Application of Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC) on the Prediction of Obesity

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Abstract: Obesity is the most common chronic disease, due to its ignorance in society. It gives birth to other diseases such as endocrine. The objective of this research is to analyze the different trends of each BMI category and predict its related serious consequences. Data mining based Support Vector Machine (SVM) technique has been applied for this and the accuracy of each BMI category has been calculated using Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC), which is an effective method and potentially applied to medical data sets. The Area Under Curve (AUC) of ROC and predictive accuracy have been calculated for each classified BMI category. Our analysis shows interesting results and it is found that BMI ≥ 25 has the highest AUC and Predictive accuracy compares to other BMI, which claims a good rank of performance. From our trends, it has been explored that at each BMI precaution is mandatory even if the BMI < 18.5 and at ideal BMI too. Development of effective awareness, early monitoring and interventions can prevent its harmful effects on health.

Keywords: data mining; support vector machine; receiver operating characteristics; area under curve; body mass index; obesity.

INTRODUCTION

Obesity is a chronic disease that simply means being overweight. According to the medical dictionary, it is an accumulation of excessive fat on the human body which results in impaired health [1,2]. Typically, obesity occurs due to the imbalance of calories in our body, as we do not burn these extra calories due to the ignorance, as a result obesity gradually occurs in our body [3]. The prevalence of obesity is growing
rapidly around the world. The World Health Organization (WHO) report reveals, globally the occurrence of obesity is approximately 1.6 billion in adults and provides serious consequences such as 35.8 million people effect with disabilities and 2.8 million is morbidity annually [4,5]. The prevalence rate of obesity is on uttermost in Anglosphere countries inclusive USA, and Middle East high-income countries, which encompass severely obese patients [6,7]. Particularly, in Saudi Arabia the prevalence rate of obesity has been estimated to be 35.4% which is higher than its other neighboring countries 31.7% in United Arab Emirates, and 27% in Oman respectively [8]. A sedentary lifestyle is considered as one of its main reasons across the globe which is estimated at approximately 10% of the population is obese and approximately twice and thrice of 1970s data the reason behind this intake of the calories has increased across the world [9].

**Need of awareness of Obesity**

Awareness of obesity is mandatory and its early care too. Due to its ignorance, BMI increases rapidly in society. As a result, it provides a severe adverse effect on human health and effecting with several chronic diseases [10], including high blood cholesterol, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, certain cancers (e.g., Prostrate, breast), sleep apnea and snoring, premature death and osteoarthritis and joint disease. Additionally, it will be a burden to the government too. If we look just 4-5 decades back, this disease was less common and its related chronic diseases too. But now this has been very common and frequently increasing, which results in the intense pressure on other medical and research departments in the hospital such as Cardiology, Endocrinology, Nephrology, Osteopathy, and in some cases of Oncology [11].

**Measurement of Obesity**

Body mass index (BMI) is a primary method to measure obesity, it has been extensively used by health care professionals for screening, diagnosis, and classification of underweight, overweight, and obese individuals [12]. Globally accepted WHO standards [13] of BMI classification has been shown in Table 1, and its tree structure is presented in Figure 1. It is a sensible and high-quality indicator for the evaluation of obesity, which is on hand, inexpensive and non-invasive for general public [14]. Initially, the BMI equation was developed by Adolphe Quetelet in 1900 [15]. It is defined as the ratio of body mass (in Kg) to the square of body height (in Mt.), and the unit is of measurement is kg/m².

![Figure 1. Tree Structure of BMI Classification.](image)

**Applications of Data Mining on Chronic Diseases Analysis and Prognosis**

Data has been gathered by different sources such as medical data set and biological data sets, but its analysis is one of the most important tasks in order to extract sensible knowledge. For this purpose, data scientists used to take various technological steps based on data size and stakeholder requirements.
Typically, data mining deals with finding relevant logical patterns from the raw data sets based on that discovering knowledge [16]. Its main objective is to retrieve large amounts of meaningful information from unstructured data in the form of structured data, which would be hard to analyze on a particular record basis [17]. The aim of data analysis is to answer accurately, clinical questions with adequate scientific and statistical support. Data mining techniques have been successfully applied in various real-world scenarios - clinical data analysis is one of them. In recent years, applications of data mining have been widely seen on the prediction of the best mode for the intervention of chronic diseases such as hypertension and diabetes. For this, the Oracle Data Miner (ODM) tool has been prominently used in order to explore the meaningful patterns for predicting the effective mode of intervention [18-21]. Few of the related works have been discussed here. Predictive analysis has been done using ODM on diabetes data set to explore the patterns about which intervention type is more effective to which age group (young or old) [18]. Further, to reach some conclusion, research was carried out to find meaningful patterns among two non-communicable diseases: hypertension and diabetes using the ODM tool, it provides very interesting patterns that both diseases have a strong relationship like twin sisters and diet management is an important risk factor among them [19]. Different risk factors have been analyzed for hypertension interventions by Naïve Bayesian classifier and found quitting smoking is more effective [20]. A research was carried out to predict which type of treatment is more effective in hypertension using ODM and found that quitting smoking is an effective mode to prevent hypertension [21].

Several researchers have put their efforts into the study of obesity using data mining and machine learning classifiers. SAS and SUDAAN tools had been applied to find the frequency of obesity among American adults and children, it is noted that the percentage of obesity has been increased by 17% [22]. Random forest, SVM and gradient boosting classifiers have been applied on diet data set to predict obesity. Due to the consumption of a high caloric diet, obesity cases increases [23]. Six different types of classifiers were imposed, and logistic regression found more effective for detecting obesity [24]. A survey has been done for predicting obesity using machine learning classifiers, and the performance has been calculated using three parameters - sensitivity, specificity, and ROC. However, the study did not conclude which classifier is best [25]. The Naïve Bayesian and decision tree have been used to predictive the obesity, the increase of 20% is noted via Naïve Bayesian (NB) Tree [26]. The prediction has been done using the hybrid approach of data mining classifiers. The outcome shows that the percentage of predictive accuracy is up by 60% to 95% [27]. Artificial Neural Network (ANN) and logistic regression have been used and found that weight reduction plays a vital role in controlling obesity [28]. The traversal study carried out among the female students of Saudi Arabian universities, it concludes that obesity is prevalent and the need for a healthy lifestyle assessment is required [30]. SVM and ANN are applied to breast cancer data set, and they found ANN performs better [29].

Obesity is a major health concern in Saudi Arabia, and is reported proliferated due to the various factors such as consumption of fast food, no sweating activity and unhealthy lifestyle. To the best of our knowledge, similar predictive analysis using AUC of ROC for each BMI category has not been done. Therefore, this research paper explains the predictive analysis using data mining classifier for each BMI category as shown in Figure 1 and Table 1, and analyzes the strong associations of obesity with other chronic diseases. The significant issue for bariatric physicians and overweight/obese patients, is that, this provides the high risk of associated prolonged and chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disease (CVD), prostate, arthritis, and some cancers too.

The structure of the paper is described as follows. Section 2 presents the methodology; it includes obesity data collection, description, and database design, applied data mining tools and techniques, and performance evaluation. Section 3, describes the experimental results based on that discussion has been done on each BMI category. Section 4 concludes the paper.

**APPLIED METHOD**

In this section, we present our applied methodology for predicting the obesity based on BMI values from the World Health Organization (WHO) data set [31] as shown in Figure 2. The data analysis has been performed using Oracle data miner 11g and the outputs are stored in the oracle 11g database server vice versa [32]. The flow of the applied approach has been illustrated in Figure 2. It comprises six steps: data set collection, database design, loading data set, connection to data mining tool, classification, and knowledge discovery.
Data Set Collection

Data set is a prerequisite for data analysis. In the present research work, we have used the data set of ‘Standard Report of Non-Communicable Diseases’ and taken obese patients data set, which has been collected from the World Health Organization (WHO) [31]. Based on WHO classification [13], BMI has been classified into seven segments on the basis of distinct BMI values as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. BMI Definition and its Classification.

| Classification     | BMI Definition (Kg/m²) |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Underweight        | < 18.5                 |
| Ideal BMI          | 18.5-24.99             |
| Overweight         | 25-29.99               |
| Obese              | ≥ 25                   |
| Severely Obese     | ≥ 30                   |
| Super Obese        | 30-39.99               |
| Morbidity Obese    | ≥ 40                   |

Database Design

In this work, the database has been designed in Oracle 11g using DBCA (Oracle Database Configuration Assistant) utility. A table segment stores that data for a table that is neither clustered nor partitioned. All the data in a table segment must be stored in one place called tablespace. The designed table includes the set of non-class attributes (predictor) and class (target) attributes. The non-class attributes such as sr_no, year, and sex. The class attribute is ‘definition’, it has seven distinct class values. The detailed description of the data set has been presented in Table 2.

Table 2. BMI Definition and its Classification.

| Attribute     | Explanation                                    | Data Type  | Constraint |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Sr_No         | Unique Sequence number to each record         | number     | Primary key|
| Year          | Year of the survey conducted                  | date       | Not null   |
| Definition    | Seven possible class values e.g, BMI ≥ 25     | varchar    | Not null   |
| Sex           | Patient gender, i.e., male/female             | varchar    | Not null   |
| Age_group     | Generalized age of patient, e.g., 15-24       | varchar    | Not null   |
| Sample_size   | Total number of patients in each age group    | number     | Not null   |
| Prevalence    | Disease occurrence to the number of units at risk in the population | number     | Not null   |

Loading Data Set

The primary data set has been loaded into the database schema using SQL*Loader tool for data modelling and predictive analytics. The two-dimensional table comprises total number of 7 attributes and 65 records. For better understanding to readers, we have presented a sample record of applied loaded data set in Table 3. It explains each attribute and its corresponding value. Just to clarify, in each age group, the sample size is static but the prevalence varies because of different BMI values.
Table 3. A sample record of Data Set

| Sr_No | Year | Definition | Sex | Age_group | Sample_size | Prevalence |
|-------|------|------------|-----|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 1     | 2005 | BMI ≥ 30   | Male| 45-54     | 519         | 38.9%      |

Connection Establishment

The Connection establishment is an important task within the process. The model is built by establishing the connection between the ODM and Oracle databases. Primarily the data set is stored in Oracle database. For executing the data mining classifier, the ODM should be connected to the Oracle database. It needs the special database privileges to connect with oracle database server [32].

SQL>GRANT EXECUTE ONCTXSYS.CTX_DDL TO obesity_user.

After executing this Structured Query Language (SQL) query, the ODM get successfully connected to oracle 11g database server. To perform the classification based predictive analysis.

Classification

Classification is a supervised learning method of data mining/machine learning and it plays a significant role in discovering meaningful patterns from the data sets of different domains [17]. The data set has a set of non-class attributes \( A_1, A_2, \ldots A_n \) and a pre-defined class attribute \( C \). It discovers the relationship between non-class attribute and class attribute (target), which accurately predicts the target attribute for each case in the data set. It is used when the class attribute is discrete in nature [34,35]. In the present data set, attribute ‘Definition’ is the class attribute, and it comprises seven distinct class values of BMI such as <18.5, 18.5-24.99, ≥25, 25-29.99, ≥30, 30-39.99, and ≥40. Each class value has its own predictive result, and the rest of the attributes are non-class attributes or predictors. In this research work, we have applied supervised learning because the class attribute is defined, and the classifier Support Vector Machine.

Supervised Learning Classifier -- Support Vector Machine (SVM)

The predictive result can be achieved by different types of available machine learning classifiers. It provides a high rank of classification accuracy when the data set have less number of attributes and linearly separates the data into two classes - class1 and class2 [37,38]. Therefore, it has been used for the predictive analysis of different BMI factors. It is based on following Equation 1.

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 f(x, y) = sign(x.a + y).
\] (1)

Where ‘\( x \)’ is a weight vector, ‘\( a \)’ is the input vector and ‘\( y \)’ is the initial point. In ODM, SVM uses binary kernels one is Linear and another is Gaussian based. In our present work, the model building is made of the Gaussian kernel. Applications of SVM have been significantly seen in medical field such as disease diagnosis, prevention, and intervention due to its good predictive results [37]. The study shows, SVM is a suitable classifier for detection and prediction. However, here we used ODM tool because it has the ability to take character variables ‘char’ as a target attribute as well, it internally processes them into numerical values with the notations as (0,1,2,...) for further processing. In ODM, SVM is a successful classifier for both regression and classification techniques and have strong relationship with oracle database platform which maintains the good ranking of accuracy [39]. After model building, evaluating the performance of each model is one of the most significant tasks. Based on this we can claim that how good is our model? For this, we need to know some basic evaluation parameters such as ROC, AUC and predictive accuracy. To test the performance of each model, ROC curves have been depicted. The better the curve value AUC, better the detection of BMI value.

What is Receiver Operating characteristics (ROC) and its significance in Human Health Research?

ROC is a 2-dimensional graph, between true positive rate (TPR) and false negative rate (FPR), or in other words, it can be defined as the trade-off between sensitivity and specificity [39]. ROC curves play a vital role in clinical data analysis [40,41]. Medical experts use the ROC curve analysis for exploring the performances of diagnosis [42,43]. The measurement of ROC plot is done by Area under curve (AUC).
Area Under Curve (AUC)

The performance of each classified BMI value has been evaluated by the ROC plots. This has been calculated from the area of ROC curve, termed as Area under the curve (AUC). The value of the curve is between 0 and 1. This shows the overall accuracy of the model, if the value reaches 1.0, it is a sign of high sensitivity and specificity [45]. Here, The AUC is used to measure to evaluate the accuracy within each BMI category. An AUC of 1.0 indicates prediction without error of BMI results such as underweight, overweight and obesity status in the data set. On the contrary, an AUC of 0.50 represents a fifty percent possibility of a correct prediction of BMI classifications. The better classifier should be positioned near to the left corner of the height of the ROC plot as highlighted in Figure 3 to 9.

Typically, in medical diagnosis high AUCs are required. As a result, AUC computation has been often applied in neurosciences and endocrinological disorders such as diabetes [45]. In clinical data analysis research, it has been applied to find the patterns and discover which type of treatment is more effective to the patient. For example, quitting smoking is more beneficial to diabetic patients or not. Its computation allows the data scientist to simplify the data analysis with predictive knowledge on health informatics research. The trapezoidal method is used to calculate the AUC. It works by dividing the area into a number of sections of equal width. The summation of the area of each section by the area of the trapezium formed when the upper end is replaced by a chord called the AUC of ROC [33,48,49], which is represented by the trapezoidal rule in Equation 2.

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T(a, b, n) = \left(\frac{b-a}{n}\right) \times \left(\frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{f(a)+(b-a)}{n}\right),
\]

(2)

Furthermore, to verify our results, the predictive accuracy of the models has also been estimated by Equation 3. It has been designed from four parameters TP, TN, FP, and FN as shown in Table 4 with the explanation.

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\text{Predictive Accuracy} = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+FP+TN+FN},
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(3)

### Table 4. Prediction types in Obesity case.

| Acronym | Prediction Types | Explanation |
|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| TP      | True Positive   | If a patient is ‘obese’ and also correctly predicted and predicted as ‘obese’. For example, BMI ≥ 30 and the classifier also had predicted them as ‘obese’. |
| TN      | True Negative   | If a person is ‘non-obese’, and predicted as ‘non-obese’. No action is needed. |
| FP      | False Positive  | Incorrect prediction, when a healthy person as an ‘obese’ patient. Then, it creates financial burden. |
| FN      | False Negative  | Incorrect prediction, when the classifier predicts the ‘obese’ patient as a normal person. It is a severe problem in health informatics research. |

Knowledge Discovery

Knowledge discovery is an integral part of data mining process. It is the process of extracting relevant and sensible patterns from data sets by combining data mining and statistical machine learning with databases [48,49]. Here the knowledge discovery means, if the SVM predicts about riskier BMI factor, then pattern reveals to other chronic diseases in case of overweight, and for underweight it could be malnutrition and mental illness.

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

This section deals with the experiment and exploring the trends for each BMI category. The experiment has been done on the obesity data set $D$, which has been processed using ODM, for analysis we execute the SQL queries and simultaneously the results are saved in log files as database objects called tables in Oracle database. We summarize our results of ROC reported from Figure 4 to 9, and predictive accuracy in Table 5. The trends of each BMI category has been discussed, based on AUC of ROC in subsequent subsections.
Trends obtained from BMI < 18.5

As per [13], if the BMI is less than 18.5, the person is considered as underweight. BMI has a potential relationship with underweight and declares as malnutrition, which results in severe health issues such as mental illness, health-related behaviors, and other biological risk factors [52,53]. Our results as shown in Table 5 and Figure 3, we found that the value AUC is 0.75 which is greater than 0.5, this indicates a good sign of predicting the underweight cases with 90.76% of predictive accuracy. The WHO data set reveals that the prevalence of underweight from the age group 15-64 is less i.e., 4.9% in Saudi Arabia [31]. Despite this low prevalence in the country due to the good economy, still, some cases have been found, it is a sensitive issue. Also, our predictive results show that it is not a good sign, hence, it is suggested that the health department should take necessary medical actions.

![Figure 3. ROC graph for BMI < 18.5](image)

Trends obtained from BMI 18.5-24.99

BMI 18-24.99 is considered as an ideal weight for a healthy person [1]. From primary generalized data set, the prevalence of this classification is found 27.8% which indicates people of the country have to be more focused on their health [30]. Further, we have analyzed from our results as shown in Table 5 and plotted ROC graph in Figure 4, we found a good ranking of the model with a value of AUC is 0.91 and predictive accuracy is 95.38%.

![Figure 4. ROC graph for BMI 18.5-24.99](image)
Here, after careful analysis, we can say that this BMI stage of individual is important, and a person has to care about his health in two aspects. Firstly, if the person follows the sedentary lifestyle and takes an unhealthy diet without exercise then the person’s BMI may also increase i.e., greater than 25, which results in overweight and this could be an alarming cause for obesity [52]. Secondly, if the person does not take a nutritious healthy diet, a person may suffer from underweight due to the decline in BMI [53].

**Trends obtained from BMI 25-29.99**

As per WHO criteria, BMI 25-29.99 states that the person is now acknowledged as overweight but not obese [12,53]. The prevalence rate of overweight is 30.73% in the applied data set. However, after predictive analysis, we found the results for this BMI category as shown in Table 5 and plotted ROC graph in Figure 5, shows that the AUC of ROC is 0.93 and its predictive accuracy is 92.30%. Both results show that model is approximately accurate, and the increase of BMI value would result in prevalence of overweight [55]. As a result, overweight person may enter into obesity criteria. We have analyzed from our results and primary data set, prevalence of overweight is higher for age group of 55-64 i.e., 46.4 compare to other age groups. This is a crucial age because person is 60+ (old age) and needs to care for health seriously [56]. Otherwise, this inclination towards the increase in BMI could cause other relevant diseases too.

**Figure 5. ROC graph for BMI 25-29.99**

**Trends obtained from BMI ≥ 25**

In this BMI category, we will refer person as a patient because BMI ≥ 25 and is said to be in the initial stage of obesity [13,57]. As per primary data set, overall prevalence of obesity for this is 66.2% from the age group 15-64. However, for the age group 45-54 the prevalence rate is 77.8%, it is a perceiving issue. Now, from our predictive results, from Figure 6, the AUC of ROC is 0.99, and the predictive accuracy is 98.46. These results have been presented in Table 5. After a careful review, the results demonstrate that patients with this BMI category enter into the pre-obese stage which is a perceiving issue. Data analytic point of view, our predictive results are appreciable because of the AUC value is near to 1.0 and predictive accuracy is also above 98%, which indicates that the prevalence of patients consisting of this BMI could be approximate double of applied data set in near future and push the patients into higher BMI values. However, patients are at pre-obese stage, but patients must care about diet intake in terms of taking hypocaloric diets, weight reduction and exercise [58]. This will prevent the patient from various related chronic and vascular diseases...
Trends obtained from BMI ≥ 30

When BMI reaches to 30 or greater, then the person is detected as Obese [55,57]. As reported in the applied data set, the prevalence rate for this BMI is 28.3%. Although, it is less than BMI ≥ 25, it is a serious issue for obese patients and bariatric physicians. Here, the concern is that its prevalence is 34.5 in the age group of 35-44, which is higher than other age groups, and this age group is not treated as old age. The AUC of ROC shown in Figure 7 is 0.81 and predictive accuracy is 90.76% as shown in Table 5.

Since 1975, the prevalence of BMI ≥ 30 has been increased in both developed and developing countries [6]. It has been analyzed, with the increase of BMI 30, obesity patients facing Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA), and its prevalence rises progressively [52,59]. This happens because of various factors such as ignorance at overweight and pre-obese at the initial stage, obesogenic factors, sedentary lifestyle, and unhealthy diet [55]. The primary data set and predictive results, clearly indicate that the person should take immediate steps to control his BMI corresponding to weight control and other suggested plan by the bariatric physicians. To prevent and treat the related severe chronic health issues [60].

Trends obtained from BMI ≥ 30-39.99

BMI 30-39.99 means the patient is suffering with super-obese of Stage 2 Obesity [1,54]. Primary data set reveals, its overall prevalence in KSA is 25.6%, and 31.7% for the age group 35-44 which higher than other age groups. If we see this previous analysis of BMI ≥ 30, in that too, the prevalence rate was higher for 35-44. This indicates that the influence of risk factor such as unhealthy diet, no weight reduction, lack of
exercise, and obesogenic factors are more to this age group. As a result, increase in BMI. The AUC value is 0.87 and predictive accuracy is 93.84% as shown in Figure 8 and Table 5.

Figure 8. ROC graph for BMI 30-39.99

Our predictive results are also indicating that it will increase in near future too, as the country is suffering from major factors such as a cultural shift towards developed-world, adapting junk diet items regularly, eating habits and lack of physical activity [56,61]. Reduction and control of BMI are significant in this obesity category because patients are more likely to birth other associated chronic diseases. Therefore, it is strongly recommended, the patient has to take regular consultation with the dietitian and bariatric physician.

Trends obtained from BMI ≥ 40

As unnecessary fat increases in our body, BMI increases simultaneously, if it reaches to ≥40 eventually, it is a sensitive issue. As it is considered as a morbidity obese with several acute chronic illnesses [62]. It is estimated in 2015, high BMI majorly affected the global death rate which is approximately around four million [52]. In the plotted ROC plot in Figure 9, the AUC is 0.80, and predictive accuracy is 92.30% as shown in Table 5, which predicts that it may increase the morbidly obese cases in coming future. It is also noted that 63-64% of patients are hypertensive due to BMI≥40 [63,67]. Previously, it was reported obesity is more in developed countries but now this has been drastically increasing in developing countries [7]. Since the last five decades, the prevalence of obesity has been increased rapidly, because of quality life with many causes such as more use of air conditioners, unhealthy lifestyle, less physical activity, addicted to smartphones, less sleep and many more. Which results in the imbalance of calories [65]. Middle East countries have the highest prevalence rates of obesity in adult populations particularly in Saudi Arabia, and it is predicted this will also increase [68]. For proliferated morbidity and mortality, obesity plays a major risk factor, most saliently from cardiovascular disease and diabetes, likewise from cancer and chronic diseases, including osteoporosis, liver and kidney diseases, sleep apnea and depression. Moreover, the availability of junk food items in offices and school canteens, lack of physical activities, and exercises all are related to increase in BMI.

Overall, the data analytics perspective, all seven BMI categories comes in the good rank of data modeling because none of them have an AUC value below 0.5. The analysis reveals interesting results, as tabulated in Table 5, the AUC value and predictive accuracy for BMI ≥ 25 is high which are approximately accurate in comparison to other BMI definitions and the important thing is that this stage is pre-obese. If it comes in the eye to both patient and bariatric physician, they have to carefully take the required necessary actions in order to prevent this disease and its related chronic diseases. If it cannot intervene at this BMI category, it has been predicted this will enhances linearly and crosses the edge that has been observed its direct relationship to other related diseases due to the increase of BMI, the risk is also higher for numerous diseases such as cardiovascular, high blood pressure, diabetes, prostate, osteoarthritis, and some cancers (e.g., breast, and gallbladder) [66]. Most of the associated disease results in prolonged illness except in some cases of cancer.
Furthermore, it can lead to the chance of morbidly obese. As a result, obesity is a significantly contributes in morbidity and mortality rates [68]. For this, public awareness at primary level is mandatory like other diseases [70,71,72] for the interventions to prevent the environment from overweight or obesity. Secondary, if the overweight is found promote the weight loss methods in society, excess exercise and aware them to be away from sedentary lifestyle and proper prescribed lifestyle management should be adopted. In order to prevent them from serious complications. Last, both prevention and treatment are required by bariatric physicians to control the related health complications. Hence, our predictive results will provide aid to therapeutic decisions. Moreover, We have also analyzed BMI < 18.5 has a strong relationship with underweight and person can be declared as malnutrition, which results in severe health issues such as mental illness, health-related behaviors, and other biological risk factors.

**CONCLUSION**

The key contribution of this research work is the idea of predicting each BMI category from underweight to morbid obese using the classifier SVM and the concept of AUC of ROC with predictive accuracy. The predictive analysis has been done on seven distinct types of BMI categories of the data set. The main issue here is the interpretation of data analysis as per the health care unit. So that it will assist human beings and bariatric physicians. As shown in Table 5, each BMI results have the AUC value greater than 0.75, and a Predictive accuracy is above 80%. However, BMI ≥ 25 has the highest AUC of ROC 0.99, and its predictive accuracy is 98.46 respectively, which shows that the predictive model is approximately accurate. After a careful review of our results and relating with medical literature, we came to the conclusion that BMI ≥ 25 is an alarming indication and if not prevented on time as directed by a physician, it will reflect the sign of other prolonged chronic diseases due to the gradual increase in BMI. This research also gives the awareness to the society and its further severe health consequences.

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