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Background

Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) is the most common liver disease worldwide (20%-30% prevalence in the general population)



Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)

<https://hunterdongastro.com/non-alcoholic-fatty-liver-disease-naflid/>

Research Setting

Prospective cohort from the **Tel Aviv Medical Center Inflammation Survey (TAMCIS)**
 > **more than 600 variables per visit**
 > **more than 14,500 individuals**
 > **up to 10 annual follow-up visits for each person**

Research Objective

Stratify the risks for NAFLD by using:
 > **Fatty Liver Index (FLI)**
 > **NAFLD fibrosis 4 calculator (FIB-4)**
 to predict changes over time and suggest preventive medical decisions

Research Plan

> **Extensive data preparation**
 Computation of time series variables
 Build 2 panels in person-level
 Define 2 dependent variables
 FLI ≥ 60 diagnosed as 'YES'
 FIB4 ≥ 1.45 diagnosed as 'YES'
 > **Machine learning classification models to predict individual risk**

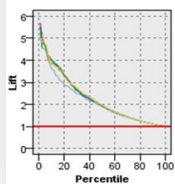
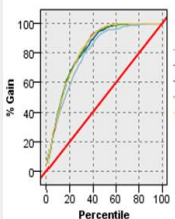
Research Methods

> Decision trees to develop classification models for the two dependent variables (FLI and FIB4)
 > Fivefold cross validation to avoid over-fitting
 > Best results : **CHAID** decision tree
 > evaluation: Lift, Gains, AUC and Accuracy (0.5 threshold)

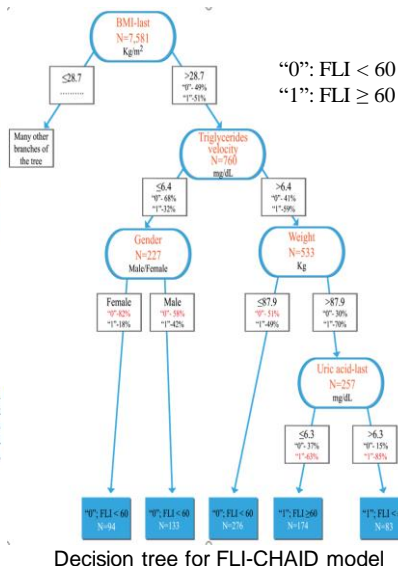
Results (I)

-Our technique outperformed the predictive power of existing methods
 -New features were identified as powerful factors in the predictive process

AUC 0.8486
 Accuracy 0.8573



FLI - Performance Evaluation



Results (II)

Unexpected influential features:
Smoking as a FLI predictor
Exercise ((lack) as a FIB-4 predictor

