

Automatic detection of facial measurements using artificial intelligence

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Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

The aim of this study is to develop an artificial intelligence (AI) algorithm to provide accurate, reliable and rapid measurements of the face over video consultation to aid clinicians. The algorithms will be used to improve the diagnostic accuracy of video assessment of patients, allowing more patients to be seen in the comfort of their own home and reducing the burden on the already overstretched NHS outpatient services. Patients will be empowered to monitor their own conditions using this AI-assisted technology, where serious cases can be automatically prioritised while reassurance is given to those that are stable or improving.

Who can participate?

Adults over 18 years, with or without eyelid abnormality confirmed by an adnexal specialist

What does the study involve?

Participants will undergo two video consultations with the research team. These will both be done during their normal clinic appointment, in different lighting conditions. During the video consultation, the team will ask the participant to look in certain directions and take short 20-second clips, from which stills will be extracted (photographs) that make up that clip. Participants will also have their eyelid and facial measurements taken manually by a clinician as per normal clinic routine in an oculoplastic service. The total duration of observation will thus be a maximum of 1 hour (including the consenting process and the ability for the participant to ask questions) and there is no follow-up.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

There are no anticipated risks associated with taking part in this study. The benefits will be to contribute to research in using artificial intelligence for producing facial measurements from videos.

Where is the study run from?

Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (UK)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?

March 2022 to August 2024

Who is funding the study?
Moorfields Eye Charity (UK)

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Study information

Scientific Title

FACE AI: automated detection of oculofacial parameters using artificial intelligence

Acronym

FACE AI

Study objectives

To develop an AI computer vision algorithm that recognises and analyses standardised facial, eyelid and periorbital parameters in real-time videos of patients affected by abnormal eyelid conditions.

Ethics approval required

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Ethics approval(s)

Approved 11/05/2023, London - West London & GTAC Research Ethics Committee (The Old Chapel, Royal Standard Place , Nottingham , NG1 6FS , United Kingdom; +44 207 1048 007; westlondon.rec@hra.nhs.uk), ref: 23/LO/0355

Primary study design

Observational

Study design

Single centre development of AI algorithm

Study type(s)

Other

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Orbital, oculoplastic, and adnexal conditions

Interventions

Development, evaluation and validation of an artificial intelligence computer vision product through prospective database collection and analysis.

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To develop an artificial intelligence (AI) computer vision algorithm to recognise and analyse facial, eyelid and periorbital parameters in real-time videos of patients affected by abnormal eyelid conditions, the researchers will prospectively collect datasets of dynamic videos acquired from both healthy volunteers and patients with eyelid position abnormalities from Moorfields Eye Hospital ensuring underrepresented ethnic background individuals and patients with artificial eyes are included. The researchers will annotate frames of the collected dataset by semantic segmentation to train an AI algorithm that can automatically detect facial, eyelid and periorbital parameters. To validate the AI computer vision algorithm, the researchers will use frames of collected dataset images to fine-tune the AI model. They will perform validation in a hold-out test set from pre-annotated data to deliver a trained and optimised AI algorithm.

To evaluate the consistency of the AI computer vision product, the researchers will measure the test-retest reproducibility of automated facial, eyelid and periorbital parameters between different videos of the same patient. To evaluate the consistency of the clinician manual measurements, the researchers will measure the consensus of manual facial, eyelid and periorbital parameters between two expert clinicians. To evaluate the reliability of the AI computer vision product, the researchers will compare the agreement of the AI computer vision product with the clinician's manual measurements.

Intervention Type

Other

Primary outcome(s)

AI computer vision product validated by comparing segmentation and parameters extrapolated with clinician segmentation and parameters using Dice coefficient, mean absolute difference, intraclass correlation coefficient and Bland-Altman analysis at a single timepoint

Key secondary outcome(s)

1. Reliability of manual measurements assessed by two different clinicians using Bland-Altman analysis at a single timepoint
2. AI computer vision product externally validated using intraclass correlation coefficient and Bland-Altman analysis at a single timepoint

Completion date

29/08/2024

Eligibility**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Adult patient (aged 18 years or over)
2. Ability to provide informed consent
3. Absence or presence of eyelid abnormality confirmed by an adnexal specialist for the normal and patient group, respectively

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 Years

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

1. Aged under 18 years
2. Unable to provide informed consent

Date of first enrolment

01/02/2023

Date of final enrolment

31/01/2024

Locations**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

England

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Moorfields Eye Hospital
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Sponsor information

Organisation
Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

ROR
<https://ror.org/03zaddr67>

Funder(s)

Funder type
Charity

Funder Name
Moorfields Eye Charity

Alternative Name(s)

Funding Body Type
Private sector organisation

Funding Body Subtype
Research institutes and centers

Location
United Kingdom

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

The datasets generated during the study are not expected to be made available due to patient identifiable data and images. Data will not be shared.

IPD sharing plan summary

Not expected to be made available

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
HRA research summary			20/09/2023	No	No
Participant information sheet	version 1	19/08/2022	09/01/2023	No	Yes