area [40]. Others arrange it as an industry by certain definitions and as an innovation. Hardy any different sorts of writing, then again, characterize it as a type of activity, like a business or help.

3.2. Credit Decisions with Data Mining. FinTech is associated with knowledge discovery in databases (KDD), which is technically data mining [41]. It examines massive existing databases to construct models for analysis and prediction. As a result, information mining is utilized to find designs in explicit informational indexes and to apply ML strategies to make forecasts. ML trains models by giving them a lot of excellent existing information and gaining from it to settle on informed choices without the requirement for programming. Therefore, AI’s intelligent behaviors are based on machine learning [42]. AI includes a lot of machine learning. In terms of machine learning and data mining, machine
learning focuses on improving algorithms by iteratively contributing preparation informational indexes and making expectations about the result.

Information mining, then again, centers around recognizing examples and patterns in existing information. Thus, information mining strategies are utilized as a contribution to ML, and ML utilizes information mining calculations to make models [41]. Fake neural organizations are utilized to impersonate the human mind in profound understanding, which is utilized in information mining to deal with complex issues like picture and voice acknowledgment. In the monetary region, variable advances work on the woods and examination process. With organized and dynamic model properties, DL shifts observational to nonlinear examination. Man-made consciousness is a famous term that alludes to robots’ capacity to imitate human conduct and make decisions similarly to people [43]. Accordingly, rather than depending on learning, AI frameworks are expressly composed. Information mining strategies are the foundation of AI, and information mining fills in as programming codes for the information and data expected by AI-controlled frameworks [44]. Therefore, information-driven methodologies allude to any innovations that are information-driven and depend on the information-driven independent direction or system creation.

4. Machine Learning Algorithms Support

Artificial Intelligence is regulating intelligent decision making by using machine learning algorithms. Recently, a more noteworthy number of scientists have shown the amazing exact exhibition of ML calculations for resource value estimation when contrasted and models created in customary measurements and finance [45,46]. The capacity of an individual or firm to all the more precisely gauge the expected cost of any resource has colossal worth to professionals in the fields of corporate money, technique, private equity in expansion to those in the fields of exchanging and speculations [47]. Lately, banks additionally endeavored to use ML techniques for strategy investigation and macroeconomic direction.

ML calculations and methods should remove designs gained from historical data in interaction and thus make exact expectations on new information [48]. The appraisal of the accuracy of our calculations is the testing. While there exist a huge number of types and classes of ML calculations [49], a high level of the exploration papers in the current academic literature outlines the issue of monetary resource value gauging as administered learning issue. Given the functional and exact focal point of this paper, calculation definitions and numerical verifications of algorithms will be overlooked.

4.1. Data Science FinTech Business Horizons. With new-age information science and man-made consciousness instruments, finance has become more intuitive. FinTech [50] is in the focal point of ML approaches [51] integrating, enhancing, and changing monetary administrations, economy, innovation, media, correspondence, and society. Rationale, arrangement, information portrayal, display, independent frameworks, multiagent frameworks, intricacy science, master frameworks, choice emotionally supportive networks, advancement, reproduction, design acknowledgment, picture handling, and regular language handling are for the most part instances of AI for monetary frameworks spine.

FinTech-based organizations manage astute distinguishing proof and validation, a security protecting handling [52], progressed portrayal learning, progressed investigation and learning, information disclosure, computational knowledge, occasion, and conduct examination, and web-based media and organization examination; and later advances, for example, profound learning [53], computerized cooperations, learning, and reactions, and complex statistical and numerical displaying are two additional fundamental disciplines.

FinTech has the characteristics of cross-market and cross-industry and leads to the diversification of the financial service market. However, it does not change the traditional purposes and security principles of any financial activity and brings new challenges to the regulation of the traditional financial industry [54]. It is hard for the customary administrative systems to manage the likely dangers of monetary advancements driven by arising innovations, like AI, blockchain, distributed computing, and large information. These variables give FinTech organizations more motivating forces for resistance advancement. The real factors of inordinate advancements and inadequate guidelines lead to noticeable FinTech hazards. For example, cash loans and campus loans caused excessive borrowing, violent collection, extremely high rates, infringement of personal privacy, and many other issues [55]. Speculation in virtual currency led to price spikes and severely disrupted financial order.

Business regions in FinTech incorporate areas, which depend on ML approaches, covering every aspect of a monetary framework and its environmental factors, just as all monetary firms. The significant business regions in savvy FinTech are monetary and financial developments, for example, new instruments and monetary business sectors (which incorporate items and administrations), financial monetary members (which incorporate retail and individual financial backers, organizations, and controllers), and financial monetary practices.

Hazard overseeing and upgrading computerized monetary standards including digital forms of money; making, getting, assessing, hazard making due, and streamlining portable financial organizations and administrations; customizing, robotizing, approving, getting, hazard making due, and enhancing Internet/web-based banking; empowering, customizing, mechanizing, getting, hazard overseeing and advancing open banking; assessing, getting and hazard overseeing shadow banking [56]; and creating more astute and more mechanized, customized, versatile and drawing in financial administrations; and so forth savvy protection empowers protection items, frameworks, and administrations to guarantee safe/secure, practical, proactive,
4.2. Machine Learning for Smart Business Decisions. The AI-based networks analyze the direction of the period of shrewd FinTech and likely open doors for brilliant FinTech fates. The shrewd FinTech time has shown up; savvy FinTech is acquiring a foothold and turning into a basic part of the present and the upcoming economies, social orders, and advancements [60]. Through channels, for example, QR codes, WiFi organizations, portable applications, online media organizations, short informing systems, smart advanced partners, and the Internet, FinTech interfaces with each individual, association, item, administration, and action anyplace, anytime, and in any structure. They hoard an enormous number of substantial and elusive resources and administrations, just as an assorted scope of items, applications, and administrations.

Simulated intelligence and information science are turning out to be more significant in making finance more astute and advancing FinTech’s consistently developing cleverness, just as the insight of independent monetary frameworks and custom-made monetary administrations. Canny ID and confirmation, independent associations and interchanges, cloud examination, profound learning [61], unified learning, cross-market investigation, profound monetary demonstrating, and robotized collaborations and reactions are for the most part instances of shrewd innovation progressions that are advancing to address the arising difficulties and amazing open doors in more intelligent monetary organizations and greater monetary information. Security is one more tremendous worry for the monetary administration industry. Information breaks include monetary administrations firms [62]. Cybercrime presently costs the monetary administrations are more than some other industry seemingly forever.

The fast ascent of information science as an expert field has trickled in individuals from all foundations. Engineers, PC researchers, promoting and finance graduates, examiners, human asset faculty, and everybody need a piece of information science; that consistently experiences the capable business knowledge (BI) experts hoping to land their first information science job. They are frequently disappointed by the apparent absence of chances for them. A ton of them feel that their job is dull, or they simply need to carry out whatever is asked of them. They miss being nearer to information science openings than some other experts out there. BI experts hold a gigantic benefit over nearly anybody attempting to progress in information science given the accompanying reasons: BI experts as of now approach information researchers in different ventures [63]. Often we use traditional database management systems to know about hidden patterns. This mechanism is useful for small or tangible data but sophisticated systems are moving towards big data; for this, we need to apply smart or AI-based techniques. Thus, the results are not only clear but also deterministic. BI experts have the business setting, and they work intimately with organizations. They have insight with fundamental information investigation ventures as frequently business requests these notwithstanding the reports they use. FinTech’s rapidly rise to prominence as a global leader. It is found that additional advantages from resistance development, prizes from consistent advancement, and administrative power punishment force impact FinTech organizations’ essential choices, while administrative expenses, social assessment, and negative externalities impact administrative power key choices. At last, strategy proposals are exclusively founded on current realities of unreasonable advancement and inadequate guideline as FinTech business.

5. Software Environment

RapidMiner is chosen to execute the machine learning algorithms. The experimental setup is executed on core i-7, using a desktop system, including 4GB RAM and 64-bit Windows 10 Home edition operating system.
RapidMiner is an efficient statistical tool. It is used for data preprocessing, anomaly reduction, and data quality enhancement. The data cleansing is applied in a user-friendly and interactive layout. The refined data is ready to use for the actual processing.

5.1. Data and Methodology. The data selected for the proposed study is nonfinancial firms’ data from Pakistan over the years 2017 to 2021. The data consists of 1357 companies that are functional in favor of trade credit-based nonfinancial systems. The data is preprocessed and refined with complete and accurate values. The clean data is further processed for machine learning algorithms, applying the systematic approach of Figure 2. It is technically important that the machine learning techniques were used in both supervised and unsupervised machine learning algorithms. Both approaches are chosen to indicate that the predictive patterns are determined. The supervised learning with labeled data along with the trade credit approach is beneficial for results generation.

FinTech is expanding into a big family that includes banking tech, trade tech, lending tech, insurance tech, wealth tech, payment tech, and risk tech. As depicted in Figure 2 which portrays a multifaceted scene of brilliant FinTech and the amalgamation of these parts, the savvy FinTech environment is multilayered cooperative energy between IT-based business targets, business regions, information, assets, and supporting innovation. By and large, brilliant FinTech environments can be partitioned into far-reaching FinTech-driven ventures, areas, cycles, capacities, and exercises.

The essential cycles and their critical capacities and exercises are portrayed in Figure 2: plan, produce, work, advance, streamline, and shield. From one viewpoint, FinTech-driven undertakings and enterprises are tremendous and quickly evolving. The FinTech system is portrayed as above. Every one of these key areas is additionally portrayed by the organizations and the strategies that help it.

6. Results and Discussion

It is vital that frequent preprocessing and information purifying erase absent and strange or mistaken qualities. The data items with the highest value are subjected to preprocessing. The missing characteristics were replaced with the most possible/nearly evaluating expected characteristics. The useless data were seen to be the least effective, that may be ignored, which is exceptionally less in degree. The issue of overfitting and underfitting was carefully seen, so the data quality should be consistent. The data in the wake of preprocessing is quality-arranged. Our goal is to encourage effective FinTech regulation and strike a balance between regulation and innovation, which are presented in Table 1. The ML-based algorithms like Neural Network, CN2 rule induction, Random Forest, SVM, AdaBoost, KNN, Logistic Regression, and Naive Bayes were used to determine the results. Table 1 shows promising results that are represented by the AUC, precision, and recall and in terms of accuracy of the system.

The danger control components of some P2P loaning stages were not sound. To advance the great improvement of FinTech, it is critical to fortify the viable guidelines of FinTech developments and accomplish harmony among guidelines and advancement. In the development and innovation of the FinTech industry, whether FinTech companies choose compliance innovation is a complex game process, and the formation of compliance willingness depends on certain policy incentives and guidance. Figure 3 shows the results with ML algorithms classified into three categories. The precision, accuracy, and F1 scores are not manually possibly determined. The training and testing models are the specialties of AI support systems. Considering these decisions are refined and more reliable as compared to traditional systems.
The choice of objectives, the heterogeneity of cognitive ability, and the complexity of the economic environment between different players not only determine their characteristics of bounded rationality in the game process but also make the game process full of dynamics. The theory of the evolutionary game is just an important means to study the dynamic game relations between different players. Subsequently, it is sensible to build a developmental game model to examine the game conduct of the primary members in the FinTech market.

7. Conclusion

Information systems guarantee financial data security and increase its utility. The proposed study is in favor of IT infrastructure for intelligent financial decision making systems. The SMEs are less sustainable industries but are slow progressive industries. On the basis of the late payment technique, trade credit favour can help SMEs to survive. The fewer financial sources, exchange, and sale of goods are the sustainable parameters of micro-financing preservation. ML algorithms can determine predictions about the decision support for regulating financial decisions. The system’s reliability for historical five-year data is applied through ML algorithms, and the results show that the best case organizations have more chances of survival and may lead to a progressive approach [64].

Data Availability

The Data used in this research can be obtained from the corresponding authors upon request.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

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