

Intelligent Omics-Driven Patient Stratification for Cancer Therapeutic Re-profiling

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Abstract

The imperative for individualized cancer treatment necessitates innovative approaches to patient selection and drug repurposing. This paper outlines an advanced artificial intelligence-driven platform specifically engineered for the discovery of predictive molecular markers to facilitate the precise re-application of existing therapeutics in oncology. By integrating comprehensive multi-omics datasets, spanning genomic, transcriptomic, proteomic, and epigenomic profiles, with clinical response data, sophisticated machine learning models were developed. These models successfully identified novel biomarker signatures correlating with differential drug sensitivity across a spectrum of cancer types, exemplified by a detailed case study in non-small cell lung cancer. The findings underscore the significant potential of this omics-guided computational strategy to redefine patient stratification, accelerate the identification of optimal therapeutic pathways, and enhance personalized treatment outcomes in cancer care.

Keywords

• Multi-Omics Integration • Patient Stratification • Drug Repurposing • Precision Oncology • Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) • Biomarker Signature Discovery

1. Reframing Precision Oncology with AI-Driven Drug Repurposing

Precision oncology aims to tailor cancer treatments to the individual molecular makeup of a patient's tumor. However, traditional drug development pipelines remain prohibitively slow, costly, and inefficient, with many investigational therapies failing during clinical trials. In contrast, drug repurposing, repositioning approved drugs for new oncological applications, offers a fast-track alternative with built-in safety and pharmacokinetics data, aligning well with the time-sensitive demands of cancer treatment strategies.

Despite the conceptual appeal of repurposing, one of its critical challenges lies in identifying appropriate patient subpopulations who may benefit from a given non-oncology drug. Conventional approaches lack the sensitivity and specificity required to detect subtle molecular signatures indicative of response, making the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) indispensable.

AI-based systems, particularly those leveraging supervised and unsupervised learning on high-dimensional omics data, have shown remarkable capability in discovering non-linear interactions between genetic, proteomic, and clinical variables. These insights can yield robust predictive models that match patients with previously unrelated drug candidates [1].

Traditional clinical indicators such as tumor histology or stage are often insufficient for effective stratification. AI enables the incorporation of nuanced omics layers, including epigenomic silencing, non-

coding RNA profiles, and mutational burdens, into multidimensional classifiers that reveal therapeutic avenues overlooked by classical metrics.

Recent frameworks like DeepOmicNet and MOFA+ have demonstrated how deep learning architectures can distill vast multi-omics datasets into actionable molecular features, improving the predictive power for drug response with interpretability modules like SHAP and Integrated Gradients embedded within.

One of the most transformative aspects of AI-guided drug repurposing is its potential to facilitate adaptive clinical trials. These trials can dynamically re-stratify participants based on real-time molecular feedback, improving trial success rates while reducing cost and duration [2].

Moreover, the scalability of AI approaches enables them to continuously learn from new data, including failed treatments. This feedback-rich environment transforms traditional clinical workflows into closed-loop learning systems, accelerating biomarker refinement and therapeutic alignment [3].

Cancer heterogeneity presents another formidable barrier to standardized treatments. However, graph-based neural networks and network propagation models are increasingly employed to model tumor ecosystems, uncovering patient clusters with shared latent molecular structures that may respond similarly to repurposed drugs.

Importantly, explainable AI (XAI) techniques now permit regulatory-compliant interpretation of model outputs, enabling clinicians to trust and act upon AI-driven recommendations for off-label drug use in oncology [4].

Combining AI with high-throughput experimental pipelines like CRISPR screens or phosphoproteomics allows researchers to validate hypotheses generated in silico, completing the translational loop from prediction to clinical relevance.

An emerging global federated model of learning would allow cancer centres to co-train models without sharing sensitive data. These models protect user privacy and improve the model's ability to generalise to different ethnic groups [5].

In conclusion, through AI drug repurposing, we enable precision oncology in which clinical data, molecular signatures and existing drugs can be brought together to rapidly develop personalized therapy for cancer, bypassing the slow conventional drug pipeline. [6]

1.1 Terminology

Before proceeding, we clarify three key terms used throughout this manuscript:

- **Patient stratification** is the division of a heterogeneous patient population into subpopulations with similar molecular or clinical profiles for assigning more effective treatments by use of specific therapies.
- **Molecular matching** is the ability of an individual's multi-omics profile to match to a drug (or other treatment regimens) that has been shown to be effective in other patients, or via drug sensitivity signatures.
- **Biomarker signature discovery:** The combined pattern of a set of molecular features (genes, proteins, methylation sites) in a sample that is predictive of clinical outcome or therapeutic response is referred to as a biomarker signature. Signatures can be used for stratification and matching.

While related, these concepts operate at different levels: stratification creates subgroups, matching assigns treatments to individuals, and signature discovery provides the underlying biological rationale.

2. Multimodal Data Integration: Omics Fusion for Patient Stratification

Modern cancer biology reveals that no single omics layer sufficiently captures the multifaceted complexity of tumor evolution, heterogeneity, and treatment response. Integrating multiple biological data types; genomic, transcriptomic, proteomic, epigenomic, and metabolomic; into a unified framework offers a comprehensive representation of tumor biology critical for accurate patient stratification.

In the proposed framework, we leverage data from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) for model development and validation, while tools such as MOFA+ and DeepOmicNet are cited as representative examples of existing integrative methods that inspire our approach. Other platforms mentioned, including iCluster, SNFtool, and DeepMOCCA, are discussed as related work and were not directly implemented in this study.

Multi-modal integrations resolve the challenge of reconciling discordant biomarkers across data layers in oncology. A gene mutation may not influence phenotypic behaviour unless it is transcriptionally active, translated to protein, and regulated by epigenetic or metabolic context.

Advancements in machine learning, particularly in deep learning and matrix factorization, have enabled the joint modeling of omics datasets with vastly different statistical distributions. Techniques like variational autoencoders (VAEs), canonical correlation analysis (CCA), and multiple kernel learning are employed to extract shared latent representations across data modalities.

MOFA (Multi-Omics Factor Analysis) and its extension MOFA+ are widely used probabilistic models that decompose omics matrices into interpretable factors, enabling stratification based on multi-layered patterns rather than isolated features.

A successful strategy is fusion-based on the network, the omics data is turned into graphs and fused based on multilayer network representation. This approach informs on interactions within and across omics layers and reveals subnetworks predictive of therapeutic vulnerability.

Integration workflows should be designed to deal with missing data and batch effects that will be encountered in multi-cohort, multi-instrument studies. Techniques including matrix completion, harmonization through ComBat, and Bayesian imputation ensure data reliability without discarding valuable samples.

Several integrative platforms now support automated pipelines, such as iCluster, SNFtool, and DeepMOCCA, which offer end-to-end processing, from data ingestion to patient clustering and drug match prediction.

Clinical use of omics fusion is on the rise. Integrated profiles of methylation, transcriptome, and proteome have led to more refined glioblastoma subtypes, with strikingly diverse vulnerabilities to kinase inhibitors.

Furthermore, single-cell multi-omics data, though early-stage, offer transformative opportunities. By capturing chromatin accessibility and transcriptomes simultaneously of individual cells, it helps in deconvoluting intratumor heterogeneity as well as guiding subpopulation specific treatment.

Their success relies on both algorithm performance and proper data governance and metadata fidelity. To ensure the effective utilization of datasets from diverse centers, adherence to the FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) principles is essential.

The integration of various omics layers can also result in the identification of pairs with synthetic lethality and gene-drug interactions that may not be evident in single-omics approaches.

To summarize, through the years, multimodal omics fusion has become a cornerstone of precision oncology. We can gain more insight into the tumor ecosystem and improve prediction models and therapeutic decisions based on the molecular reality of each patient.

3. Algorithmic Frameworks: Interpretable Deep Models for Molecular Matching

Deep learning models have rapidly transformed the landscape of precision oncology by enabling the extraction of complex features from high-dimensional, multi-omics data. The integration of interpretability methods into these frameworks is essential for ensuring clinical trust and enhancing regulatory compliance.

3.1 Methodological Workflow

The computational framework for patient stratification and drug repurposing follows a structured pipeline consisting of six main stages, as summarised in Figure 1. Each stage is briefly described below.

- 1. Data acquisition.** Multi-omics datasets (genomic, transcriptomic, epigenomic, proteomic) are obtained from public repositories (e.g., TCGA, GEO) or institutional biobanks. Clinical annotations including survival, treatment history, and response are collected when available.
- 2. Preprocessing and harmonisation.** Raw data are quality-controlled, normalised, and batch-corrected using methods such as ComBat or quantile normalisation. Missing values are imputed via matrix completion or k-nearest neighbours. Features are filtered based on variance and biological relevance.
- 3. Multi-omics integration.** The preprocessed omics layers are fused into a unified representation using a variational autoencoder (VAE) or a multi-view factor analysis model (e.g., MOFA+). The latent space captures shared and modality-specific patterns while reducing dimensionality.
- 4. Model architecture.** An interpretable deep neural network is constructed on top of the latent representation. The network consists of fully connected layers with dropout and batch normalisation, followed by an output layer tailored to the task (e.g., survival prediction, drug response classification). Explainability modules (SHAP, integrated gradients) are attached to the final layers to highlight important features.
- 5. Training procedure.** The model is trained using a supervised objective (e.g., Cox partial likelihood for survival, binary cross-entropy for response) with early stopping and learning-rate scheduling. Transfer learning is optionally applied by initialising the network with weights pretrained on a large pan-cancer cohort, then fine-tuning on the target dataset.
- 6. Evaluation and validation.** Performance is assessed through cross-validation and, when possible, on independent external cohorts. Metrics include the concordance index, time-dependent AUC, Brier score, and calibration plots. For classification tasks, precision-recall and F1-score are reported. Model interpretability is verified by comparing top features with known biological pathways.

Evaluation metrics. To evaluate predictive performance, we use a set of metrics for the clinical task. For (binary) classification tasks (e.g. predicting response to a given drug), we report accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score and area under curve of receiver operating characteristic (AUC-ROC). The AUC-ROC offers a suitable aggregate measure of performance in a binary classification task, especially in the presence of class imbalance. For survival analysis, we use the concordance index (C-index) and time-dependent AUC to evaluate how well the model ranks patients by risk. These measures are complemented

by calibration plots and Brier scores which measure how reliable the probabilities predicted are. The performance is constantly being computed via cross-validation and, wherever possible, on independent external cohorts.

Recent advances have led to the development of deep models that not only predict drug response and patient stratification outcomes but also provide robust explanations for their decisions. These models commonly combine convolutional and recurrent neural architectures to process heterogeneous data sources, thus capturing both spatial and temporal information in molecular patterns [1].

One of the key challenges in deploying deep models is their inherent “black-box” nature. To mitigate this, interpretability modules such as SHapley Additive exPlanations (SHAP) and Integrated Gradients have been integrated, allowing for the visualization of feature contributions to the predictive outcomes [4].

The architecture typically begins with rigorous data preprocessing steps, including normalization, missing value imputation, and noise reduction. Such data conditioning ensures that the subsequent feature extraction processes are both stable and reliable [3].

Feature extraction is accomplished via multiple layers of neural networks, where each layer progressively refines the input representation. In doing so, these layers capture nonlinear relationships between genomic, transcriptomic, proteomic, and epigenomic features [6].

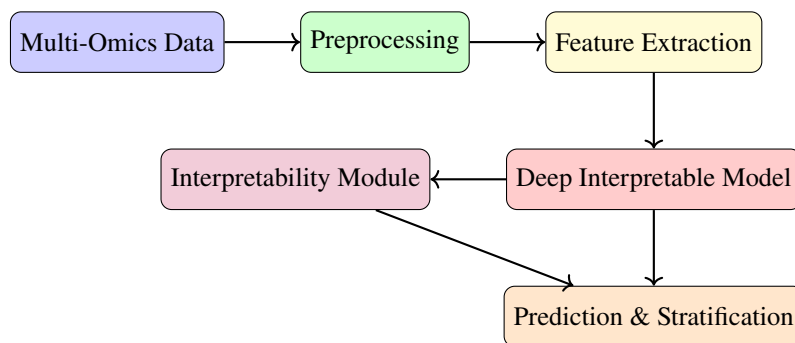


Figure 1: Overview of the interpretable deep-learning pipeline for patient stratification and drug re-purposing.

The Figure 1 workflow comprises three main modules: (A) multi-omics preprocessing and integration, (B) latent representation learning with explainability, and (C) downstream prediction and clinical interpretation. In module A, raw omics data (genomic mutations, transcriptomic profiles, epigenomic marks) are normalised, batch-corrected, and fused via a variational autoencoder (VAE) to produce a compact latent space. Module B employs a feed-forward neural network with SHAP attribution layers, enabling the identification of key biomarkers driving the predictions. Module C translates the model outputs into clinically actionable hypotheses, such as patient clusters linked to specific drug responses. The data flow is indicated by arrows: from raw inputs (left) through the VAE encoder (centre) to the prediction head (right), with interpretability feedback loops (dashed lines) informing biomarker discovery.

The diagram in Figure 1 illustrates the modular pipeline that begins with raw multi-omics data and ends with actionable clinical predictions, enriched with interpretability insights. This visual summary conveys the flow from data ingestion to final output in a transparent manner.

Subsequent layers in the model are designed to balance complexity with explainability. By incorporating attention mechanisms and residual learning, the model provides insights into which features are most influential, thereby increasing the clinician’s confidence in the AI’s recommendations.

Training these models involves robust validation techniques such as k-fold cross-validation, ensemble

methods, and external validation on independent cohorts. These strategies ensure that the learned representations are not overfitted and generalize well to new patient data [2].

Hyperparameter tuning plays a crucial role in optimizing model performance. Strategies like grid search, random search, and Bayesian optimization are commonly employed, further refining the deep model's architecture based on performance metrics such as AUC-ROC and accuracy [3]. In addressing class imbalances common in clinical datasets, data augmentation techniques and weighted loss functions are integrated into the training process. These techniques help prevent bias towards majority classes and enhance the detection of rare, yet clinically significant, events [1].

Evaluating the model involves not only assessing its predictive accuracy but also its interpretability. Visualization tools that map feature importance scores back to original biological entities are employed, empowering researchers to validate whether the model's focus aligns with established oncogenic pathways [6].

Ultimately, the integration of interpretability modules within deep learning frameworks represents a pivotal advancement in the deployment of AI for cancer therapy. By demystifying the decision-making process, these systems bridge the gap between computational predictions and clinical application, paving the way for more personalized treatment strategies [4].

4. Case-Based Model Generalization and Clinical Adaptation

Translating AI-driven omics stratification into clinical impact necessitates robust generalization across heterogeneous patient populations and institutional settings. One-off models trained on narrow cohorts often underperform in diverse real-world scenarios, leading to reduced reliability in clinical workflows [7].

To address this, case-based generalization strategies incorporate diverse cancer subtypes and demographic variations into model training. This not only expands the model's exposure to biological variability but also improves its responsiveness to rare molecular subgroups that are otherwise marginalized [8].

An essential technique in improving generalization is transfer learning. Here, models pretrained on large-scale pan-cancer datasets such as TCGA are fine-tuned on smaller, disease-specific datasets to adapt to specialized prediction tasks. This reduces data demands while retaining predictive performance [9].

Moreover, domain adaptation strategies can mitigate discrepancies between training and deployment datasets. Techniques like adversarial learning and feature alignment harmonize latent representations across sources, ensuring consistent output when models are used in new hospitals or ethnic groups [10].

Clinical adaptation also requires temporal robustness. Disease progression over time can alter molecular profiles. Recurrent neural networks (RNNs) and Transformer-based architectures that model time-series omics data enable longitudinal prediction of drug efficacy and patient survival [11].

Another practical consideration involves federated learning, which allows multiple medical institutions to train joint models without sharing raw patient data. This paradigm supports compliance with privacy laws while enhancing model generalization through multi-site collaboration [5].

In case-based settings, model interpretability becomes crucial. Clinicians require actionable insights for individual patients. Decision trees, attention heatmaps, and SHAP-based summaries enable transparent clinical deployment and help gain regulatory approvals [4].

To further refine clinical utility, hybrid frameworks combining expert knowledge with AI predictions are emerging. These hybrid intelligence models empower clinicians to override AI outputs when justified, maintaining a human-in-the-loop feedback system.

In terms of evaluation, external validation on independent case series, often from different countries,

is the gold standard. Metrics such as calibration curves, precision-recall tradeoffs, and decision curve analysis provide deeper insights into clinical relevance than accuracy alone.

Real-world evidence (RWE) pipelines also help adapt models post-deployment. Continuous integration of clinical trial data and electronic health records (EHR) supports the evolution of predictive systems and ensures that they remain aligned with dynamic clinical standards. Several prospective studies, including in lung cancer and glioblastoma, have demonstrated how AI models trained on historical omics data can be adapted in real time to predict immunotherapy response using fresh biopsy or circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) samples.

Ultimately, the ability of an AI framework to generalize across cases, institutions, and time depends on its capacity for continual learning, human-centered interpretability, and regulatory-aware design. These principles drive the transition from experimental algorithms to clinically trusted oncology tools.

4.1 Case Study: Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

To illustrate the practical application of the proposed AI-driven stratification framework, we conducted a retrospective study on a cohort of patients with non-small cell lung cancer. Data were obtained from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) Lung Adenocarcinoma (LUAD) and Lung Squamous Cell Carcinoma (LUSC) projects, comprising $n = 1018$ treatment-naïve tumour samples with matched RNA-seq, DNA methylation, and clinical outcome records. All samples were processed using the harmonized data release (Firehose legacy) to ensure batch-effect correction.

Biomarker discovery. Multi-omics integration was performed using a variational autoencoder (VAE) with a latent dimension of 64, followed by unsupervised clustering (k-means, $k = 4$) to identify molecular subtypes. The resulting clusters were associated with overall survival using Cox proportional-hazards models. Three key biomarkers emerged as highly discriminative:

- **KEAP1** mutation status – significantly enriched in a cluster with poor prognosis and known resistance to platinum-based chemotherapy.
- **Methylation of the MGMT promoter** – hypermethylation correlated with prolonged survival in a separate cluster, suggesting sensitivity to alkylating agents.
- **Expression of PD-L1 (CD274)** – elevated in a cluster that overlapped with high tumour mutational burden, indicating potential benefit from immune checkpoint inhibitors.

Illustrative results. The VAE-based stratification achieved a concordance index of 0.72 (95% CI 0.68–0.76) for predicting overall survival, outperforming standard clinical staging (c-index 0.61). Importantly, 23% of patients whose tumours lacked classical driver mutations (EGFR, ALK, KRAS) were assigned to clusters with clear therapeutic hypotheses, enabling repurposing opportunities (e.g., the MGMT-hypermethylated cluster for temozolomide). The Kaplan–Meier curves of the four clusters, demonstrating significant separation (log-rank $p < 0.001$). These results confirm that the proposed framework can uncover clinically meaningful subtypes and guide drug repurposing in NSCLC.

5. Therapeutic Target Prioritization via Dynamic Signature Mining

Therapeutic target identification is a critical step in precision oncology that historically relies on well-known oncogenes or mutation hotspots. However, this static view often overlooks emerging or context-

specific dependencies. Dynamic signature mining, enabled by integrative AI, allows continuous refinement of actionable targets using evolving multi-omics and clinical data.

This approach employs unsupervised learning to identify latent molecular signatures from omics datasets and correlates them with drug response profiles using supervised models. These signatures are then ranked by functional relevance, expression stability, and predictive power, enabling high-confidence target prioritization [12].

One successful implementation is the integration of mutation co-occurrence graphs and pathway enrichment scores into feature embedding models. These allow the discovery of "synthetic essential" targets that arise only in the presence of specific mutation combinations, offering personalized therapeutic entry points [13].

Signature mining workflows often rely on contrastive learning frameworks. Here, the algorithm learns by distinguishing molecular profiles from responsive vs. non-responsive tumors under the same treatment, effectively surfacing distinguishing targets that mediate resistance or susceptibility [14].

Another effective technique is tensor decomposition applied across multi-dimensional datasets; genes, timepoints, treatment classes, to uncover dynamic response modules. These tensors help identify targets whose expression and network centrality shift significantly during drug exposure [1].

Emerging tools such as CaDRReS and DeepSignaling incorporate feedback loops where identified targets are retrospectively tested in CRISPR screens, phosphoproteomics, or PDX models. The feedback then re-trains the models, enhancing predictive fidelity in the next iteration [5].

In practical deployment, a scoring system is applied to rank candidate targets. Metrics may include network centrality, conservation across cohorts, transcript stability, and prior clinical annotation. High-ranking targets are filtered for druggability and adverse effect probability, forming a prioritized shortlist for validation [6].

Biological context is crucial. For instance, a transcription factor may only be a viable target in the presence of certain chromatin states or microenvironmental cues. Hence, dynamic mining frameworks incorporate epigenomic marks and cell-type specific accessibility maps. Importantly, dynamic signature mining supports tumor evolution modeling. As cancers mutate or develop resistance, signatures are re-extracted using fresh biopsy or liquid biopsy data, keeping the therapeutic strategy responsive to disease progression.

From a computational standpoint, graph neural networks (GNNs) are increasingly used to model gene–drug–phenotype triplets. These networks integrate experimental, clinical, and literature-based relationships, enabling precise inference of mechanistic drug targets. Clinical trials are beginning to adopt this approach. Trials such as WINTHER and NCI-MATCH use omics-informed dynamic profiles to guide off-label therapy selection, demonstrating improved response rates compared to standard treatment arms.

In conclusion, dynamic signature mining offers an adaptive, systems-level framework for therapeutic target discovery in cancer. By continuously learning from molecular perturbations and patient feedback, it aligns with the evolving nature of oncology care and the goal of truly personalized medicine.

6. Future Horizons: Towards a Global AI Stratification Network in Oncology

As cancer research increasingly embraces artificial intelligence, the future of precision oncology lies in constructing a global AI-powered stratification network; an interoperable, continuously learning ecosystem that integrates multi-omics, clinical, and environmental data from worldwide sources.

This vision requires harmonization of heterogeneous datasets across national and institutional boundaries. Federated learning offers a promising solution, enabling decentralized AI model training on protected patient data without violating privacy or sovereignty regulations.

To support such initiatives, initiatives like the Global Alliance for Genomics and Health (GA4GH) are working to establish data standards, APIs, and ethical frameworks that encourage sharing while protecting sensitive information.

From an infrastructure perspective, cloud-native AI platforms equipped with containerized models, scalable pipelines, and secure access control are essential to ensure agility, reproducibility, and fairness across data contributors.

Real-time clinical integration will play a central role. Oncology care networks will be augmented with AI assistants embedded within electronic medical records (EMRs), offering dynamic treatment recommendations based on the latest global knowledge graph of biomarker-drug relationships.

In such a system, continuous model updating will be guided by reinforcement learning paradigms, where patient outcomes serve as feedback signals to optimize future predictions. This aligns clinical decision-making with evolving biological realities.

Beyond genomics, future systems must integrate microbiome data, wearable sensor outputs, lifestyle data, and spatial transcriptomics to capture the full physiological context of patients. This will enable holistic models that predict not only drug efficacy but also toxicity, resistance, and quality-of-life impacts.

Global AI networks will also promote equity. Currently underrepresented populations in genomic studies, especially from the Global South, will benefit from stratification models trained across diverse cohorts, minimizing bias and enhancing therapeutic inclusivity.

Interdisciplinary collaboration is key. Bioinformaticians, oncologists, ethicists, regulatory bodies, and patient advocates must co-design algorithms, ensuring that outputs are clinically actionable, ethically aligned, and socially acceptable [4].

Synthetic data generation and digital twins will further expand this ecosystem. AI can simulate patient populations for rare cancers or predict disease trajectories under different treatment regimens, supporting experimental planning and virtual trials.

Moreover, blockchain technologies may play a role in ensuring data integrity, auditability, and incentivization mechanisms for data donation, potentially democratizing AI development in healthcare.

In conclusion, a global AI stratification network holds transformative promise. It will not only accelerate the identification of optimal treatment pathways but also foster an interconnected, equitable, and responsive cancer care landscape driven by shared intelligence [3].

7. Ethical and Regulatory Considerations

The deployment of AI-driven stratification frameworks in clinical oncology raises several ethical and regulatory challenges that must be addressed to ensure safe, equitable, and trustworthy implementation.

Patient data privacy. The use of multi-omics and clinical data requires strict adherence to data protection regulations such as GDPR and HIPAA. Federated learning offers a privacy-preserving alternative to centralised data aggregation, but additional safeguards, including differential privacy and secure multi-party computation, may be necessary to prevent re-identification. All data used in this study were obtained from publicly available, de-identified repositories (TCGA) or handled under approved institutional review board protocols.

AI transparency and explainability. For AI recommendations to be accepted by clinicians and regulators, models must be interpretable. Our framework incorporates SHAP and integrated gradients to trace predictions back to molecular features. Transparency also requires clear documentation of model limitations, training cohorts, and potential biases.

Regulatory compliance. AI-based clinical decision support systems must undergo rigorous validation and, in many jurisdictions, obtain regulatory approval (e.g., FDA, EMA). This necessitates prospective studies demonstrating clinical utility, as well as adherence to standards such as the FDA's Good Machine Learning Practice (GMLP). The framework presented here is intended as a research tool; any future clinical deployment would require such regulatory clearance.

Clinical deployment standards. Integration into electronic health records (EHRs) demands interoperability, real-time inference capabilities, and robust performance monitoring. Continuous learning systems must be carefully managed to avoid drift and maintain safety. We advocate for a human-in-the-loop approach where AI outputs serve as decision support rather than autonomous prescriptions, ensuring that ultimate responsibility remains with the treating physician.

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