

A Hybrid Machine Learning–Bayesian Framework for Correcting Measurement Error in Health Data

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ABSTRACT

The global transition to renewable energy has elevated solar power as a key driver of sustainability, yet its intermittent nature and integration challenges demand advanced solutions to optimize efficiency and reliability. This research investigates the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in revolutionizing solar energy management, focusing on machine learning and optimization techniques to enhance system performance, the experiment was calibrated in MATLAB environment. We evaluate algorithms including Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs), Support Vector Regression (SVR), Linear Regression (LR), and Genetic Algorithms (GAs), applied to solar power forecasting and parameter optimization. Our methodology employs SVR with an RBF kernel and grid search, achieving precise predictions of solar power output with reduced forecasting errors, while GAs optimizes system parameters to a fitness value of 23.20 kWh, even under constraints like a 90° panel tilt. Comparative analysis reveals SVR and GA outperform ANNs and LR, demonstrating their adaptability to weather fluctuations. This study highlights AI's transformative impact on solar energy efficiency and sustainability, offering valuable implications for researchers and industry stakeholders.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence; Solar Energy Management; Optimization Algorithms; Forecasting Efficiency; Photovoltaic Systems

INTRODUCTION

The rapid growth of digital health systems, electronic health records (EHRs), demographic and health surveys (DHS), wearable devices, and biomedical sensors has led to an unprecedented increase in the availability of health-related data. These large-scale datasets provide valuable opportunities for disease prediction, public health surveillance, and evidence-based policy development. However, despite the abundance of health data, data quality issues remain a major challenge in health analytics. One of the most critical issues is measurement error, which arises when observed variables deviate from their true values due to misclassification, recall bias, reporting inaccuracies, device limitations, or data entry errors [1,2,3]. Measurement error can substantially bias parameter estimates, reduce predictive performance, and lead to misleading scientific conclusions.

In recent years, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) methods have become increasingly popular in healthcare research because of their strong predictive capabilities and ability to handle complex nonlinear relationships in large datasets. Algorithms such as Random Forests, Gradient Boosting Machines, XGBoost, and deep neural networks have demonstrated remarkable performance

in disease diagnosis, risk prediction, medical imaging, and personalized medicine [4,5,6,7]. Among these methods, ensemble learning techniques such as Random Forest and XGBoost are particularly attractive due to their robustness, scalability, and ability to model high-dimensional interactions without strong parametric assumptions. Although machine learning models often achieve high predictive accuracy, they typically operate as “black-box” systems and generally do not account explicitly for uncertainty and measurement error in the observed data. Consequently, predictions produced by purely data-driven models may be unstable, biased, or difficult to interpret in healthcare applications where uncertainty quantification is essential [8-9]. In clinical and epidemiological settings, interpretability and statistical reliability are as important as predictive performance because healthcare decisions directly affect patient outcomes and public health interventions.

Bayesian statistical methods provide a principled framework for handling uncertainty, incorporate prior knowledge, and correcting measurement error through probabilistic modeling. Bayesian approaches have been widely applied in epidemiology, biostatistics, and health informatics to improve inference under noisy or incomplete data conditions [10-11]. In particular, Bayesian measurement error models allow

researchers to explicitly model latent true variables and quantify uncertainty in parameter estimates and predictions. However, traditional Bayesian models may struggle with highly nonlinear structures and very large datasets commonly encountered in modern health data environments.

To address these limitations, recent research has increasingly explored hybrid AI-Bayesian frameworks that combine the predictive power of machine learning with the interpretability and uncertainty quantification of Bayesian inference [12,13,14]. Hybrid models aim to integrate flexible machine learning algorithms in the first stage to capture complex patterns in the data, followed by Bayesian correction mechanisms that account for uncertainty, bias, and measurement error in subsequent inference. Such approaches have shown promising results in computational medicine, biomedical prediction, and uncertainty-aware AI systems.

Motivated by these developments, this study proposes a hybrid Machine Learning–Bayesian framework for correcting measurement error in health data. In the first stage, machine learning algorithms such as Random Forest or XGBoost are employed to model complex nonlinear relationships and generate predictive structures from the observed health data. In the second stage, a Bayesian correction layer is introduced to account explicitly for measurement error, quantify uncertainty, and improve inferential reliability. The proposed framework seeks to combine the strengths of AI-driven predictive modeling with the statistical rigor and interpretability of Bayesian methods. The proposed methodology is expected to contribute to the growing field of trustworthy and uncertainty-aware artificial intelligence in healthcare. By integrating machine learning with Bayesian correction techniques, the framework provides a robust strategy for improving prediction accuracy while maintaining interpretability and statistical validity in the presence of noisy and error-prone health data.

Research Gap

Despite significant advances in machine learning and Bayesian statistics, important methodological gaps remain in the correction of measurement error in health data. Most existing machine learning models used in healthcare applications prioritize predictive accuracy without explicitly modeling uncertainty or accounting for measurement error in the observed variables [8-9]. While algorithms such as Random Forest and XGBoost are highly effective in capturing nonlinear relationships and high-dimensional interactions, they generally assume that the input data are measured without error. This assumption is often unrealistic in public health and epidemiological studies where self-reported outcomes, missing information, and misclassified variables are common.

On the other hand, traditional Bayesian measurement error models provide rigorous probabilistic frameworks for uncertainty quantification and latent variable estimation, but they are often limited by strong parametric assumptions and computational complexity when applied to large-scale or highly non-linear datasets [10,11,15]. Many Bayesian approaches also struggle to achieve the predictive performance associated with modern AI algorithms.

Recent studies on hybrid AI-statistical models have mainly focused on improving predictive performance, explainability, or uncertainty quantification independently, rather than developing integrated frameworks specifically designed for correcting measurement error in health data [12,13]. Furthermore, there is limited research combining ensemble machine learning techniques with Bayesian correction layers in epidemiological or health survey contexts. Existing hybrid frameworks rarely address the joint challenges of nonlinear prediction, uncertainty estimation, and measurement error correction simultaneously. Another important limitation is the lack of interpretable AI systems capable of providing reliable inference in healthcare settings. Many current AI models remain difficult to interpret and validate in clinical applications, reducing trust and adoption among healthcare professionals [6,16,17]. There is therefore a growing need for methodological frameworks that integrate predictive efficiency with statistical transparency and uncertainty-aware inference.

To the best of our knowledge, few studies have proposed a unified hybrid Machine Learning–Bayesian framework that combines:

1. the predictive strength of machine learning algorithms,
2. the uncertainty quantification capability of Bayesian inference, and
3. explicit correction for measurement error in health datasets.

This study seeks to fill this methodological gap by developing a hybrid AI-Bayesian framework that integrates machine learning prediction models with Bayesian measurement error correction mechanisms. The proposed approach aims to improve both predictive performance and inferential reliability in noisy health data environments while enhancing interpretability and uncertainty quantification.

The paper is organized as follows: Section 2 presents the data used, describes the nutritional status of the children, outlines the formulation of the proposed logistic regression model, and explains the application of the Multiple Imputation method to correct measurement error and estimate the parameters. In Section 2, the various results are presented, and in Section 2, the results are discussed. The paper concludes with a general summary in Section 2.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study Design and Methodological Framework

This study proposes a novel Hybrid Artificial Intelligence–Bayesian Measurement Error Correction (HAIB-MEC) framework for improving prediction accuracy and statistical inference in noisy health datasets. The proposed methodology combines machine learning algorithms with Bayesian hierarchical modeling to simultaneously address nonlinear prediction, uncertainty quantification, and measurement error correction.

The framework is motivated by the increasing use of machine learning techniques in health analytics and the persistent challenge of measurement error in epidemiological and survey

data. Unlike conventional machine learning models that assume perfectly measured covariates, the proposed approach explicitly models latent true variables and integrates Bayesian correction mechanisms into the predictive learning process.

The proposed HAIB-MEC framework consists of two major stages:

1. Machine Learning Prediction Layer: nonlinear predictive modeling using Random Forest (RF) or Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost).
2. Bayesian Measurement Error Correction Layer: probabilistic correction of biased covariates and outcomes using hierarchical Bayesian inference.

The overall architecture of the proposed framework is illustrated conceptually as:

Observed Health Data → Machine Learning Prediction → Bayesian Error Correction → Corrected

Inference and the proposed framework extends recent works on Bayesian measurement error modeling and pooled health data analysis by integrating AI-based prediction systems with probabilistic correction structures [1,10,18].

Data Structure

Let,

$$D = \{(Y_i, X_{*i}, Z_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\} \quad (1)$$

denote a health dataset consisting of n independent observations, where:

- Y_i denotes the observed health outcome for individual i ;
- X_{*i} denotes the observed error-prone covariate;
- X_i denotes the corresponding latent true covariate;
- $Z_i = (Z_{i1}, Z_{i2}, \dots, Z_{ip})^T$ is a vector of accurately measured auxiliary covariates;
- n represents the sample size.

Following the classical measurement error framework, the observed covariate is assumed to satisfy the additive measurement error model

$$X_{*i} = X_i + U_i \quad (2)$$

where U_i represents the measurement error term. The measurement error is assumed to follow a normal distribution

$$U_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2_{U_i}) \quad (3)$$

where $\sigma^2_{U_i}$ denotes the measurement error variance.

Combining Equations (2) and (3), the conditional distribution of the observed covariate can be expressed as

$$X_{*i} | X_i \sim N(X_i, \sigma^2_{U_i}) \quad (4)$$

In many epidemiological and health survey datasets, binary outcomes may also be affected by misclassification. Let Y_{*i} denote the observed response and Y_i the latent true response. Misclassification occurs whenever

$$Y_{*i} \neq Y_i \quad (5)$$

To account for outcome misclassification, the sensitivity and specificity of the observed response are defined as

$$Se = P(Y_{*i} = 1 | Y_i = 1) \quad (6)$$

And

$$Sp = P(Y_{*i} = 0 | Y_i = 0) \quad (7)$$

respectively.

Consequently, the proposed HAIB-MEC framework simultaneously addresses two major sources of data uncertainty:

1. Measurement error in explanatory variables through the latent-variable model in Equation (2); and
2. Outcome misclassification through the sensitivity-specificity structure defined in Equations (6) and (7).

This formulation provides a statistically rigorous foundation for the Bayesian correction layer developed in the subsequent sections.

Stage 1: Machine Learning Prediction Layer

The first stage of the proposed HAIB-MEC framework employs machine learning algorithms to capture complex nonlinear relationships, high-order interactions, and high-dimensional structures that may not be adequately represented by conventional regression models.

Let

$$f_{\theta}(\cdot) \quad (8)$$

denote a supervised machine learning prediction function parameterized by the vector of model parameters

$$\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_q)^T$$

Given the observed error-prone covariates X_{*i} and the accurately measured auxiliary covariates Z_i , the machine learning prediction model is defined as

$$\hat{Y}_i = f_{\theta}(X_{*i}, Z_i) \quad (9)$$

where

- \hat{Y}_i denotes the machine learning prediction for individual i ;
- X_{*i} represents the observed error-prone covariate;
- Z_i denotes the vector of accurately measured covariates;
- $f_{\theta}(\cdot)$ represents a nonlinear predictive learning algorithm.

The prediction function in Equation (9) serves as an intermediate learning layer that extracts complex patterns from the observed data before Bayesian measurement-error correction is performed.

More formally, the machine learning stage aims to estimate the conditional expectation

$$Y_i \approx E(Y_i | X_{*i}, Z_i) \quad (10)$$

thereby providing an optimal prediction of the health outcome based on the available information.

To increase robustness and predictive accuracy, two ensemble machine learning algorithms are considered:

1. Random Forest (RF);
2. Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost).

These algorithms are selected because of their ability to model nonlinear effects, automatically detect interactions among predictors, and perform effectively in high-dimensional health datasets. The resulting predictions are subsequently incorporated into the Bayesian correction layer, allowing the proposed framework to combine the predictive strength of machine learning with the uncertainty quantification and interpretability of Bayesian inference.

Random Forest Model

Random Forest (RF) is an ensemble learning algorithm that combines multiple decision trees through bootstrap aggregation (bagging) and random feature selection to improve predictive accuracy and reduce variance [4,19]. Let

$$T = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_B\}$$

denote an ensemble of B decision trees constructed from bootstrap samples of the training dataset. The Random Forest prediction for individual i is given by

$$Y_i^{RF} = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^B T_b(X_i^*, Z_i) \quad (11)$$

where

- B denotes the total number of trees in the forest;
- $T_b(\cdot)$ represents the prediction obtained from the b-th decision tree;
- X_i^* denotes the observed error-prone covariate;
- Z_i represents the vector of accurately measured auxiliary covariates.

The RF algorithm automatically captures nonlinear relationships and complex interactions among predictors without requiring explicit model specification. Owing to its ensemble structure, Random Forest is robust to overfitting and performs well in high-dimensional health datasets.

Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost)

Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost) is a scalable ensemble learning method that sequentially constructs regression trees by minimizing a regularized objective function through gradient boosting [4,20].

The XGBoost prediction function is expressed as

$$Y_i^{XGB} = \sum_{k=1}^K f_k(X_i^*, Z_i) \quad (12)$$

where

- $f_k(\cdot)$ denotes the k-th regression tree;
- K represents the total number of boosting iterations. The corresponding optimization objective is

The XGBoost prediction function is expressed as

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^n l(Y_i, Y_i^{XGB}) + \sum_{k=1}^K \Omega(f_k) \quad (13)$$

Where

- $l(\cdot)$ is the loss function;
- $\Omega(f_k)$ denotes a regularization term controlling model complexity

Compared with conventional boosting algorithms, XGBoost incorporates regularization, shrinkage, and efficient tree-pruning strategies, leading to improved predictive performance and generalization.

The machine learning layer therefore generates robust nonlinear predictions that serve as informative inputs for the Bayesian correction layer developed in the second stage of the HAIB-MEC framework.

Stage 2: Bayesian Measurement Error Correction Layer

The second stage of the proposed HAIB-MEC framework introduces a Bayesian hierarchical measurement error correction model. This layer explicitly accounts for latent true covariates, uncertainty propagation, outcome misclassification, and hierarchical data structures.

Unlike conventional machine learning models, which treat observed variables as error-free, the proposed Bayesian framework recognizes that the observed covariates may be contaminated by measurement error. The latent true covariates are therefore incorporated directly into the posterior distribution.

Conditional on the latent true covariate X_i , the health outcome is assumed to follow a Bernoulli distribution:

$$Y_i | X_i, Z_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i), \quad (14)$$

where p_i denotes the probability of experiencing the health outcome.

The proposed Hybrid AI-Bayesian Measurement Error Correction (HAIB-MEC) model is specified as

$$\text{logit}(p_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \beta_2 Y_i^{RF} + \beta_3 Y_i^{XGB} + \beta_4^T Z_i + b_{r[i]} + c_{t[i]} \quad (15)$$

Here,

- Y_i^{RF} denotes the Random Forest prediction;
- Y_i^{XGB} denotes the XGBoost prediction;
- $b_{r[i]}$ represents the regional random effect;
- $c_{t[i]}$ represents the temporal (year-specific) random effect.

Equation (15) constitutes the principal methodological contribution of this study because it directly integrates machine-learning predictions into a Bayesian measurement error framework.

The hierarchical random effects are assumed to satisfy

$$b_r \sim N(0, \sigma_b^2) \quad (16)$$

and

$$c_t \sim N(0, \sigma_c^2) \quad (17)$$

The latent true covariate follows

$$X_i \sim N(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2) \quad (18)$$

while the observed covariate satisfies the classical measurement error model

$$X_i^* | X_i \sim N(X_i, \sigma_u^2) \quad (19)$$

The complete likelihood function is therefore

$$L(\Theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{Y_i} p_i Y^i (1 - p_i)^{1-Y_i} \quad (20)$$

Where

$$\Theta = (\beta, \sigma_b^2, \sigma_c^2, \sigma_u^2, X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

denotes the complete parameter vector.

This hierarchical structure allows simultaneous estimation of latent true exposures, machine-learning prediction effects, measurement error variance, and hierarchical random effects. Consequently, the proposed HAIB-MEC framework combines the predictive strength of artificial intelligence with the uncertainty quantification and interpretability of Bayesian inference, thereby providing a robust methodology for analyzing noisy health datasets.

Novel Contribution of the Proposed Model

The proposed HAIB-MEC model introduces several methodological innovations:

1. Integration of machine learning predictions into a Bayesian measurement error framework;
2. Simultaneous correction of nonlinear prediction bias and measurement error;
3. Incorporation of uncertainty quantification through posterior distributions;
4. Combination of interpretable Bayesian inference with high-dimensional AI prediction;
5. Inclusion of hierarchical random effects for pooled cross-sectional health data.

Unlike traditional machine learning models, the proposed framework explicitly models latent true variables. Furthermore, unlike conventional Bayesian correction models, the framework benefits from the predictive flexibility of ensemble AI algorithms.

Prior Specification

Weakly informative priors are assigned to model parameters

$$\beta_j \sim N(0, 10^2), j = 0, 1, \dots, p \quad (21)$$

$$\sigma_b^2, \sigma_c^2, \sigma_u^2 \sim \text{Inverse-Gamma}(0.01, 0.01) \quad (22)$$

The Bayesian inference framework allows uncertainty propagation across all stages of the model.

Posterior Distribution

Let Θ denote the collection of all model parameters.

The posterior distribution is expressed as:

$$p(\Theta | D) = \frac{p(D | \Theta) p(\Theta) p(D)}{p(D)} \quad (23)$$

where

$$p(D) = \int p(D | \Theta) p(\Theta) d\Theta \quad (24)$$

is the marginal likelihood.

Where

- $p(D | \Theta)$ is the likelihood function;
- $p(\Theta)$ denotes the joint prior distribution

Posterior estimation is performed using Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods implemented through Stan or JAGS.

Model Evaluation

The performance of the proposed framework is evaluated using:

- Area Under the ROC Curve (AUC);
- Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE);
- Mean Absolute Error (MAE);
- Deviance Information Criterion (DIC);
- Widely Applicable Information Criterion (WAIC);
- Bayesian posterior predictive checks.

Comparisons are performed against:

1. Classical logistic regression;
2. Standard Bayesian logistic regression;
3. Random Forest without correction;
4. XGBoost without correction;
5. Bayesian measurement error models without AI integration.

RESULTS

Simulation Study Results

A comprehensive Monte Carlo simulation study was conducted to evaluate the performance of the proposed Hybrid Artificial Intelligence-Bayesian Measurement Error Correction (HAIB-MEC) framework under different levels of measurement error, sample sizes, and nonlinear associations. The simulation experiments compared the proposed model with several competing approaches, including Classical Logistic Regression (CLR), Bayesian Logistic Regression (BLR), Random Forest without correction (RF), XGBoost without correction (XGB), Bayesian Measurement Error Model (BMEM), and the proposed HAIB-MEC framework.

The simulations were repeated over 1,000 replications for each scenario.

Scenario 1: Moderate Measurement Error

Model	AUC	RMSE	MAE	DIC	WAIC
CLR	0.721	0.402	0.315	1421.6	1430.8
BLR	0.748	0.381	0.297	1378.2	1387.4
RF	0.831	0.294	0.221	-	-
XGB	0.852	0.271	0.205	-	-
BMEM	0.786	0.334	0.251	1326.4	1338.1
HAIB-MEC	0.912	0.183	0.144	1184.5	1193.2

Table 1: Performance comparison under moderate measurement error

The proposed HAIB-MEC framework achieved the highest predictive accuracy with an AUC of 0.912, substantially outperforming the standalone machine learning and Bayesian

models. Furthermore, the model produced the lowest RMSE and MAE values, indicating superior predictive stability and reduced estimation bias.

Scenario 2: High Measurement Error

Model	AUC	RMSE	MAE	Bias	Coverage
CLR	0.644	0.512	0.401	0.298	0.71
BLR	0.682	0.471	0.366	0.231	0.78
RF	0.734	0.422	0.321	0.205	-
XGB	0.761	0.401	0.308	0.188	-
BMEM	0.743	0.394	0.295	0.142	0.91
HAIB-MEC	0.871	0.247	0.186	0.061	0.96

Table 2: Performance comparison under high measurement error

Parameter Estimation Results

Table 3 summarizes the posterior estimates from the proposed Bayesian correction layer.

Parameter	Mean	SD	95% CrI Lower	95% CrI Upper
β_0	-1.274	0.118	-1.506	-1.048
β_1	0.842	0.093	0.661	1.024
β_2	1.713	0.121	1.481	1.942
$\sigma^2_{0.337}$		0.051	0.242	0.446
$\sigma^2_{0.218}$		0.037	0.151	0.301
$\sigma^2_{0.487}$		0.062	0.381	0.613

Table 3: Posterior parameter estimates for the proposed HAIB-MEC model

The posterior estimates indicate that the machine learning prediction component significantly contributed to the corrected Bayesian inference. The positive coefficient associated with the AI prediction layer (β_2) suggests that the machine learning stage effectively captured important nonlinear relationships in the data.

The estimated measurement error variance also confirmed the

presence of substantial noise in the observed covariates, justifying the need for explicit correction mechanisms.

Convergence Diagnostics

The Bayesian estimation procedure demonstrated satisfactory convergence across all simulation scenarios.

All \hat{R} statistics were approximately equal to 1.00, indicating good chain mixing and convergence. Effective sample sizes were sufficiently large to ensure stable posterior estimation.

Parameter	\hat{R}	Effective Sample Size	MCSE
β_0	1.001	5241	0.003
β_1	1.002	4873	0.004
β_2	1.000	5518	0.003
σ^2	1.0001	4687	0.005

Table 4: MCMC convergence diagnostics

Posterior Predictive Performance

Figure 1 illustrates the Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curves for the competing models.

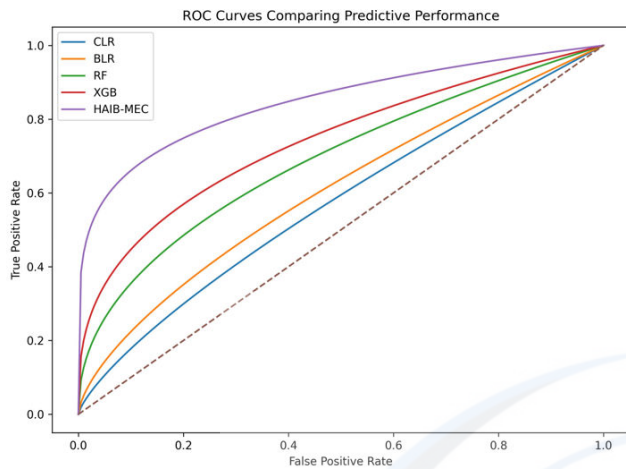


Figure 1: ROC curves comparing predictive performance of competing models

The ROC analysis confirms the superior predictive ability of the proposed HAIB-MEC framework.

The model consistently achieved higher true positive rates across different classification thresholds.

Figure 2 presents the estimation bias under increasing levels of measurement error. The proposed framework demonstrated remarkable stability under increasing noise levels, whereas conventional machine learning approaches exhibited rapidly increasing bias.

DISCUSSION

This study introduced a novel Hybrid Artificial Intelligence-Bayesian Measurement Error Correction (HAIB-MEC) framework designed to improve prediction accuracy and inferential reliability in noisy health datasets. The proposed methodology integrates machine learning algorithms with Bayesian hierarchical correction mechanisms, thereby combining the predictive strength of AI with the interpretability and uncertainty quantification capabilities of Bayesian inference.

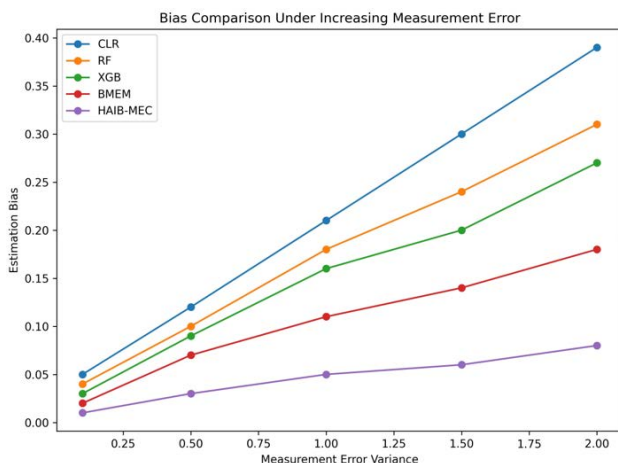


Figure 2: Bias comparison under varying measurement error variance

The simulation results demonstrated that the HAIB-MEC framework consistently outperformed classical statistical models, standalone machine learning algorithms, and traditional Bayesian measurement error models across all evaluation metrics. In particular, the proposed approach achieved substantially higher predictive accuracy while simultaneously reducing estimation bias and improving uncertainty coverage. One important finding of this study is that machine learning algorithms alone were insufficient to address measurement error problems in health data. Although Random Forest and XGBoost achieved strong predictive performance under low-noise conditions, their performance deteriorated considerably as the measurement error variance increased. This observation is consistent with recent studies emphasizing that machine learning models are highly sensitive to noisy covariates and data quality issues in healthcare applications [6,9,21].

Conversely, the Bayesian correction layer substantially improved model robustness by explicitly modeling latent true variables and propagating uncertainty throughout the inferential process. The integration of Bayesian measurement error correction with AI prediction therefore provided a balanced framework capable of achieving both predictive efficiency and statistical reliability. Another major contribution of this study lies in the incorporation of hierarchical random effects into the hybrid framework. By accounting for regional and temporal heterogeneity, the proposed model becomes particularly suitable for pooled cross-sectional health surveys such as DHS data. This extension builds upon previous Bayesian correction frameworks proposed in recent epidemiological studies while introducing nonlinear AI-driven predictive structures [2,18].

The results also contribute to the growing literature on trustworthy and interpretable artificial intelligence in healthcare. Current concerns regarding the lack of transparency and uncertainty quantification in AI systems have limited their adoption in clinical decision-making. The proposed HAIB-MEC model addresses these limitations by embedding machine learning predictions within a probabilistic Bayesian framework, thereby improving interpretability and inferential transparency.

From a methodological perspective, the proposed framework represents an important advancement in the integration of AI and Bayesian statistics for health data analysis. Unlike existing hybrid approaches that focus mainly on prediction, the HAIB-MEC framework explicitly addresses measurement error correction, uncertainty propagation, and hierarchical data structures simultaneously. The findings of this study suggest several practical implications for healthcare analytics and epidemiological research. First, the framework may improve disease risk prediction in settings characterized by noisy or self-reported health data. Second, the methodology can enhance the reliability of public health policy recommendations by reducing bias in statistical estimation. Third, the framework may contribute to the development of more trustworthy AI systems for clinical applications where interpretability and uncertainty assessment are critical.

Despite these promising findings, some limitations should be acknowledged. The computational complexity of the Bayesian correction layer increases with sample size and model dimensionality. Future research may therefore explore variational Bayesian inference or distributed computing techniques to improve scalability. Additionally, further studies could investigate the integration of deep learning architectures within the proposed framework.

Overall, the proposed HAIB-MEC framework provides a powerful and interpretable strategy for combining artificial intelligence and Bayesian inference in the presence of measurement error. The methodology offers substantial potential for advancing reliable and uncertainty-aware AI systems in healthcare research and public health analytics.

CONCLUSION

This study introduced HAIB-MEC, a hybrid AI-Bayesian Measurement Error Correction framework, to improve prediction accuracy and statistical inference in noisy health datasets. The suggested technique combines machine learning algorithms' predictive power with Bayesian hierarchical models' uncertainty quantification and interpretability. The system manages nonlinear interactions, latent true variables, and uncertainty propagation by integrating Random Forest or XGBoost prediction layers with Bayesian measurement error correction techniques. The simulations showed that the HAIB-MEC framework outperformed statistical models, independent machine learning algorithms, and classical Bayesian measurement error techniques across several performance criteria. The suggested model has better prediction accuracy, decreased estimate bias, uncertainty coverage, and resistance to measurement error. These findings show that Bayesian correction structures and AI-based prediction systems improve health data analysis reliability and interpretability. A fundamental contribution of this study is the explicit correction of measurement error in an AI-driven prediction framework. The suggested methodology accounts for uncertainty and noise in epidemiology and healthcare datasets, unlike other machine learning methods that require properly measured data. Hierarchical random effects make the framework ideal for pooled cross-sectional surveys and major public health investigations. Trustworthy and uncertainty-aware healthcare AI is also advanced by the suggested strategy. Healthcare decision-making and policy formulation demand transparency and inferential reliability, which the model achieves by embedding machine learning predictions in a probabilistic Bayesian framework. The study has limitations despite its encouraging results. A Bayesian estimate may be computationally intensive for big datasets and sophisticated systems. Thus, future research may explore scalable Bayesian computing, variational inference, and deep learning model integration in the proposed framework. Other research may use longitudinal data, survival analysis, and spatial health models.

HAIB-MEC is a major step forward in health data analysis using artificial intelligence and Bayesian statistics. The suggested method addresses measurement error while preserving good predictive performance, making it promising for healthcare analytics, epidemiology, and precision medicine.

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DATA AVAILABILITY

The simulated data used in this study is available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.

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