



# Employing Deep Neural Networks for Accurate and Efficient Pill Identification

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**Abstract** : Accurate Pill identification and detection is important in the context of substance abuse prevention, especially for monitoring the misuse of prescription medications and illicit drugs. Identifying and tracking specific pills can help prevent drug diversion, addiction, and overdose deaths. Traditional methods of pill detection often rely on manual inspection, which can be time-consuming, error-prone, and inefficient. Effective pill detection and identification require specialized training, expertise, and experience, particularly in forensic science and pharmaceutical analysis. Not all individuals possess the necessary skills to accurately identify pills, leading to potential errors and inconsistencies. We propose a comprehensive image analysis pipeline that leverages Machine Learning algorithms like MobileNet V2 to identify and classify pills accurately. We extract relevant features from the images, including color, texture, and shape characteristics, these features are then used to train machine learning models. Leveraging MobileNetV2 for pill detection and identification offers the advantages of computational efficiency, low memory footprint, and real-time inference capabilities, making it an excellent choice for applications requiring mobile deployment. With proper training and fine-tuning, MobileNetV2 can achieve accurate and reliable results, contributing to enhanced patient safety, medication adherence, and healthcare outcomes. Machine learning models offer a promising solution by automating these processes, improving accuracy, efficiency, and scalability, and enhancing patient safety, medication adherence, and public health outcomes.

**IndexTerms** - Pill detection, Machine Learning models, drug recognition, image processing, Pill identification, CNN.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In an era where pharmaceuticals play an indispensable role in healthcare, ensuring the authenticity and safety of drug pills is paramount. However, the proliferation of counterfeit medications poses a significant threat to public health worldwide. To combat this menace, the integration of machine learning models has emerged as a promising solution, revolutionizing the landscape of drug pill recognition and detection. The accurate identification of medication pills is paramount in ensuring patient safety and effective healthcare management. However, traditional methods reliant on manual inspection are prone to human error and lack scalability. In response to these challenges, machine learning (ML) models offer a promising avenue for automating drug pill recognition. By harnessing the power of ML algorithms, we can leverage the visual features of pills, including shape, color, and imprints, to develop robust identification systems. These systems not only enhance the efficiency of healthcare professionals but also empower patients to take greater control of their medication regimen. In this study, we embark on the journey of building an ML-driven drug pill recognition system, aiming to bridge the gap between manual identification methods and automated solutions. By addressing the challenges through the development of ML-based solutions, we aim to revolutionize medication management practices and improve healthcare outcomes for individuals worldwide.

## II.LITERATURE REVIEW

Different approaches have been presented by different researchers. We've covered a handful of the methods here. To support the safe use of medications, numerous relevant tools have been developed and assessed to offer related functionality (e.g., medication reminders and drug pill recognition). The importance of precise pill identification and detection in healthcare is shown by this literature review. The importance of eliminating medication errors cannot be emphasized, since they are the third most common cause of avoidable fatalities. The data presented in this survey provides hope by demonstrating how deep learning models and multi-pill recognition methods might reduce prescription errors and improve patient outcomes.

(1). "A deep learning-based intelligent medicine recognition system for chronic patients ".[1]

Apart from offering various medication-related features like timely medication reminders, medication details, and chronic patient information administration, the suggested system can assist patients with chronic conditions in appropriately combining multiple medications and preventing drug interactions by preventing incorrect medication administration. This paper proposes ST-Med-Box, an intelligent medicine recognition system based on deep learning.[1] The suggested system is made up of an intelligent medicine recognition device, a cloud-based administration platform, an Android mobile app, and a deep learning training server. As of right now, the suggested approach can differentiate between 80 distinct drugs.

(2). "The national library of medicine pill image recognition challenge: an initial report "[2]

Medicine announced a challenge competition to promote the development and discovery of high-quality In January 2016, the U.S. National Library released software and algorithms that rank the degree to which consumer photographs of prescription pharmaceuticals resemble reference photos of drugs in its authoritative RxIMAGEcollection[2]. This challenge was motivated by the need for a straightforward method by which healthcare providers and the general public could identify unknown prescription drugs. In cases when the drug and documentation have been separated, like during a disaster or emergency, this capacity may prove valuable when the prescription medication changes from a brand to a generic or for any other reason the form and color of the pill changes. It might also be helpful in cases when the medication's form has changed.

(3). MedGlasses: a wearable smart-glasses-based drug-pill recognition system using deep learning for visually-impaired chronic patients."[3]

Deep learning technology has also recently been employed by researchers to enhance the functionality of pill taking assistance systems [3].The need for pill image data has expanded dramatically as a result of deep learning models' requirement for massive amounts of data during the learning phase. Chang et al. [3] created a deep learning medicine pill recognition system for visually challenged individuals with chronic diseases through wearing smart glasses.

(4).MobileDeepPill: A small-footprint mobile deep learning system for recognizing unconstrained pill images.[4]

It is challenging to create an image identification system since lighting, shading, and background color can have a significant impact. Fluorescent light and lighting colors have an impact on pill colors. Furthermore, no quantitative assessments are available to ascertain the potential effects of external influences on a pill identification system.

(5) MedGlasses: A wearable smart-glasses-based drug pill recognition system using deep learning for visually impaired chronic patients.[5]

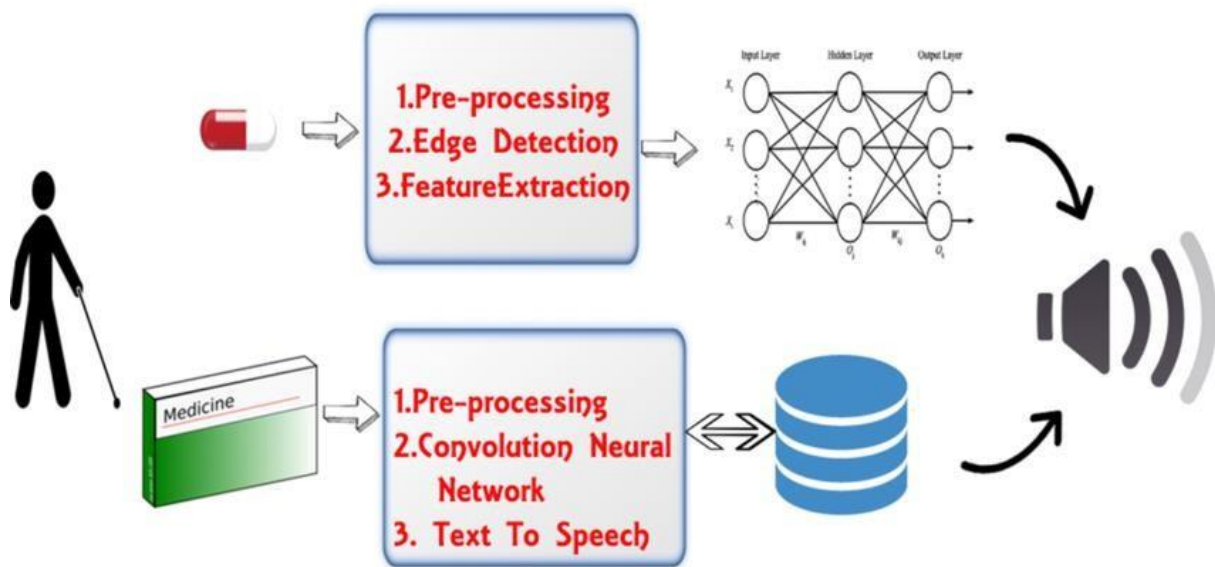
Drug recognition research has recently focused on wearable smart glasses designed for those with visual impairments additionally. CNNs and feature pyramid networks have improved drug identification. Nevertheless, the effects of environmental factors have not been examined, despite recent advances in pill detection using a model method [5,6].

The objective of this study was to evaluate a pill recognition system's accuracy in 12 distinct realworld scenarios, including variations in backdrop color, the presence or absence of a flash and exposure values (EVs).

(7). "Overview of coded light projection techniques for automatic 3D profiling." [7]

By projecting structured light in different shapes, like points or planes, onto an object and evaluating the structural light change information from the collected image, the structured light camera approach obtains the depth information of an item. [7]. This method requires a separate projector for structured light illumination and suffers from the disadvantage that it is significantly affected by external light.

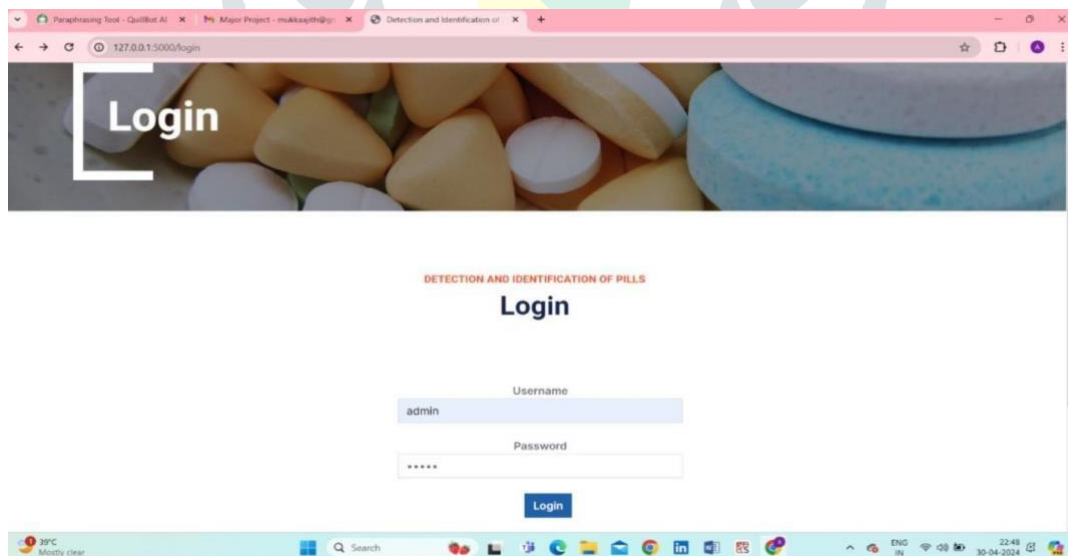
### III. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE



**Fig. System Architecture**

These methods employ filters to exclude specific sets of pixels from the images, leads to the creation of output predictions about the images, since the images can be thought of as a matrix of pixels, each of which describes some aspect of the image. The architecture of the model that is being used here is quite simple with detailed steps. The steps involve initially the collecting of data then preprocessing that data and then giving of the accurate result.

### IV. OUTPUT IMAGES



**Fig.Login Page**

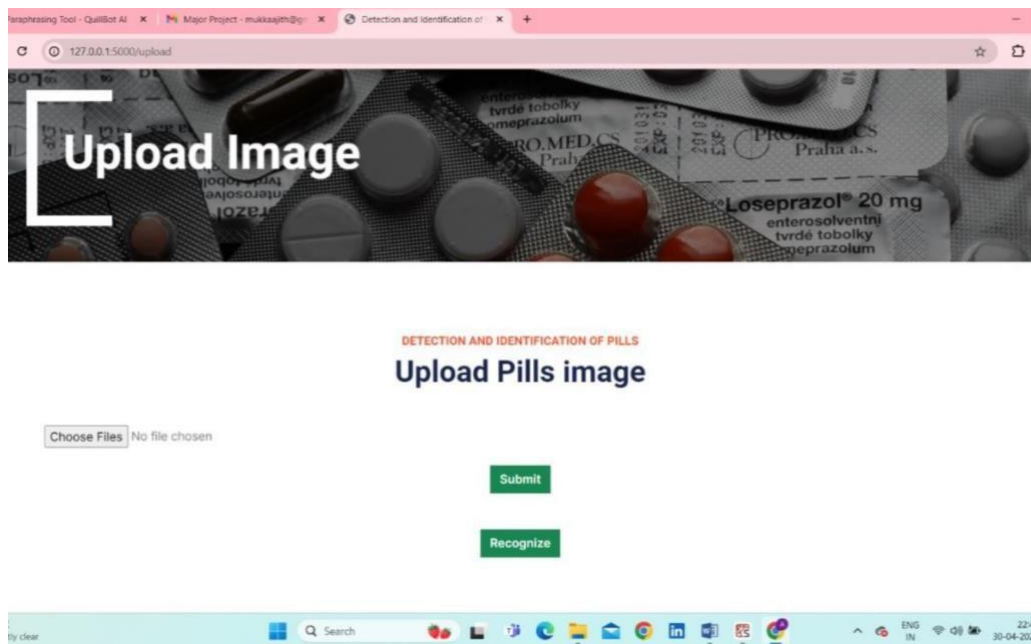


Fig. Upload Image



Mycophenolate mofetil 250 MG

Drug Class: Immunosuppressants . Generic Name: CellCept. Pill Name: Mycophenolate mofetil 250 MG. Uses: Mycophenolate is used in combination with other medications to keep your body from attacking and rejecting your transplanted organ (such as kidney, liver, heart).

Fig.Output Image

## V. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the utilization of machine learning models for the identification and detection of pills presents a promising avenue for enhancing healthcare practices. Through the integration of advanced image processing techniques and deep learning algorithms, such models offer a reliable and efficient solution for accurately recognizing various types of pills, thereby facilitating medication management and ensuring patient safety. By enabling healthcare professionals to quickly and accurately identify pills, these models help prevent medication errors such as administering the wrong medication or dosage.

MobileNetV2, with its lightweight architecture optimized for mobile and embedded devices, emerges as a particularly suitable choice for real-world applications where resource constraints and computational efficiency are crucial.

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