



2026324 FW-HTF-P: Teaming Transplant Professionals and Artificial Intelligence Tools to Reduce Kidney Discard - PI: Casey Canfield, Missouri S&T, canfieldci@mst.edu Co-PIs: Cihan Dagli, Daniel Shank from Missouri S&T + Krista Lentine, Mark Schnitzler from SLU

Thousands of procured kidneys are discarded each year and some represent lost opportunities to get patients off dialysis and increase lifespans. To develop an AI decision support system, we:

(1) engaged 39 transplant center, organ procurement organization, and transplant patient stakeholders to document a **transplant work system architecture** to identify kidney opportunities and challenges for redesigning this work process [1-2]

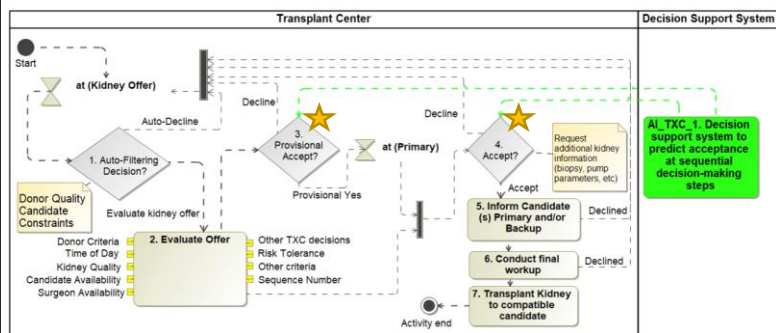


Figure 1. Activity diagram for transplant center kidney acceptance with 2 starred decision points for an AI [2]

(2) developed a **proof-of-concept deep learning model** to predict whether transplant centers will accept a particular kidney [2]

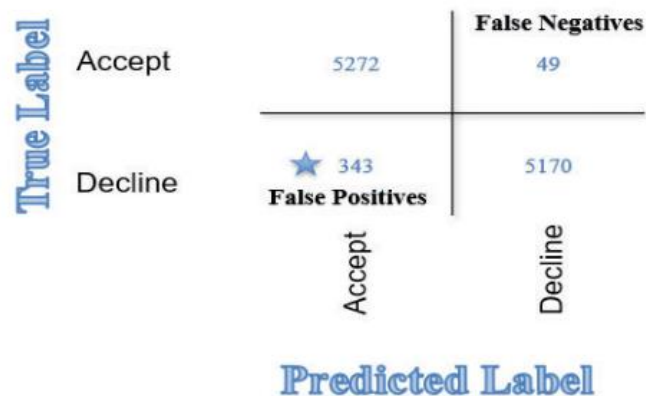


Figure 2. Confusion matrix for preliminary deep learning model with 96% accuracy predicting historical labels [2]

(3) performed **human subject experiments** to estimate how uncertain information influences risky decision-making in the context of betting on basketball games [3]

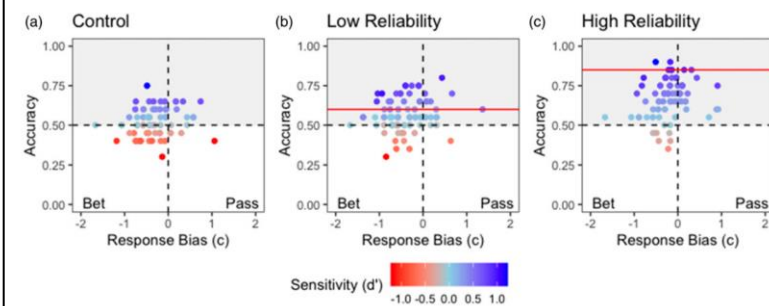


Figure 3. Accuracy increased as AI reliability increased, but there was no effect on response bias. The AI helped users determine when to not act (i.e., pass on bets) [3]

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