

# Can DL models be trusted in the clinical practice? Our lessons learned.

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-  **SUSTAINABLE CHEMISTRY**
-  **SUSTAINABLE LAND USE**
-  **SUSTAINABLE HEALTH**
-  **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY**
-  **SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS**

# Our European projects on medical AI evaluation



Vivaldy - **V**erification and **V**alidation of **Ai**-enab**LeD** s**Y**stems

Three year (2020–2023) PENTA project

<https://vivaldy-penta.eu/>



REALM - Real-world-data Enabled Assessment for hea**L**th regulatory decision-Making

Four years (2023-2027) Horizon Europe project

<https://realm-ai.eu/>



TEF-Health - Testing and Experimentation Facility for Health AI and Robotics

Five year (2023-2028) Digital Europe project

<https://www.tefhealth.eu/>



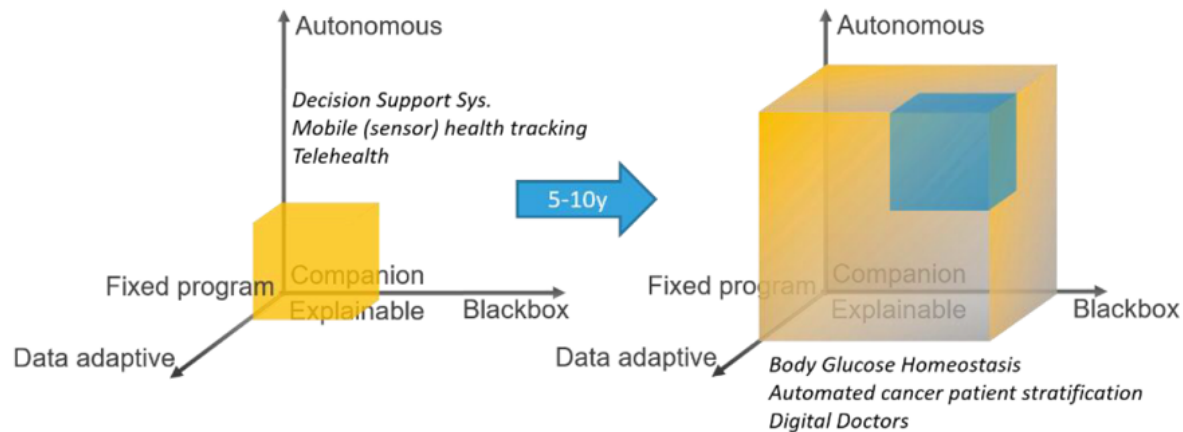
NoBoCap - Notified Body Increased Capacity

Three year (2023-2026) EU4Health project

# Software-assisted healthcare is becoming a reality



*The rise of AI combined with affordable data collection will bring autonomous, self-learning, and potentially complex (black-box) decision-making software solutions into the clinic.*



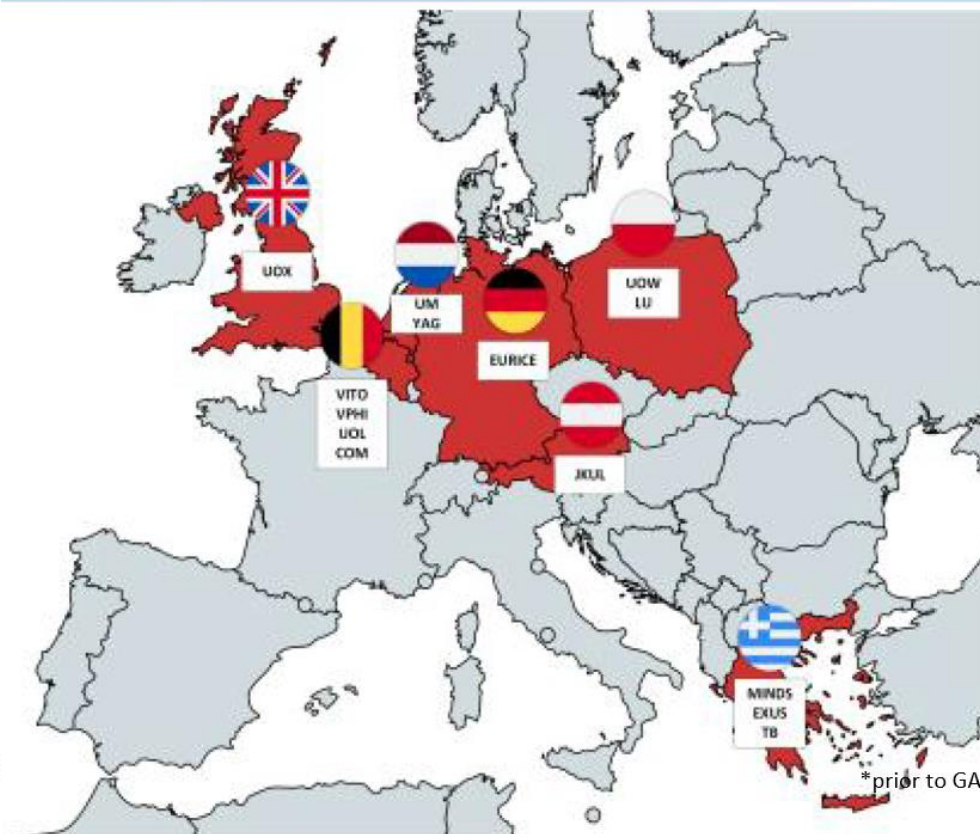
Their certification and post-market monitoring will require **independent datasets** and state-of-the-art ethical and societally grounded **algorithms in the regulatory toolbox** to ensure their robustness, trustworthiness, and explainability.

The European MDSW Market is anticipated to reach US\$25 billion by 2027 from US\$ 5,5 billion in 2019 with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 21.6%.

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- Technology Development
- Ethical, Legal & Societal
- Dissemination, Project Management & Outreach
- Demonstrator

# Questions we aim to address



- Which **real-world data (RWD)** and **real-world evidence (RWE)** should be **required** to permit marketing as Medical Device Software (MDSW)?
- How can we **ensure the safety and effectiveness of artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML)-based MDSW** (or IVD-Software) that may drift over time as they are applied in real life and exposed to new data?
- Should software solutions be **reimbursed** by national healthcare services ?



# MONA

## Smart eye screening solutions



<https://mona.health>

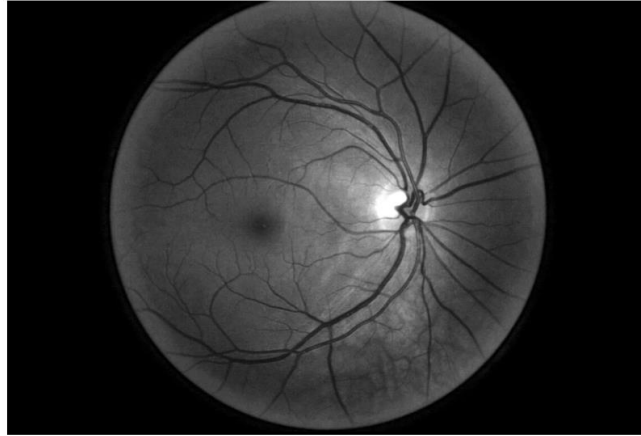
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## How IBM Watson Overpromised and Underdelivered on AI Health Care

After its triumph on *Jeopardy!*, IBM's AI seemed poised to revolutionize medicine. Doctors are still waiting

By Eliza Strickland

MIT Technology Review



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Google's medical AI was super accurate in a lab. Real life was a different story.

If AI is really going to make a difference to patients we need to know how it works when real humans get their hands on it, in real situations.

By Will Douglas Heaven April 27, 2020



But, after its publication, the authors of the study noticed a bias in their algorithm — it was more likely to label an image as malignant cancer if there was a ruler in the image. Dermatologists often use a ruler to measure the size of a skin lesion in the photo if they're particularly concerned about it, so a photo with a ruler in it is more likely to be cancerous.

**There seems to be little guarantee that the good results found with the AI lab evaluations will always be obtained in the clinical practice**

## It's disturbingly easy to trick AI into doing something deadly

How "adversarial attacks" can mess with self-driving cars, medicine, and the military.

By Sigal Samuel | Apr 8, 2019, 9:10am EDT



# Is an elaborated evaluation the solution?

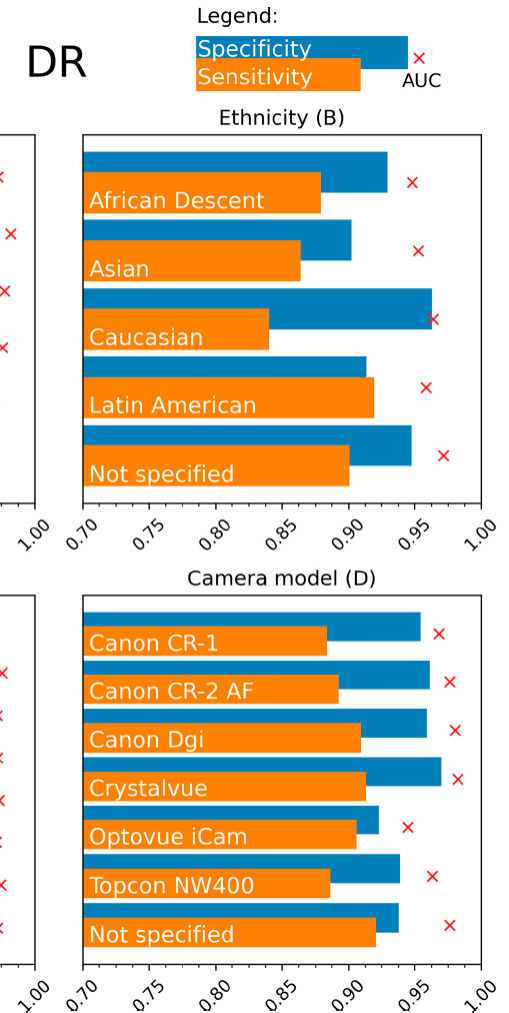
Data from > 100.000 patient encounters from > 300 medical centers used for model training and evaluation



Article

## Artificial Intelligence Software for Diabetic Eye Screening: Diagnostic Performance and Impact of Stratification

Freya Peeters<sup>1,2,\*</sup>, Stef Rommes<sup>3,4,†</sup>, Bart Elen<sup>4</sup>, Nele Gerrits<sup>4,‡</sup>, Ingeborg Stalmans<sup>1,2</sup>, Julie Jacob<sup>1,2,§</sup> and Patrick De Boever<sup>4,5,§</sup>



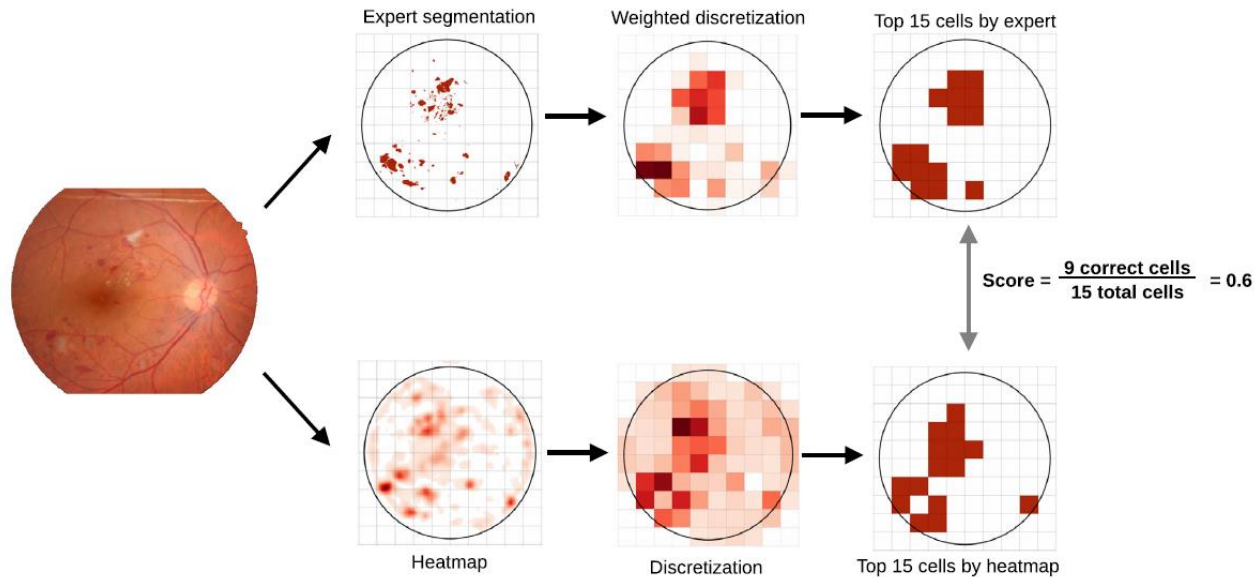
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## Systematic Comparison of Heatmapping Techniques in Deep Learning in the Context of Diabetic Retinopathy Lesion Detection

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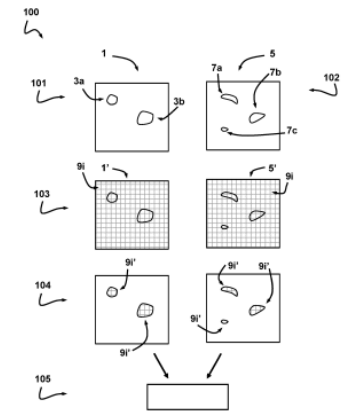
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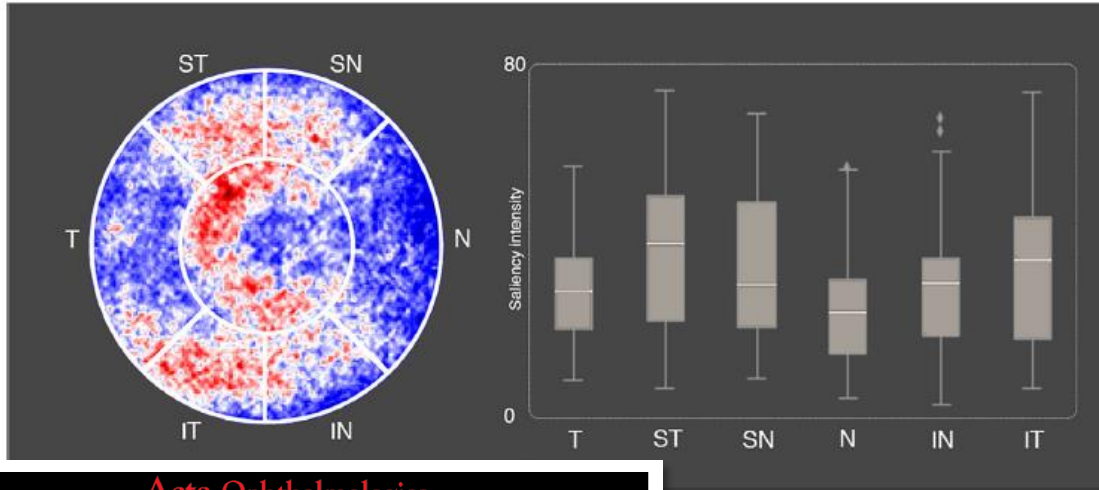
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Acta Ophthalmologica

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## Accurate prediction of glaucoma from colour fundus images with a convolutional neural network that relies on active and transfer learning

Ruben Hemelings,<sup>1,2</sup> Bart Elen,<sup>2</sup> João Barbosa-Breda,<sup>1</sup> Sophie Lemmens,<sup>1</sup> Maarten Meire,<sup>3</sup> Sayeh Pourjavan,<sup>4</sup> Evelien Vandewalle,<sup>1,5</sup> Sara Van de Veire,<sup>6</sup> Matthew B. Blaschko,<sup>7</sup> Patrick De Boever<sup>2,8</sup> and Ingeborg Stalmans<sup>1,5</sup>



## Using a Deep Learning Algorithm and Integrated Gradients Explanation to Assist Grading for Diabetic Retinopathy

Rory Sayres, PhD,<sup>1</sup> Ankur Taly, PhD,<sup>1</sup> Ehsan Rahimy, MD,<sup>2</sup> Katy Blumer, BS,<sup>1</sup> David Coz, BS,<sup>1</sup> Naama Hammel, MD,<sup>1</sup> Jonathan Krause, PhD,<sup>1</sup> Arunachalam Narayanaswamy, PhD,<sup>1</sup> Zahra Rastegar, MD, PhD,<sup>1</sup> Derek Wu, BS,<sup>1</sup> Shawn Xu, BS,<sup>3</sup> Scott Barb, MD,<sup>4</sup> Anthony Joseph, MD,<sup>5</sup> Michael Shumski, MD, MSE,<sup>6</sup> Jesse Smith, MD,<sup>7,8</sup> Arjun B. Sood, MD,<sup>9</sup> Greg S. Corrado, PhD,<sup>1</sup> Lily Peng, MD, PhD,<sup>1,\*</sup> Dale R. Webster, PhD<sup>1,\*</sup>

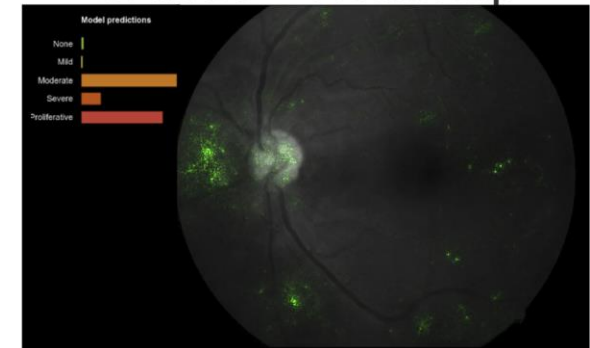
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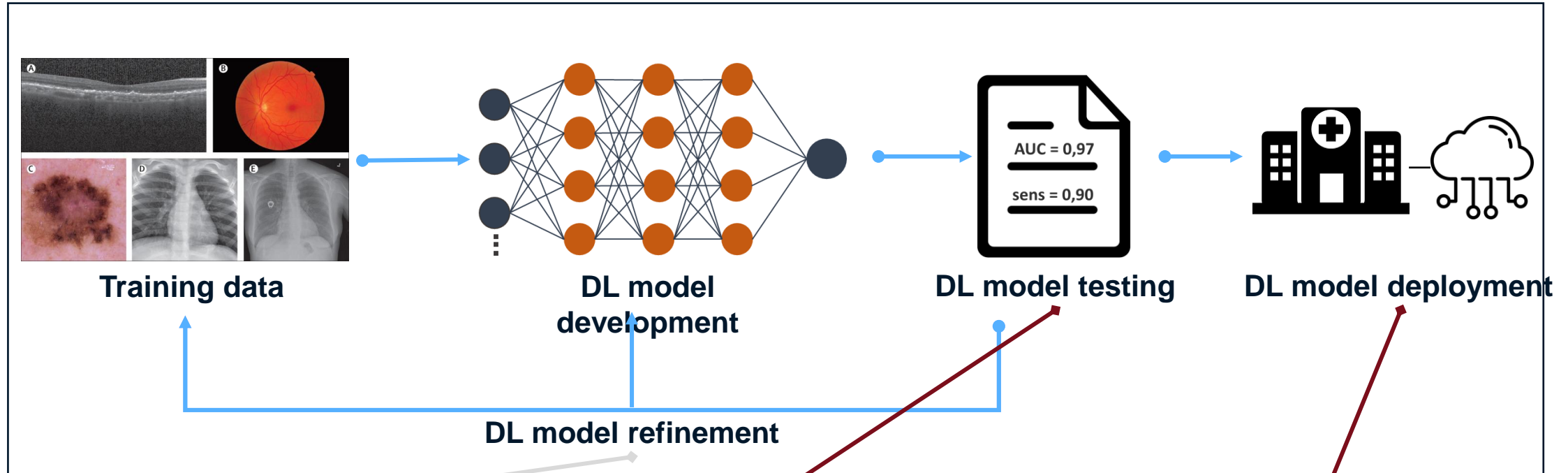


Grades + Heatmap



# Our research in REALM

AI product life cycle



**Innovation 3: Efficient DL model retraining**  
Reduce need for manual labeling

**Innovation 2: Better predict 'real-world' model performance**

- Better evaluation methodology
- Model robustness scores
- Estimate performance on fine grained subpopulations using RWD and synthetic data

**Innovation 1: smart model monitoring**

- Reduce need for manual monitoring
- Be compliant with PMS requirements from regulatory bodies

# Release

Model performance is monitored after model deployment in clinical practice

AI predictions are checked and corrected by medical experts of AI company



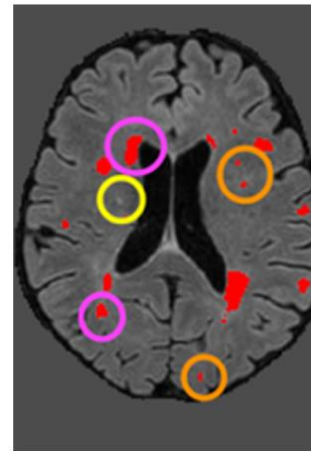
Reduce workload by selecting the cases which will benefit most from being checked

How? - Most relevant cases are identified by quantifying model uncertainty



### MS lesion detection

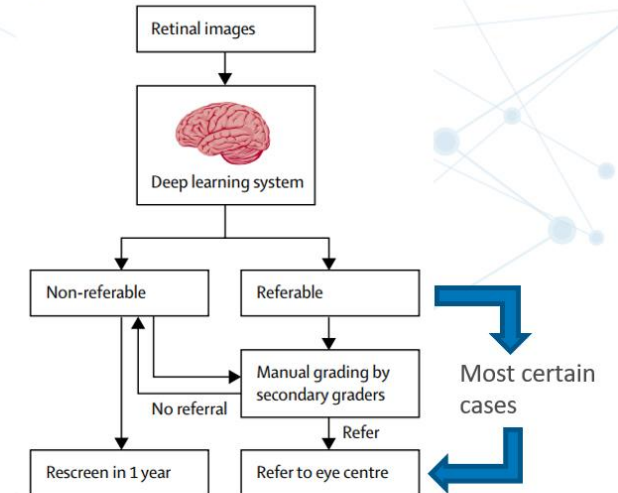
Order MS lesions according to model uncertainty



Using uncertainty to determine which lesions to check first gives significantly better results:  
**F1-score = 76% → 88%**  
With 50% of lesions checked

### DR screening

Don't check most certain diagnoses in semi-automated\* screening approach (\* most cost-effective according to UK and Singapore studies)



the semi-automated framework can be further enhanced, and its cost can be reduced when *uncertainty is incorporated*

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