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# **Interpretable machine learning prediction of Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy outcomes for urinary stones: A retrospective cohort study**

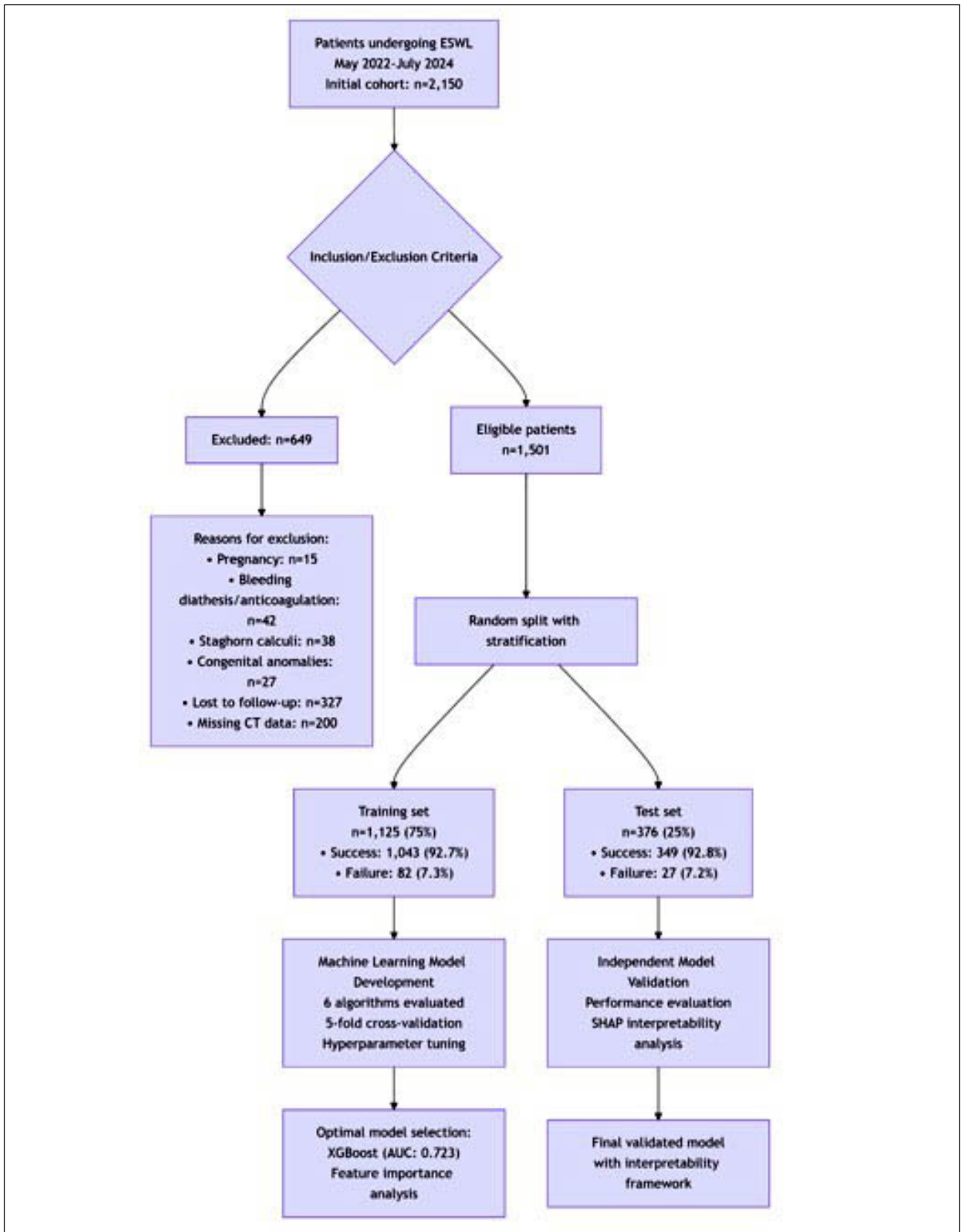
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**Supplementary Figure S1.**  
Study Flow Chart.



Flow diagram illustrating the patient selection, cohort formation, and machine learning model development process for predicting Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy (ESWL) outcomes.

**Supplementary Table S1.***Complete Feature List and Descriptive Statistics.*

Feature Category	Feature Name	Data Type	Missing Values (%)	Descriptive Statistics	Clinical Description
<b>Demographic</b>	Age (years)	Continuous	0.0	Mean ± SD: 47.2 ± 14.3	Patient age at time of ESWL procedure
	Sex	Binary	0.0	Male: 918 (61.2%) Female: 583 (38.8%)	Patient biological sex
	Body Mass Index (BMI) (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	Continuous	2.1	Mean ± SD: 26.4 ± 4.1	Weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared
<b>Stone Characteristics</b>	Stone size (mm)	Continuous	0.0	Mean ± SD: 11.3 ± 3.8	Maximum axial diameter on pre-procedural non-contrast computed tomography (NCCT)
	Stone density (HU)	Continuous	0.0	Mean ± SD: 985 ± 342	Mean attenuation value in Hounsfield units on NCCT
	Stone location	Categorical	0.0	Renal: 1,127 (75.1%) Ureteral: 374 (24.9%)	Primary anatomical location of the stone
	Ureter segment*	Categorical	15.3	Upper: 158 (42.3%) Middle: 102 (27.3%) Lower: 114 (30.5%)	Specific segment for ureteral stones only
<b>Treatment Parameters</b>	Shock wave count	Continuous	0.0	Mean ± SD: 2,950 ± 450	Total number of shock waves delivered during ESWL session
	Maximum power (kV)	Continuous	0.0	Mean ± SD: 14.2 ± 2.1	Maximum power setting of the Dornier Compact Delta® III Pro lithotripter
	Frequency (Hz)	Continuous	0.0	Mean ± SD: 1.5 ± 0.3	Shock wave frequency in Hertz
	Double-J stent presence	Binary	0.0	Present: 623 (41.5%) Absent: 878 (58.5%)	Presence of ureteral stent at time of ESWL
<b>Anatomical Factors</b>	Skin-to-stone distance (mm)	Continuous	0.0	Mean ± SD: 102.3 ± 18.5	Linear distance from skin surface to stone center on NCCT
	Kidney side	Categorical	0.0	Left: 795 (53.0%) Right: 706 (47.0%)	Laterality of renal stones
<b>Medical History</b>	Hypertension	Binary	0.0	Present: 642 (42.8%) Absent: 859 (57.2%)	History of hypertension
	Diabetes mellitus	Binary	0.0	Present: 418 (27.8%) Absent: 1,083 (72.2%)	History of diabetes mellitus
	Previous stone surgery	Binary	32.5	Yes: 285 (19.0%) No: 731 (48.7%) Missing: 485 (32.3%)	History of previous surgical intervention for urolithiasis
<b>Laboratory Values</b>	Serum creatinine (µmol/L)	Continuous	8.2	Mean ± SD: 85.6 ± 24.3	Pre-procedural serum creatinine level
	Estimated glomerular filtration rate (mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )	Continuous	8.2	Mean ± SD: 78.4 ± 18.2	Calculated using CKD-EPI equation
<b>Procedural Details</b>	Session duration (minutes)	Continuous	0.0	Mean ± SD: 42.5 ± 12.3	Total procedure time
	Fluoroscopy time (seconds)	Continuous	0.0	Mean ± SD: 58.7 ± 21.4	Total fluoroscopy exposure time
	Analgesia requirement	Binary	0.0	Required: 892 (59.4%) Not required: 609 (40.6%)	Need for additional analgesia during procedure
<b>Radiological Features</b>	Hydronephrosis grade	Ordinal	0.0	0: 945 (63.0%) 1: 312 (20.8%) 2: 178 (11.9%) 3: 66 (4.4%)	Severity of hydronephrosis (0: none, 1: mild, 2: moderate, 3: severe)
	Stone burden (mm <sup>3</sup> )	Continuous	0.0	Mean ± SD: 845 ± 312	Calculated stone volume ( $\pi/6 \times \text{length} \times \text{width} \times \text{height}$ )
	Multiple stones	Binary	0.0	Present: 312 (20.8%) Absent: 1,189 (79.2%)	Presence of multiple stones in the same renal unit
	Infundibulopelvic angle (degrees)	Continuous	0.0	Mean ± SD: 72.5 ± 14.3	Angle between renal infundibulum and pelvis
<b>Excluded Features</b>	Stone composition	Categorical	78.6	Calcium oxalate: 215 (14.3%) Uric acid: 78 (5.2%) Struvite: 31 (2.1%) Missing: 1,177 (78.4%)	Chemical composition from stone analysis (excluded due to >30% missing)
	24-hour urine chemistry	Continuous	89.3	Various	Comprehensive metabolic panel (excluded due to >30% missing)

\* Ureter segment missingness applies only to ureteral stones (n = 374). For renal stones, this variable was not applicable.

SD: Standard Deviation; HU: Hounsfield Units; NCCT: Non-Contrast Computed Tomography; CKD-EPI: Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration.

**Supplementary Table S2.***Hyperparameter Search Spaces for Machine Learning Algorithms.*

Algorithm	Hyperparameter	Search Space	Optimization Method	Cross-Validation	Primary Metric
<b>Logistic Regression</b>	Penalty	['l1', 'l2', 'elasticnet', 'none']	Randomized Search † (100 iterations)	5-fold stratified	AUC-ROC
	C (Regularization strength)	[0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100]			
	Solver	['liblinear', 'saga'] (for l1/l2) ‡ ['lbfgs', 'newton-cg'] (l2 only) ‡ ['newton-cg', 'lbfgs', 'sag'] (none) ‡			
	max_iter	[100, 200, 500]			
<b>Random Forest</b>	n_estimators	[50, 100, 200, 500]	Randomized Search † (100 iterations)	5-fold stratified	AUC-ROC
	max_depth	[3, 5, 10, 15, 20, None]			
	min_samples_split	[2, 5, 10]			
	min_samples_leaf	[1, 2, 4]			
	max_features	['sqrt', 'log2', None]			
<b>Support Vector Machine (SVM)</b>	C	[0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100]	Randomized Search † (100 iterations)	5-fold stratified	AUC-ROC
	kernel	['linear', 'rbf', 'poly']			
	gamma	['scale', 'auto'] + [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1]			
	degree	[2, 3, 4] (poly kernel only) ‡			
<b>Gradient Boosting</b>	n_estimators	[50, 100, 200, 500]	Randomized Search † (100 iterations)	5-fold stratified	AUC-ROC
	learning_rate	[0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 0.2]			
	max_depth	[3, 5, 7, 9]			
	min_samples_split	[2, 5, 10]			
	min_samples_leaf	[1, 2, 4]			
	subsample	[0.8, 0.9, 1.0]			
<b>Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost)</b>	n_estimators	[50, 100, 200, 500]	Randomized Search † (100 iterations)	5-fold stratified	AUC-ROC
	max_depth	[3, 5, 7, 9]			
	learning_rate	[0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 0.2]			
	subsample	[0.8, 0.9, 1.0]			
	colsample_bytree	[0.8, 0.9, 1.0]			
	gamma	[0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3]			
	scale_pos_weight	[1, 3, 6.92, 10] ¶			
<b>Neural Network (Multi-layer Perceptron)</b>	hidden_layer_sizes	{(50), (100), (50, 50), (100, 50)}	Randomized Search † (100 iterations)	5-fold stratified	AUC-ROC
	activation	['relu', 'tanh']			
	alpha	[0.0001, 0.001, 0.01]			
	solver	['adam', 'sgd']			
	learning_rate	['constant', 'adaptive']			
	max_iter	[200, 300, 500]			

\* All algorithms: Hyperparameter optimization was conducted exclusively on the training set ( $n = 1.125$ ) to prevent data leakage. The test set ( $n = 376$ ) was used only for final model evaluation.

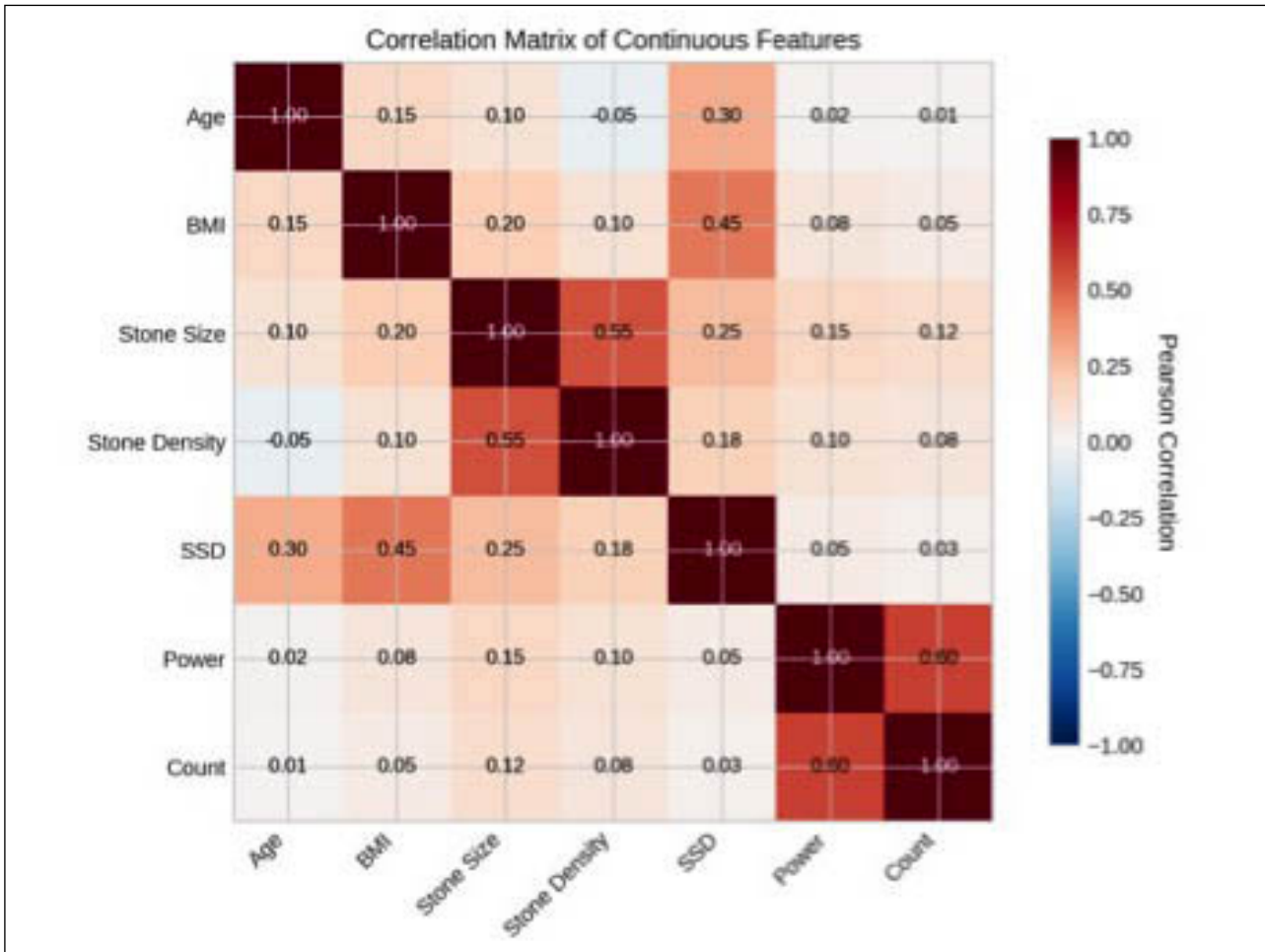
† Randomized Search: 100 random hyperparameter combinations were evaluated per algorithm. The best combination was selected based on the highest mean AUC-ROC score across 5-fold stratified cross-validation.

‡ Solver/kernel-specific parameters: Parameters are listed for specific penalty types or kernels only, as indicated in parentheses.

¶ scale\_pos\_weight (XGBoost): The value 6.92 corresponds to the inverse class ratio in the training set (success:failure  $\approx 13:1$ ), specifically addressing the class imbalance for the minority failure class.

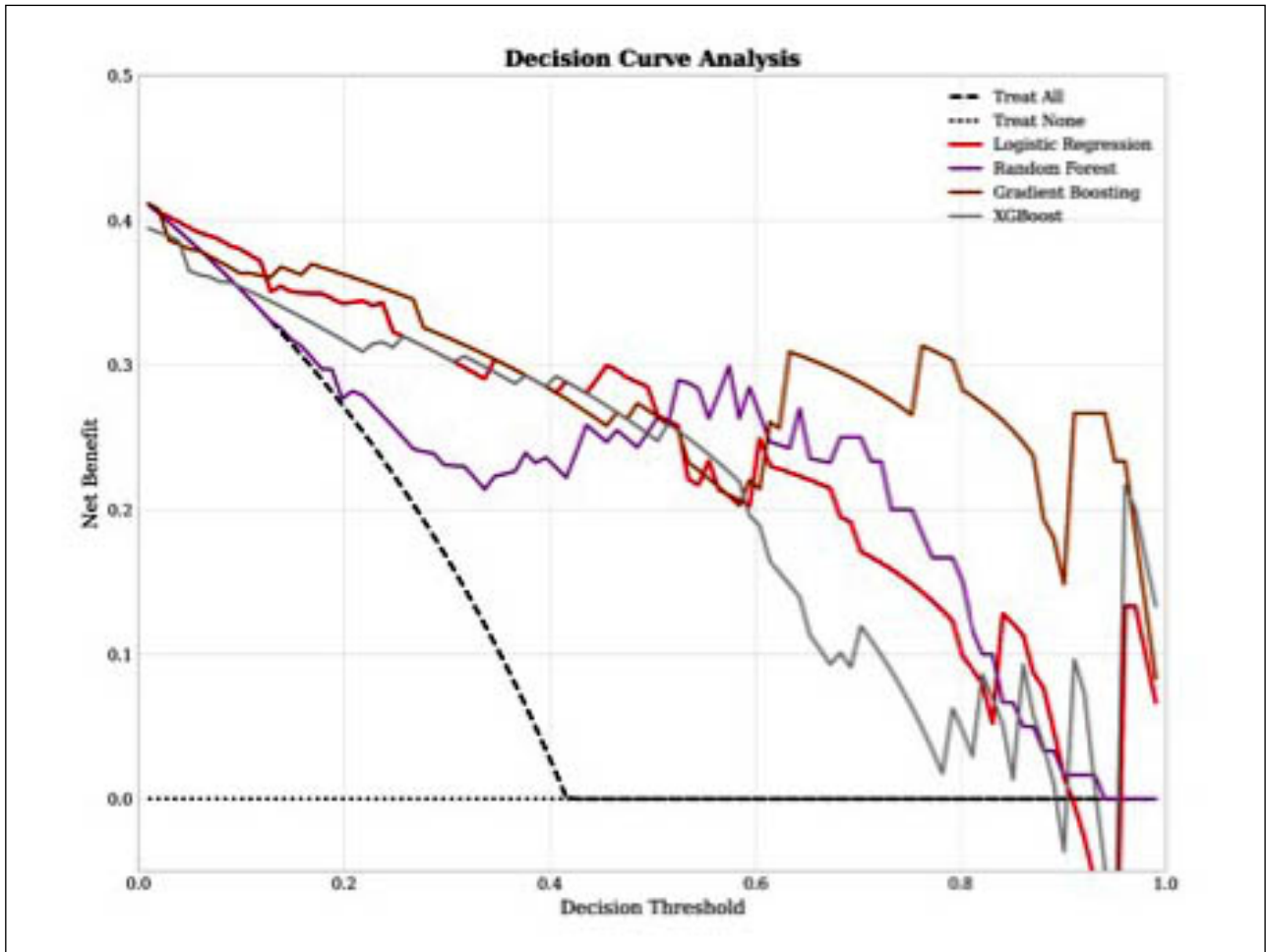
**Supplementary Figure S4.**

Feature Correlation Matrix. A heatmap displaying Pearson correlation coefficients between the continuous variables used in the model. The absence of strong correlations (all  $|r| < 0.7$ ) confirms that multicollinearity was not a significant concern, supporting the stability of the feature importance rankings.



**Supplementary Figure S5.**

*Decision Curve Analysis. Plots the net clinical benefit of using the XGBoost model across a range of probability thresholds (0.01 to 0.99). The model (red line) provides a higher net benefit than the default strategies of treating all patients or no patients within a clinically relevant threshold range, supporting its potential utility for guiding treatment decisions.*



**Supplementary Figure S6.**

Learning Curves. Plots model performance (ROC-AUC) for the training and cross-validation sets as a function of training set size. The convergence of the two curves indicates that the model was adequately trained without substantial overfitting.

