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# Prediction of Drug Risks Consumption by Using Artificial Intelligence Techniques

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Abstract: Drug abuse and addiction have reached unprecedented heights, destroying and weakening society. It is considered a dangerous and deadly weapon that has had a significant impact on individuals. Clinical evaluation by experts is the most common method for diagnosing addicted patients and isolating them, but this requires equipment, tools, and human effort. Therefore, in this paper, a new hybridization model (EXT- HBOS) between supervised algorithm (Extra tree) and unsupervised algorithm (histogram-based outlier scores) as well as many states of art machine learning techniques (Extremely Randomized Trees, Cat Boost and Light Gradient Boosting Machine) were used to predict drug-addicted patients based on survey online dataset from Kaggle. The dataset was analyzed, discussed, and rebalanced using random oversampling, also the Grey Wolf Optimization (GWO) algorithm was used for tuning important hyperparameters and get the best one. The results were analyzed and discussed using different performance and statistical methods. The results showed that the hybrid model (EXT- HBOS) did the best on all measures, as well as accuracy and Cohen's kappa. It gained 90% accuracy score and 74% Cohen's kappa score. Also, The results illustrated that Neuroticism (Nscore) is the most important factor that tempts an individual to abuse drugs such as heroin.

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Drug abuse is an epidemic that threatens the developed and advanced countries of the world, and its dangers do not stop at the borders of a particular country, and this is a fact that confirmed by social, psychological and health scientists. It has become a state that cannot be controlled, just as the use of electronic games and smartphones cannot be controlled, or the excessive consumption of alcohol [\[1\]](#page-7-0).The National Centre for Drug Abuse stated in its latest statistics that 50% of people over the age of 12 have used drugs at least once, in addition to an increase in deaths of more than 700,000 people due to drug overdoses. Also, according to the National Centre, an alcohol drinking issue impacts 28.320 million individuals, as well as 20.4% of the population. Tobacco or nicotine products (vape) are used by 57.277 million people. A drug problem affects 25.4% of illegal drug users. Opioid problems impact 24.7% of individuals with drug addictions (this includes prescription pain pills or pain killers as well as heroin) [\[2\]](#page-7-1). Drug abuse (addiction) is a disease that affects a person's brain and behavior because it contains chemical substances that lead to the difficulty to manage the use of any legal or illegal drugs or medicine [\[3\]](#page-7-2). Drugs are a group of substances

that cause addiction and poison the nervous system, and lead to drowsiness and sleep or lack of consciousness. Along with causing psychological and physical dependence and negative effects on both the individual and society, it can also lead to a change in personality, low functional and cognitive performance, or a sense of apathy, loss of correct judgment of things, family disintegration and divorce issues, or the spread of crimes to obtain money. There are two sources: natural (opium, morphine, cocaine, etc.), and synthetic (heroin, amphetamines, etc.).

Addiction to drugs can begin with the trial use of a pleasure drugs in certain social contexts, and it becomes more common for some people and more frequent than for others. Heroin is a commonly used opiate that causes mental and psychological illnesses, such as stress and depression, and can lead to death [\[4\]](#page-7-3). Clinical evaluation by experts is the most common way to diagnose and isolate patients [\[5\]](#page-7-4), but this requires tools, equipment, and human effort, in addition to requiring a cash budget from the patients to reach the health centers. Therefore, many papers have turned to using artificial intelligence techniques in practical evaluation and diagnosis of dependencies. Digital healthcare is as accurate in conducting clinical examinations for drug abuse as a



machine learning and deep learning algorithm that processes big data under rigorous conditions [\[6\]](#page-7-5).Machine learning algorithms have tremendous potential for exploring evolutionary horizons as they predict the results of future samples of large, unorganized, and variable data. Machine learning algorithms take important relevant features from the data after it has been cleaned, and analyzed, then train these features using the training process, and finally, testing their performance on a subset of the data. Recently, a number of researches have demonstrated the potential for employing machine learning techniques as a successful strategy to accurately and predictably estimate the risks of drug usage. In 2016, researchers presented a study on the use of heroin and amphetamine using machine learning algorithms (Elastic Net). The goal of the study was to determine the number of participants who abused heroin alone, to identify participants who abused amphetamine alone, and to determine those who abused both, in addition to identifying non-participants. The study relied on many important characteristics (demographic, character, Psychiatric, problems, Neurocognitive, impulsivity), including psychological illness, which determined the number of abusers of heroin and amphetamine together. The results showed that the study achieved better results in AUC: 0.863 (heroin) and 0.712 (amphetamine) [\[7\]](#page-7-6).

In 2017, researchers proposed a study on predicting treatment for substance use disorders using a number of machine learning algorithms (logistic regression, random forests, penalized regression, deep learning neural networks, and super learning). The paper was based on a national data set that included 99,013 respondents. The dataset have 10 characteristics have been used for the patient (age, sex, race, social condition, education, job condition, pregnancy at the time of acceptance, ancient warriors' condition, and living condition), 3 therapy features (i.e. severity, drugbacked ophthalmic treatment, residency duration), the primary source of referral, A brief description of the substance that is causing the problem (with other drugs only categories, alcohol only, or drugs and alcohol), as well as the problem of mental health. The algorithms were examined with a test sample. The AUC for the algorithms ranged from 0.793 and 0.820. They were outperformed by Super Learning, which was the first stage of targeted learning, a framework for analysis that produces double robust impact assessment and inference with a smaller set of assumptions than typical parametric approaches [\[8\]](#page-7-7).

In 2019, study predicted the abuse of two types of drugs and central stimulants (methamphetamine and amyl), which affect the general health of society. 12 personal attributes whole, comprising demographic data (age, gender, ethnicity, nationality and education level) and character traits, were included in the original dataset. This dataset was classified using a number of machine learning algorithms (Random Forest, XGBoost, and Light-GBM), which proved their effectiveness compared to the KNN algorithm Whereas XGBoost, and Light-GBM achieved an accuracy of 0.77 [\[9\]](#page-7-8).

In 2020, researchers used artificial intelligence methods

(Gradient Boosting and word2vec) for the early diagnosis of opioids. The paper analyzed the commercial claim dataset that contains details on both medical insurance claims and personal diagnosis from 2006 to 2018 into six groups (features) to obtain good results, as the sensitivity was 0.85 and the specificity was 0.88 [\[10\]](#page-7-9).

Also, in 2020, researchers predict adults at risk for opioid use. Random forest and decision tree algorithms were used with down sampling to handle unbalanced classes. The prediction was made using the NSDUH dataset (National Survey on Drug Use and Health) that contain demographic data (gender, age, race), socioeconomic status, Physical Psychological data. The paper achieved sensitivity of 0.81 and specificity of 0.81 [\[11\]](#page-8-0).

In 2021, researchers classified the use of heroin drug after identifying important features extracted from the NSDUH. The paper used three different methods from the Random Forest algorithm to explain how to extract features from an unbalanced medical dataset with multiple variables and achieved precision  $= 0.69$  and an F1-score measure of 0.53 [\[12\]](#page-8-1).

In 2022, researchers predicted the use of opioid drugs for People who suffer from attention deficit and hyperactivity using a number of supervised machine learning algorithms (Decision Tree, Decision Bayesian Classifier, Random Forest, and Improved Decision Tree). The paper relied on a dataset from NSDUH after collecting features from each observation in it, then re-cleaning, coding, and selecting the important features using an algorithm called Chi-Square. The results showed that the improved decision tree obtained best accuracy of 99.21 because it was based on the Maclaurin method's approximation formula, which allows for the creation of a decision tree in a short period of time [\[13\]](#page-8-2).

In 2023, researchers classified drug usage into two groups using five machine learning algorithms: Gaussian Naive Bais, Random Forests, Decision Trees, Logistic Regression, and Nearest Neighbors. The open-source data "UCI repository" was used, and different results were obtained, ranging from (70-98%) to classify the consumption of different types of drugs: Alcohol, Amyl, Amphetamine, Benzos, Cannabis, Caff, Choc, Crack, Coke, Ecstasy, Ketamine, Heroin, LSD, Legalh, Meth, Nicotine Mushrooms, and VSA. However, the results for Heroin were between 60%- 88% [\[14\]](#page-8-3).

The goal of this paper is to apply state of art machine learning techniques to online survey data from Kaggle as a basic dataset, to predict and treat drug-addicted patients because clinical treatment requires significant time and effort in addition to financial expenses, and the contribution of paper are:

- 1) State of art machine learning techniques such as (LGBM, Extra Trees, Cat Boost and Histogram based outlier scores) was applied to predict a drugaddicted patients.
- 2) A novel hybrid model called (EXT- HBOS) consisting of supervised machine learning (Extra tree)

with unsupervised machine learning (histogrambased outlier scores) was applied.

- 3) The data was prepared by transforming and normalizing operations, then was divided and rebalanced by using random oversampling.
- 4) The Grey Wolf Optimization Algorithm (GWO) was used for tuning the hyper-parameters and get the best one in all proposed models.
- 5) The results were discussed using the performance and statistical measurements.

The rest of study organized as follow: section [2](#page-2-0) will present background of Models, section [3](#page-2-1) will discuss Methodology, Section [4](#page-4-0) will display prediction and section [5](#page-4-1) will present Results and analysis. Finally, section [6](#page-6-0) will present conclusion.

# <span id="page-2-0"></span>2. BACKGROUND OF MODELS

# *A. Light Gradient Boosting Machine (LGBM)*

GBDT is a framework that relied on gradient-boosting and decision trees. It is one of the most widely used machine learning methods in several tasks in the field of artificial intelligence, such as prediction [\[15\]](#page-8-4), classification [\[16\]](#page-8-5), and learning rank [\[17\]](#page-8-6), due to its accuracy and efficiency. However, due to the increase in data and the complexity of the features contained within it, GBDT needs to scan all instances of the data. Thus, it became somewhat unsatisfactory, so LGBM appeared, which accelerated the work of GBDT more than 20 times by relying on two technologies. The first is GOSS, which takes the most significant gradients in estimating data acquisition. To decrease the number of features, the second technique EFB is used to bundle mutually exclusive features [\[18\]](#page-8-7).

#### *B. Extremely Randomized Trees (Extra Trees)*

Extra Trees is an ensemble learning technique that incorporates randomization into the tree-growing process [\[19\]](#page-8-8). Many decision trees are employed, and samples from each tree are taken at random, achieving originality in data set selection. Furthermore, the characteristics are picked at random, which is why it has that name [\[20\]](#page-8-9). The method selects a split value at random rather than computing a locally optimal value for splitting the data using Gini or entropy. As a result, the trees are dissimilar and diversified [\[21\]](#page-8-10).

## *C. Cat Boost Algorithm*

Cat Boost is a machine-learning ensemble approach that corresponds to the GBDT (gradient boosted decision tree) family. Since its debut in late 2018, researchers have successfully used Cat Boost for machine learning studies including Big Data. It is based on a decision tree algorithm and is characterized by containing implicit processing, which is converting categorical data into numerical data. It does not require pre-processing and is therefore fast to implement. On similar-sized ensembles, the Cat Boost library provides a GPU execution of the learning algorithm and a CPU representation of the scoring method that are significantly faster than existing gradient-boosting libraries [\[22\]](#page-8-11).

## *D. Histogram based outlier scores (HBOS)*

HBOS is a non-parametric statistical approach that uses feature-specific densities from univariate histograms. It allows calculating categorical and numerical unlabelled data with high performance and minimal execution time [\[23\]](#page-8-12). The algorithm is used to explain the distributions of the dataset's features in the form of histograms, which employ bins (densities) to express the frequency and probability of each feature. Initially, the HBOS algorithm used the information from every feature independently. Following that, it was improved to combine all feature histograms to calculate the amount of the algorithm's anomaly score [\[23\]](#page-8-12). The steps of algorithms are:

- 1) To measure every feature, create a histogram and divide the result by the highest number.
- 2) Normalize the features to lie between 0 and 1, such that a maximum of 1 may be reached by the data.
- 3) Using the heights of the bins in the histogram, determine the HBOS of each feature in the dataset.
- 4) Algorithm HBOS used Equation [1](#page-2-2) to provide the anomaly score for assessing an instance(q)of a dataset  $(x^d)$ , where(d) is the number of features [\[24\]](#page-8-13).

<span id="page-2-2"></span>
$$
HBOS(q) = \sum_{i=1}^{d} log_2 \left[ \frac{1}{histogram(q_i)} \right] \tag{1}
$$

5) Data that exceeds the threshold is considered abnormal and vice versa.

## <span id="page-2-1"></span>3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND APPROACH

#### *A. Background of the Research Study*

The PyCharm platform was used as a framework for implementing the research results. During the programming stage, Python libraries such as Scikit-Learn, known for their ML capabilities, and Niapy were used to apply the Grey Wolf Optimizer algorithm from the Swarm Intelligence (SI) technique. The dataset was analysed using four different ML techniques: LightGBM (LGBM), Cat Boost, Extra Trees models and hybrid (EXT- HBOS). Figure [1](#page-3-0) shows Methodology Framework.

### *B. Dataset Description*

The dataset contains 1,885 participants, and for each participant there are 12 quantitative features(inputs). The Table 1 contains demographic information about the participants (ID, Age, Gender, Education, Country Ethnicity). It also contains the five-character traits, in addition to two features: impulsivity and sensation-seeking [\[25\]](#page-8-14). Eighteen drugs, both legal and illegal, were used as a means of reflecting the outcomes that were asked of the participants, which are also listed in the Table [I.](#page-3-1)

#### *C. Data Preparation*

After the data exploration stage, the data preparation stage started, which included a number of critical steps.





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Figure 1. Methodology Framework

TABLE I. Dataset Description [\[25\]](#page-8-14)

<span id="page-3-1"></span>

Feature	Description
ID	Identification
Age	Age range of participant
Gender	Male or Female
Education	Level of education
Country	Country of origin
Ethnicity	Ethnicity/Race of participant
Nscore, Escore, Os-	NEO Five-Elements Inventory Neuroticism score,
core, Ascore, Cscore	Extraversion score, Openness to experience score, Agreeableness scoreand Conscientiousness score
Impulsive	Quantified BIS-11 impulsiveness score
SS	Quantified Impulsive Sensation Seeking score
Drug	Various drugs like (alcohol, amphetamines, benzo- diazepines, amyl nitrite, cannabis, cocaine, choco-
	late, caffeine, crack, heroin, ecstasy, ketamine,
	LSD, legal highs, methadone, nicotine, magic mushrooms, and Volatile Substance Abuse (VSA))

These processes included data transformation, normalization, splitting, and, finally, resampling training data, as follows:

- Data Transformation (discretization)
- Age, Education, Country, and Ethnicity are the only categorical fields in the dataset; all the rest are numeric. Because most ML algorithms require all data to be numeric, these fields were converted to numeric using the one-hot encoding technique.
- Data Normalization

Since the differences are also scaled, the Min-Max Scaler function limits the data to a defined range, often completely between 0 and 1, without changing the underlying distribution. It ensures that the data's original shape is preserved when the values are scaled to a specific range. Equation [2](#page-3-2) provides the feature's normalization on a scale from 0 to 1 [\[26\]](#page-8-15):

<span id="page-3-2"></span>
$$
f_{scaled} = (f - f_{min})/(f_{max} - f_{min})
$$
 (2)

Where f max stands for the feature's maximum value and f min stands for its minimum value. The Min-Max Scaler function was employed to accomplish this.

Data Splitting

The data was first split into two groups, 80% of the data going toward training and the remaining 20% going toward the testing method.

• Resampling Training Data

In unbalanced datasets, the categories are about equal, but one category has more samples than the other. Due to the enhanced effect, classifiers may perform well on the majority class but poorly on the minority. Resampling is frequently used to create a more even distribution of class states from unbalanced datasets. Resampling techniques include random undersampling and oversampling. Undersampling eliminates samples from the dominant class to balance the collection. By replicating minority class examples, random oversampling balances datasets [\[27\]](#page-8-16). In order to obtain accuracy and high performance in the model due to the unbalanced data, we adjusted it to balance by undersampling or oversampling [\[28\]](#page-8-17),[\[29\]](#page-8-18). In this study, the random oversampling technique was used.

# • Tuning Hyperparameters

It can be difficult to choose the best hyperparameters for classification algorithms because doing so can have a significant impact on how effectively a prediction model works, allowing for a more optimal solution and a higher level of model accuracy [\[30\]](#page-8-19). The Gray wolf optimizer (GWO) was used in order to select the best hyperparameters. A recent pack intelligence optimization technique (GWO) is widely applied in numerous important fields. It primarily mimics the hunting strategy and hierarchical structure of the grey wolf race pack in order to attain optimization through these behaviours. The Grey Wolf Optimization (GWO) was proposed by Seyedali Mirjalili et al. in 2014. The GWO simulates the unique hunting and prey-seeking characteristics of the grey wolf [\[31\]](#page-8-20). The group of canines that are still alive includes grey wolves. In the group, each wolf has a distinct role, and wolves work together to accomplish objectives. The grey wolf population was divided according to four social hierarchy stages by the GWO Figure [2.](#page-4-2) The wolf, who holds the top rank, makes decisions about actions like hunting. The greatest choice for wolf is wolf, who holds the second rank, is subordinate to wolf, and together they assist make judgments. Wolf is the third position, below wolf and wolf, and is in charge of duties including scouting and hunting. The lowest position, wolf (the fourth), is in charge of looking after the wolf pack. Grey wolves hunt by following, chasing, and attacking their prey [\[32\]](#page-8-21). The pseudocode of GWO illustrates in Figure [3](#page-4-3) [\[33\]](#page-8-22),[\[34\]](#page-8-23).

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Figure 2. The Grey Wolf Social Hierarchy's distribution and their individual tasks [\[35\]](#page-8-24)

The GWO will be used to adjust the hyperparameters of LGBM Classifier, Cat Boost Classifier, Extra Trees Classifier and hybrid (EXT- HBOS), where the best Hyperparameters were obtained for them and are shown in the Table [II.](#page-4-4)

# <span id="page-4-0"></span>4. PREDICTION USING SUPERVISED AND UN-SUPERVISED MACHINE LEARNING (HYBRID EXT- HBOS)

At this stage, supervised algorithms (LGBM, Cat Boost and Extra Trees) were applied to predict heroin consump-

# <span id="page-4-3"></span>Algorithm 1: GWO

<b>Initialize:</b> $x_i$ denoted the population of grey wolf that selected randomly, $i = 1n$ Initialize: parameter a, A and C <b>Initialize:</b> the iteration number $t = 1$ , max denoted max number of iterations				
Calculate: fitness of each gray wolf				
<b>Select:</b> $x_{\alpha}$ = best gray wolf				
$x_{\beta}$ = second best gray wolf				
$x_{\delta}$ = third best gray wolf				
While $t \leq max$ do				
For each wolf do				
Initialize randomly $r_1$ and $r_2$				
Use $x(t + 1) = \frac{x_{\alpha} + x_{\beta} + x_{\delta}}{2}$ to update the position of current gray wolf				
End for				
<b>Update:</b> a, $A$ and $C$				
<b>Calculate:</b> fitness of all gray wolf				
<b>Update:</b> $x_{\alpha}$ , $x_{\beta}$ and $x_{\delta}$				
$t = t + 1$				
<b>End while</b>				
Return $x_{\alpha}$				

Figure 3. Algorithim of GWO

TABLE II. Best Hyperparameters of the Models

<span id="page-4-4"></span>

Models	<b>Hyperparameters</b>				
LGBM	boosting type='gbdt', numleaves=36, learning rate= $0.19$ . n estimators= $149$				
Cat Boost	iterations=91, learning rate=0.1387, depth=11				
<b>Extra Trees</b>	n estimators=73, max depth=29, min samples split=2, $random state = 6$				
hybrid(EXT- HBOS)	n estimators=73, max depth=29, min samples split=2, $random state = 6$				

tion, and then (hybrid EXT- HBOS) was applied. The hybrid (EXT- HBOS) consists of unsupervised machine learning (HBOS), which contains unlabeled features and supervised algorithm (Extra tree). The aim of this is to add more features that were discovered by (HBOS), called anomaly Score to the original data. Then this fusion data was entered into Extra tree algorithm to predicate heroin consumption.

# <span id="page-4-1"></span>5. ANALYSIS RESULTS AND COMPARISON WITH ANOTHER WORK

After constructing the models in practical implementation, the impacts of each model must be evaluated. Evaluation criteria are primarily concerned with the model's accuracy. However, it is better to use other performance measures besides statistical measures with data to show how well the models work. This section will present and discuss the outcomes of the preceding models.

## *A. Results and Analysis using Performance Test*

In this work, the accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score and Cohen's Kappa metrics were used to evaluate the performance of AI models and predict heroin consumption, which are defined from Equations [3](#page-4-5)[,4](#page-4-6)[,5](#page-4-7)[,6](#page-5-0) [\[36\]](#page-8-25),[\[37\]](#page-8-26):

<span id="page-4-5"></span>
$$
Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}
$$
 (3)

<span id="page-4-6"></span>
$$
Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}
$$
 (4)

<span id="page-4-7"></span>
$$
Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \tag{5}
$$





<span id="page-5-0"></span>
$$
F1 score = 2 * \frac{Precision * Recall}{Precision + Recall}
$$
 (6)

where the true positive, true negative, false positive, and false negative are denoted, respectively, by TP, TN, FP, and FN. Furthermore, Cohen's Kappa assesses the classifier's performance against its chance-only performance. Stated differently, a high variance between accuracy and null error rate indicates a high Kappa value for a given model. Furthermore, the kappa value reveals the degree of agreement between two raters. Table [III](#page-5-1) displays the parameters for calculating Cohen's kappa score [\[38\]](#page-8-27). The measure's values

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range from zero to one. If the kappa value is 0, no agreement exists between the classes; if it is 1, perfect agreement exist [\[39\]](#page-8-28). In this study, the Table [IV](#page-5-2) shows that hybrid (EXT- HBOS) had the best evaluation metrics with an accuracy of 90% and Cohen's kappa of 74%, precision of 91%, recall of 98% and f1-score of 94% for the test dataset, because of merging the anomalous features with the original ones and getting multi-model learning and highlevel prediction. Secondly, Extra Trees classifier also had the better evaluation metrics with an accuracy of 88% and Cohen's kappa of 62%, precision of 88%, recall of 98% and f1-score of 93% for the test dataset followed by Cat Boost and LGBM because the random choice of a splitting value for a feature is the most essential and distinguishing in Extra Trees. Because it samples the entire data set at once, the trees are diverse and help to prevent bias. The

<span id="page-5-2"></span>TABLE IV. Performance Comparison Between Three Models

Models	Accuracy	Cohen's kappa	Precision	Recall	F1- score
<b>LGBM</b>	76%	51%	92%	79%	85%
Cat Boost	83%	60%	88%	93%	91%
<b>Extra Trees</b>	88%	62%	88%	98%	93%
<b>EXT-HBOS</b>	90%	74%	91%	98%	94%

Figure [4,](#page-5-3) shows the confusion matrix of three state of art machine learning as well as hybrid (EXT- HBOS) model which achieved best results in accuracy and Cohen's kappa score with 90% and 74% respectively. These results show the ratio of correctly classified instances to the total number of cases. Therefore, hybrid (EXT- HBOS) model performed better at explaining the relationship between the dataset's properties and outcome parameter.

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Figure 4. Confusion Matrix of Models

Furthermore, the results of the hybrid model (EXT-HBOS) were compared with another similar study that used the same dataset [\[14\]](#page-8-3). Table [V](#page-5-4) shows that the hybrid model outperformed the previous study in terms of accuracy. The

TABLE V. Comparison with Previous Study

<span id="page-5-4"></span>

Models	<b>Dataset</b>	Methods	Accuracy
Previous Study [14]	UCI repository [25]	Decision Tree, Random For- est. Gaussian Naive Bais. K Neighbors Classifier, Logistic Regression	$60\% - 88\%$
<b>EXT-HBOS</b>	UCI repository [25]	hybridization between Super- vised and Unsupervised ML	90%

method of predicting heroin consumption is influenced by a variety of factors. The relevance level for each attribute in the prediction procedure is shown in Figure [5.](#page-6-1) It is noticed that Nscore is by the most important factor, followed by Ascore, Escore and Cscore that same influence, and then Ethnicity Black and Ethnicity Mixed-Black/Asian, which are the least important. This is because people who are neurotic (Nscore) exhibit negative emotional and behavioral traits like impulsivity, an inability to handle stress, anxiety, fear, and anger resulting from frustration. As a result, the person may feel hopeless and helpless and look for drugs.

# *B. Results and Analysis Using Statistical Test*

The Friedman test is used to determine the significance of the superiority of the hybrid (EXT- HBOS) over the other three models.

## • Friedman Test

The alternative hypothesis, which states that the prediction errors of the suggested models differ and are not the same, must be accepted when the Friedman statistical test is in the region of rejection, and vice versa. In the first dimension of Table [VI,](#page-7-10) a significant differences were observed in the average

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Figure 5. Matrix of Important Features

ranking of hybrid EXT- HBOS and LGBM because F=128(Friedman Test) is greater than 5.99 (state decision rule)[\[39\]](#page-8-28),[\[40\]](#page-9-0), also p-value=0.001 which is less than significance level (0.05), therefore the null hypothesis was rejected and the alternative hypothesis was accepted. The second, third and fourth dimensions followed in achieving the same results. This demonstrates the superiority of the hybrid (EXT-HBOS) model. As for the fifth dimension, there was no statistically significant difference between the models, so the null hypothesis was chosen over the alternative hypothesis. To achieve more reliability, the Wilcoxon test was applied in the next subsection.

• Wilcoxon Test

The first dimension of Wilcoxon test in Table [VII](#page-7-11) demonstrates that there is a statistically significant difference in the mean value of the hybrid (EXT-HBOS) and LGBM and the p-value=0.005 which is less than significance level (0.05). Also, according to the results, the negative ranking was based on due to the value of  $z = -2.803$ , which means that mean rank is 0.00, which is less than critical value 8 [\[39\]](#page-8-28),[\[40\]](#page-9-0). As a result, accept the alternative hypothesis while rejecting the null hypothesis. In the dimensions second and third, there is a statistical difference in the mean value for the hybrid (EXT- HBOS) with CatBoost and Extra Trees respectively. Also, there is a statistical difference in the mean value in the four dimensions between Extra Trees and LGBM. The p-value was 0.005 and negative ranking was based on, so reject the null hypothesis and accept the alternative hypothesis.

Based on the preceding statistical measurements, we conclude that the four models (hybrid EXT- HBOS, Extra Trees, LGBM, and Cat Boost) are normally distributed, with statistically significant differences, and that the hybrid EXT-HBOS model which combined supervised algorithm (Extra Trees) with unsupervised (HBOS) algorithm achieved the highest accuracy and performance.

# <span id="page-6-0"></span>6. CONCLUSIONS

The primary goal of this paper investigation was to evaluate and compare how well the hybrid (EXT- HBOS), LGBM, Cat Boost, and Extra Trees Classifiers performed in predicting heroin consumption that has a substantial influence on those who use it. Accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score metrics are used to evaluate models. The outcomes show that hybrid EXT- HBOS Classifier outperforms Extra tree, Cat Boost and LGBM in terms of performance. The superiority of hybrid EXT- HBOS Classifier due to fused anomaly score features with original data to achieve multi feature extraction and get high level prediction of heroin consumption. This study helps to increase the accuracy and reliability of forecasting people's heroin intake by addressing the difficulties faced by machine learning in this area. Heroin eliminates the natural painkillers produced by the brain. These painkillers are called endorphins (and they also cause happiness), so the body's tolerance for any pain, no matter how slight, decreases. After treating addiction, the

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TABLE VI. Friedman Test of Three Models



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body begins to produce endorphins again, but the damage that occurs in the brain may take years to be treated, which has a number of negative repercussions, including liver and heart disease, high blood pressure, and skin issues brought on by repetitive injections, such as boils and bruises, among many others.

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