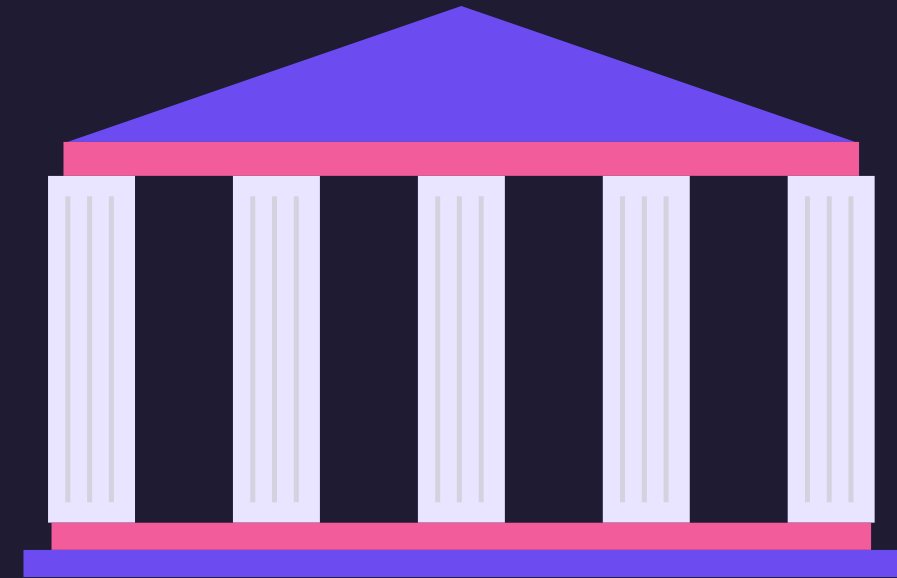


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Deep Learning for Early Detection of Diabetic Retinopathy



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Background and motivation

- Diabetic retinopathy is a leading cause of preventable blindness
- Screening needs specialists who are scarce outside cities
- Automated screening could reach far more patients

RESEARCH GAP

Few models are validated on low-cost camera images from rural clinics.

Research questions



RQ1

Can a lightweight model match specialist grading?



RQ2

How robust is it to low-quality images?



RQ3

Does it help clinicians in real screening camps?

Related work

Theme	Key findings	What is missing
Theme A	Established baseline methods	Limited to lab settings
Theme B	Recent data-driven approaches	Small, narrow datasets
Theme C	Field studies	No comparative evaluation

Summarise your literature here.

Research design



Collect

Images from partner
clinics



Label

Graded by two specialists



Train

Compact CNN with
augmentation



Validate

Field trial in screening
camps

Data and sample

18,000

retinal images

6

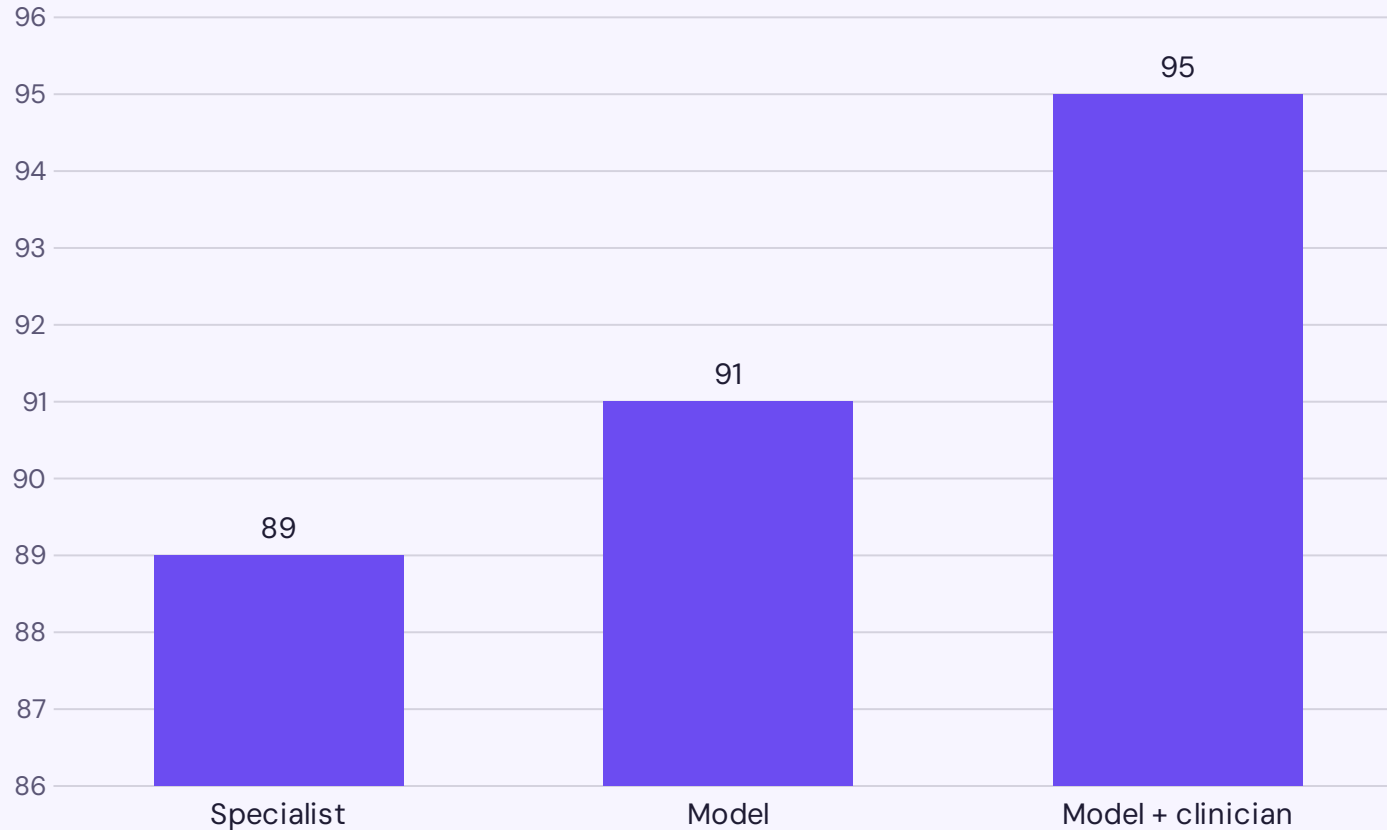
partner clinics

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field camps

Describe your own dataset.

Key result



The model matched specialists, and the combination performed best (sample data).

Sample data for illustration — replace with your own figures.

Findings vs hypotheses

Hypotheses

- Model reaches specialist level
- Works on low-cost cameras
- Clinicians trust it

vs

What we found

- Matched specialists overall
- Needs image-quality check
- Trust grew with explanations

Contributions



Dataset

A labelled rural-clinic image set.



Model

A compact, accurate classifier.

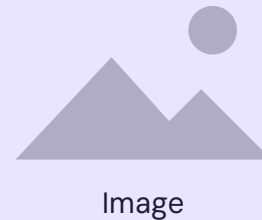


Evidence

Field validation in real camps.

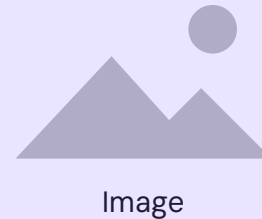
Limitations and future work

- Single region; needs wider validation
- Image quality varies across devices
- Long-term outcome tracking is future work



Publications

- Paper 1 — journal name, year (published)
- Paper 2 — conference name, year (accepted)
- Paper 3 — journal name (under review)



Thank you

I welcome your questions.

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