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# Exploring the role of topological descriptors to predict physicochemical properties of anti-HIV drugs by using supervised machine learning algorithms

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# Abstract

In order to explore the role of topological indices for predicting physio-chemical properties of anti-HIV drugs, this research uses python program-based algorithms to compute topological indices as well as machine learning algorithms. Degree-based topological indices are calculated using Python algorithm, providing important information about the structural behavior of drugs that are essential to their anti-HIV effectiveness. Furthermore, machine learning algorithms analyze the physio-chemical properties that correspond to anti-HIV activities, making use of their ability to identify complex trends in large, convoluted datasets. In addition to improving our comprehension of the links between molecular structure and effectiveness, the collaboration between machine learning and QSPR research further highlights the potential of computational approaches in drug discovery. This work reveals the mechanisms underlying anti-HIV efficiency, which paves the way for the development of more potent anti-HIV drugs. This work reveals the invaluable advantages of machine learning in assessing drug properties by clarifying the biological processes underlying anti-HIV behavior, which paves the way for the design and development of more effective anti-HIV drugs.

Keywords Anti-HIV-1 drugs, Topological indices, Python algorithm, Machine learning algorithm, QSPR analysis

## Introduction

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) was firstly identified in the early 1980s as a consequence of the appearance of an immune system-damaging disease [1]. Later on, the

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illness was identified as Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). In 1983–1984, French scientists Francoise Barre-Sinoussi and Luc Montagnier became essential in discovering the virus. HIV caused a global pandemic that has killed countless people and infected millions of people globally. Its impact on global health is immense, as it not only threatens human health but also affects economies and healthcare systems around the globe [2]. There are two primary types of HIV: HIV-1, which is common surrounding the world, and HIV-2, which is primarily linked to West Africa. Here we focus on HIV-1, HIV-1 target CD4 cells by engaging to their surface receptors, which starts the process of the virus entering and taking control of the cell's functions as shown in Fig. 1. New



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Fig. 1 Virus entering and functioning

viruses are created as a result, ultimately the CD4 cells are destroyed HIV causes the immune system to become extremely weakened by destroying CD4 cells, which sets off a series of immune issues. Gradually, this causes CD4 cell depletion. The immune system's capacity to mount effective defenses against infections is weakened by a decrease in CD4 cells [1, 3–5]. Breast milk, vaginal fluids, rectal fluids, semen and blood represent some of the bodily fluids that may transmit the virus. These bodily fluids can spread HIV when persons engage in risky sexual behavior, share needles with injecting drug users, or are pregnant, giving birth, or nursing a kid [6]. The goal of antiviral therapy is to stop HIV-1 replication in order to protect CD4 cell levels and immune system health [7]. An extensive variety of drugs, including Rilpivirine, Nevirapine, Emtricitabine, Delavirdine, Elvitegravir, Ritonavir, Saquinavir, Indinavir, and Bictegravir (these drugs are referred to as a, b, c,..., i respectively, as shown in Fig. 2 and their molecular graphs represented in Fig. 3) are required to cure HIV-1. These drugs are used to treat HIV-1 infection and stop the HIV virus from growing and from spreading throughout the body by a number of distinct mechanisms. By doing this, these drugs contribute to the regulation of HIV levels in the blood, which protects CD4 cells. In the area of HIV-1 analysis, graph theory provides a fundamental statistical application particularly in the field of chemistry and drugs development. Some embedding's of drugs and diseases through the dual-channel network are characterized in [8-11]. On the other hand, the bridges between largest herbal medicines, chemical ingredients, target proteins, and associated diseases with respect to the neural network and deep learning-based invariants are discussed in [12–17].

Graph theory is essential to the analysis of biochemical networks in medicine, including drug-target relationships and protein–protein interactions [18–22]. To aid in the identification of possible drug candidates and the



Fig. 2 Molecular structure of antiviral HIV-1 drugs



Fig. 3 Molecular graph of emtricitabine, nevirapine and elviteravir

Table 1 Topological indices with notations and formula

	Notation	Formula
First Zagreb Index [34]	M <sub>1</sub> (G)	$\sum_{\substack{ri\in E(G)}} (dr + dj)$
Second Zagreb Index [34]	M <sub>2</sub> (G)	$\sum_{\substack{rj \in E(G)}} (dr \times dj)$
Harmonic Index [35]	H (G)	$\sum_{rj\in E(G)} \frac{2}{(dr+dj)}$
Forgotton Index [36]	F (G)	$\sum_{ij \in E(G)} [(dr)^2 + (dj)^2]$
Shilpa-Shanmukha Index [37]	SS (G)	$\sum_{rj \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{dr \times dj}{dr + dj}}$
Atom Bond Connectivity Index [38]	ABC (G)	$\sum_{rj \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{dr+dj-2}{dr \times dj}}$
Randic Index [39]	RI (G)	$\sum_{rj \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{1}{dr \times dj}}$
Sum Connectivity Index [40]	SC (G)	$\sum_{rj\in E(G)}\sqrt{\frac{1}{dr+dj}}$
Geometric Arithmetic Index[38]	GA (G)	$\sum_{rj \in E(G)} 2\frac{\sqrt{dr \times dj}}{dr + dj}$
Hyper Zagreb Index [41]	HZ (G)	$\sum_{rj\in E(G)} (dr + dj)^2$
Redefined First Zagreb Index [42]	ReZ <sub>1</sub> (G)	$\sum_{rj\in E(G)} \frac{(dr \times dj)}{(dr+dj)}$
Redefined Second Zagreb Index [42]	$\operatorname{ReZ}_2(G)$	$\sum_{ij\in E(G)} (dr \times dj)(dr + dj)$

optimization of drug design, graphs depict pharmaceuticals as nodes and their interactions with targets as edges. Furthermore, proteins are shown as nodes in graphs that represent protein–protein interactions as edges. This makes it possible to identify important protein hubs and pathways that are connected to disease causes and potential treatment approaches. Topological indices (TIs) from graph theory are essential for drugs discovery [23–25].

Our main goal is to conduct an extensive review of nine selected antiviral drugs for HIV-1. Using Python algorithm, which involves finding their degree base TIs such as (Randic, Sum Connectivity, First Zagreb, Second Zagreb) Indices which shown in Table 1 by developing python algorithm based on graph theory. Python programs are essential resources for researchers examining the chemical properties of drugs and computing topological indices. In addition to improving analytical efficiency by automating repetitive processes and quickly processing enormous data sets, the computational approach offers substantial benefits in the simultaneous research of many drugs. By revealing complex links between molecular descriptors and biological activities, the integration of physio-chemical characteristics such as molecular weight (MW), complexity (Comp), density (Den), flash point (FP), molar volume (MV), surface tension (ST), polarizability (Pol), boiling point (BP) and enthalpy of vaporization (EV) into the study through machine learning algorithms, contributes to our understanding of the potential efficacy and safety profiles of drugs against HIV. In order to provide a thorough understanding of the molecular characteristics of HIV drugs and to provide insights into their modes of action and potential side effects, it is imperative to combine topological indices with physio-chemical parameters. It is essential to combine topological indices with physio-chemical parameters to provide a comprehensive understanding of the molecular properties of HIV drugs, as well as insights into their modes of action and potential adverse effects. In order to predict drug efficacy based on molecular features, researchers utilize supervised machine learning models to establish quantitative correlations between calculated molecular descriptors and observed biological activity. Supervised machine learning predictive models offer valuable insights into the potential efficacy of anti-HIV drug by analyzing their molecular properties and estimating their effectiveness against the illness. The utilization of Quantitative Structure–Property Relationship (QSPR) analysis is becoming increasingly important in understanding the relationships between drug structures and biological behavior [26–30]. QSPR analysis provides a rational framework for drug design and optimization [31–33]. By combining computational methods and QSPR analysis, researchers hope to obtain a deeper understanding of the molecular mechanisms underlying anti-HIV drugs, which will help in the development of more focused and efficient treatment options.

## **Material and method**

We initially determined the edge partition based on graph connectivity was adopted to define molecular graphs, which is an important step in recognizing the structural properties. Then, degree-based TIs were calculated through analyzing the molecular graph's node degree variation. To make this process easier, a unique Python algorithm was developed. After that, Python programs were used to develop machine learning methods for the analysis of physiochemical properties. Furthermore, using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) software to analyze relationships between the computed indices and experimental features, we also performed graphical comparison analysis between actual and computed drug property, ensuring the accuracy and credibility of our results.

## Data acquisition and preparation

- We utilized the latest version of python 3.12 to compute topological indices and sourced physiochemical properties from online database Chemspider (https://www.chemspider.com) and Pubchem (https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). The topological descriptors were employed as feature variables (input variables), while the physiochemical properties served as target variables. Our analysis covered a dataset composed of multiple feature variables and target variables, representing a considerable amount of data points.
- Given that our dataset is labeled, we opted for supervised machine learning algorithms, specifically Random Forest and XGBoost, to analyze the data and derive insights. RF is chosen for its proficiency in

handling overfitting through its ensemble approach, where multiple decision trees contribute to a more stable and accurate prediction while XGBoost is based on the gradient boosting framework, which builds one tree at a time. Each new tree helps to correct errors made by previously trained tree models. By averaging several trees, Random Forest reduces the risk of overfitting, which is common with single decision trees while XGBoost is based on the gradient boosting framework, which builds one tree at a time. Each new tree helps to correct errors made by previously trained tree models.

- The primary libraries utilized for Random Forest and XGBoost are:
  - "pandas" for data manipulation,
  - "numpy" for numerical operations,
  - "scikit-learn" for machine learning algorithms, including Random Forest and XGBoost,
  - "matplotlib" and "seaborn" for data visualization,
  - Computational resources: the computations were performed on a machine with an Intel core i7 processor and 16 GB of RAM.

## **Results and discussion**

**Theorem 1** Let G be a graph and  $G_1$  denotes the elvitegravir, then the following axioms holds for the graph  $G_1$ :

 $\begin{array}{ll} (a) \ M_1 \ (G_1) = 162; \ (b) \ M_2 \ (G_1) = 195; \ (c) \ H \ (G_1) = 13.966; \\ (d) \ F \ (G_1) = 432; \ (e) \ SS \ (G_1) = 35.088; \ (f) \ ABC \\ (G_1) = 23.695; \ (g) \ RI \ (G_1) = 14.688; \ (h) \ SC \ (G_1) = 15.1037; \\ (i) \ GA \ (G_1) = 131.705; \ (j) \ HZ \ (G_1) = 822; \ (k) \ ReZG1 \\ (G_1) = 37.983; \ (l) \ ReZG2 \ (G_1) = 1028. \end{array}$ 

**Proof** Suppose that Gramicidin S is represented by *G*1, where  $E_{r,s}$  is the set of edges connecting vertices in the graph with corresponding degrees *r* and *s*. Between vertices of degrees *r* and *s*, the frequencies  $|E_{r,s}|$  show the number of edges. The expression  $|E_{1,2}|=2$  denotes two edges present between the vertices of degree 1 and 2, while the expression  $|E_{1,3}|=7$  denotes eighteen edges present between the vertices of degree 1 and 3. Similarly,  $|E_{2,2}|=2$ ,  $|E_{2,3}|=12$   $|E_{3,3}|=10$ . Then,

$$M_1(G) = \sum_{rs \in E(G)} (dr + ds),$$

$$M_1 (G_1) = 2(1+2) + 7(1+3) + 2(2+2) + 12(2+3) + 10(3+3) = 2 \times 3 + 7 \times 4 + 2 \times 4 + 12 \times 5 + 10 \times 6 = 162.$$

b) By using Second Zagreb Index

$$M_2(G) = \sum_{rs \in E(G)} (dr \times ds),$$

$$M_2 (G_1) = 2(1 \times 2) + 7(1 \times 3) + 2(2 \times 2) + 12(2 \times 3) + 10(3 \times 3) = 2 \times 2 + 7 \times 3 + 2 \times 4 + 12 \times 6 + 10 \times 9 = 195.$$

c) By using Forgotten Index

$$H(G) = \sum_{rs \in E(G)} \frac{2}{(dr+ds)},$$
  
$$H(G) = 2\frac{2}{1+2} + 7\frac{2}{1+3} + 2\frac{2}{2+2} + 12\frac{2}{2+3} + 10\frac{2}{3+3} = 2\frac{2}{3} + 7\frac{2}{4} + 2\frac{2}{4} + 12\frac{2}{5} + 10\frac{2}{6} = 13.966.$$

d) By using Forgotten Index

$$F(G) = \sum_{rs \in E(G)} \left[ (dr)^2 + (ds)^2 \right],$$

$$F (G1) = [2(12 + 22) + 7(12 + 32) + 2(22 + 22) + 12(22 + 32) + 10(32 + 32) = 2 \times 5 + 7 \times 10 + 2 \times 8 + 12 \times 13 + 10 \times 18 = 432.$$

e) By using Shilpa-Shanmukha Index

SS (G1) = 
$$\sum_{rs \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{dr \times ds}{dr + ds}}$$
,

SS (G1) = 
$$2\sqrt{\frac{1\times2}{1+2}} + 7\sqrt{\frac{1\times3}{1+3}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{2\times2}{2+2}}$$
  
+  $12\sqrt{\frac{2\times3}{2+3}} + 10\sqrt{\frac{3\times3}{3+3}}$   
=  $2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} + 7\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{4}{4}}$   
+  $12\sqrt{\frac{6}{5}} + 10\sqrt{\frac{9}{6}} = 35.088.$ 

f) By using Randic Index

$$RI(G_1) = \sum_{rs \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{1}{dr \times ds}},$$

$$RI (G_1) = 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{1 \times 2}} + 7\sqrt{\frac{1}{1 \times 3}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{2 \times 2}} + 12\sqrt{\frac{1}{2 \times 3}} + 10\sqrt{\frac{1}{3 \times 3}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} + 7\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} + 12\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} + 10\sqrt{\frac{1}{9}} = 14.688.$$

g) By using Sum Connectivity Index

• SC (G<sub>1</sub>) = 
$$\sum_{rs \in E(G)} \sqrt{\frac{1}{dr+ds}}$$
,

$$SC (G_1) = 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{1+2}} + 7\sqrt{\frac{1}{1+3}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{2+2}} + 12\sqrt{\frac{1}{2+3}} + 10\sqrt{\frac{1}{3+3}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} + 7\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} + 12\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} + 10\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} = 15.1037.$$

h) By using Geometric Arithmetic Index

• GA (G<sub>1</sub>) = 
$$\sum_{rs \in E(G)} 2 \frac{\sqrt{dr \times ds}}{dr + ds}$$
,

$$GA (G_1) = 2 \times 2\frac{\sqrt{1 \times 2}}{1+2} + 2 \times 7\frac{\sqrt{1 \times 3}}{1+3} + 2 \times 2\frac{\sqrt{2 \times 2}}{2+2} + 2 \times 12\frac{\sqrt{2 \times 3}}{2+3} + 2 \times 10\frac{\sqrt{3 \times 3}}{3+3} = 4\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + 14\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} + 4\frac{\sqrt{4}}{4} + 24\frac{\sqrt{6}}{5} + 20\frac{\sqrt{9}}{6} = 31.7053.$$

i) By using Hyper Zagreb Index

• HZ (G<sub>1</sub>) = 
$$\sum_{rs \in E(G)} (dr + ds)^2$$
,

$$HZ (G_1) = \left[ 2(1+2)^2 + 7(1+3)^2 + 2(2+2)^2 + 12(2+3)^2 + 10(3+3)^2 \right]$$
$$= 2(3)^2 + 7(4)^2 + 2(4)^2 + 12(5)^2 + 10(6)^2 = 822.$$

j) By using Redefined First Zagreb Index

$$ReZ_1(G_1) = \sum_{rs \in E(G)} \frac{(dr \times ds)}{(dr + ds)},$$

$ReZ_1 (G_1) = 2\frac{1}{1+1}$	$\frac{\langle 2}{2} + 7\frac{1\times 3}{1+3}$	$+ 2\frac{2\times 2}{2+2} +$	$12\frac{2\times3}{2+3} +$	$10\frac{3\times3}{3+3}$
$=2\frac{2}{3}$ -	$+7\frac{3}{4}+2\frac{4}{4}+$	$12\frac{6}{5} + 10\frac{9}{6}$	= 37.9833.	

k) By using Redefined Second Zagreb Index

• ReZ<sub>2</sub>(G<sub>1</sub>) = 
$$\sum_{rs \in E(G)} (dr \times ds)(dr + ds)$$

 $= 2(1 \times 2) (1 + 2) + 7(1 \times 3) (1 + 3)$ + 2(2 \times 2) (2 + 2) + 12(2 \times 3) (2 + 3) + 10(3 \times 3) (3 + 3) = 2 \times 2 \times 3 + 7 \times 3 \times 4 + 2 \times 4 \times 4 + 12 \times 6 \times 5 + 10 \times 9 \times 6 = 1028,

**Remark 3.2** The topological indices of other drugs can be obtained using a similar technique as that used in Theorem 1 and their output is provided in Table 2.

Although a lot of scholars are already calculating topological indices [43–46], we contribute by creating an efficient Python program (see Algorithm 1) to compute these indices. Especially, our technique can quickly compute through integrating edge partition values for every molecular graph in an elegant and seamless manner. This Python method advances the field with its efficiency by providing simplified procedures, improved accuracy and time saving for computing topological indices.

Drugs	M <sub>1</sub> (G)	M <sub>2</sub> (G)	H (G)	F (G)	SS (G)	ABC (G)	RI (G)	SC (G)	GA (G)	HZ (G)	ReZ <sub>1</sub> (G)	ReZ <sub>2</sub> (G)
а	132	151	12.13	332	29.48	20.04	12.54	12.99	27.20	334	31.31	740
b	114	141	9.533	298	25.06	16.19	9.754	10.43	22.57	580	27.60	738
С	82	96	7.266	214	17.94	12.22	7.613	7.827	16.35	406	19.21	490
d	172	200	14.50	460	37.18	25.35	15.19	15.89	33.59	860	39.88	1020
e	162	195	13.96	432	35.08	23.69	14.68	15.10	31.70	822	37.98	1028
f	248	280	23.06	622	55.39	38.25	23.97	24.66	51.26	1182	58.45	1366
g	272	318	22.81	746	58.20	40.00	24.05	24.97	52.48	1382	62.36	1670
h	236	272	20.73	614	51.84	35.31	21.55	22.48	47.34	1158	55.33	1362
i	206	256	15.20	606	42.32	28.33	16.26	17.15	36.86	1118	46.71	1436

Table 2 The topological indices values for the candidate drugs

#### Algorithm 1

```
#python algorithm to compute topological indices for anti-HIV-1 drugs
 P = np.array([1,1,2,2,2,3])
Q = np.array([3,4,2,3,4,3])
 R = np.array([3,3,6,17,1,5])
 G7 = np.zeros(6)
 G8 = np.zeros(6)
G12 = np.zeros(6)
         G1[m] = R[m] * (P[m] + Q[m])
         G2[m] = R[m] * (P[m] * Q[m])
         G5[m] = R[m] * (np.sqrt(P[m] * Q[m] / (P[m] + Q[m])))
              G8[m] = R[m] + (np.sqrt(1 / (P[m] + Q[m]))) 
      G8[m] = R[m] * (np.sqrt(1 / (P[m] + Q[m]))) 
      G9[m] = R[m] * (2 * np.sqrt(P[m] * Q[m]) / (P[m] + Q[m])) 
      G10[m] = R[m] * (P[m] + Q[m])*2 
      G11[m] = R[m] * (P[m] * Q[m] / (P[m] + Q[m])) 
      G12[m] = R[m] * (P[m] * Q[m] * (P[m] + Q[m])) 
      G12[m] = R[m] * (P[m] * Q[m] * (P[m] + Q[m])) 
 G11 = np.sum(G1)
 G22 = np.sum(G2)
G33 = np.sum(G3)
G44 = np.sum(G4)
 G55 = np.sum(G5)
 G77 = np.sum(G7)
 C33 = np.sum(G12)
print("G11 =", G11)
print("G22 =", G22)
print("G33 =", G33)
print("G44 =", G44)
print("G55 =", G55)
print("G66 =", G66)
print("G77 =", G77)
print("G88 =", G88)
print("G99 =", G99)
print("C11 =", C11)
print("C22 =", C22)
print("C33 =", C33)
 print("C33 =", C33)
```

Theorem 1 and Algorithm 1 can both be used to compute topological indices; however algorithmic approach is more effective and beneficial in this respect. Moreover, Table 3 shows the physio-chemical properties of selected drugs collected from ChemSpider [47] and PubChem [48] and the computed TIs obtained from their molecular structures by developing python algorithm respectively as seen above.

## Supervised machine learning

Within the field of artificial intelligence, machine learning focuses on creating statistical models and algorithms that allow computers to learn and make decisions without explicit programming. The development of drugs usually involves machine learning techniques like Random Forest Algorithm (RFA), Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGB), and linear analysis. Linear analysis techniques like linear regression are helpful for simpler, easier-to-understand models, ensemble learning techniques like XGB and RFA are capable of managing complex nonlinear correlations and interactions in data.

## **Random forest**

For machine learning tasks including regression, RFA is a potent ensemble learning technique. During training, it builds a large number of decision trees, and it produces the mean prediction (regression) of each individual tree. In order to begin, RF bootstraps a technique many random sections of the training set. A decision tree is trained using each subset, also referred to as a bootstrap sample. At every split point, a decision tree is built for every bootstrap sample using a random subset of features. The model performs better overall because of this randomness, which aids in decorrelation between the trees. Without any pruning, each tree is grown to its fullest depth. When every tree is constructed, its predictions are combined using the Random Forest algorithm. The following is a mathematical representation of the prediction formula for regression:

$$\mathbf{Y}' = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} y(i),$$

where Y' is the predicted output,  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  are the predicted outputs from individual decision trees, and n is the total number of trees in the Random Forest. Figure 4 represent the feature importance of some physiochemical properties w.r.t topological indices; also Figs. 5 and 6 illustrate the decision trees.

Violin plots highlight gaps in the data distribution and help evaluate the accuracy of predictions against actual values graphically as shown in Figs. 7, 8 and 9. RFA

MW (g/mol) Den (g/cm<sup>3</sup>) FP (°C) MV (cm<sup>3</sup>) P (cm<sup>3</sup>) BP (°C) E (kJ/mol) Druas Comp ST (dyne/cm) а 366.4 607 1.3 337.3 287 72.3 42.3 634.1 93.7 b 266.30 397 1.4 205 197 66.3 29.2 415.4 66.8 247 25 374 18 2219 4433 80.9 135.2 728 214 C 396.5 d 456.6 749 1.4 328.8 72.3 49.3 732.0 106.8 4479 97.1 e 702 14 330.9 329.9 550 44.9 623.6 f 720.9 1040 1.2 526.6 581.7 53.7 78.9 947.0 144.4 670.8 1140 1.2 567.7 553.9 54.2 75 1015 155.3 g 613.8 491.0 63.7 69.8 877.9 h 952 1.3 484.7 133.7 449.4 912 366.6 276.2 40.6 682.5 105.2 1.6 70.6

Table 3 The properties of drugs related to their physical characteristics



Fig. 4 Graphical representation of feature importance of MW and Den w.r.t TIs





Fig. 6 Random forest algorithm based violin distribution plot

output error measures are shown in Table 4 and include specific parameters like Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), and Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE). The following formulas can be used to determine MAE, MSE, and RMSE:

•  $MAE = \frac{1}{n} \sum |actual - predicted|,$ 

• MSE = 
$$\frac{1}{n} \sum (\text{actual} - \text{predicted})^2$$
,

•  $RMSE = \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\left(\sum (actual - predicted)^2\right)}.$ 

The random forest algorithm's performance and prediction accuracy were examined through information gained from both the violin plots and tables.

## Linear regression

Linear regression is a fundamental supervised machine learning technique that predicts the connection between dependent variable and one or more independent variables. These models quantify the relationship between drug structures and their medical impacts through the use of various components, such



(h) Violin plot for BP

(i) Violin plot for EV



(g) Violin plot for Pol

as TIs. The QSPR results are constantly provided by the regression equation, which makes it an invaluable formula that is P = X + Y (TI). Here, P is the physiochemical parameter of a potential drug. Topological index, constant and regression coefficient are indicated by the symbols TI, X and Y respectively. The correlation coefficients between each topological indicator and the nine physio-chemical parameters are calculated and shown in Table 5 while, bar graph representing the correlation coefficients of all physio-chemical properties across different topological indices is shown in Fig. 10. Linear regression equations and physio-chemical properties w.r.t TIs derived below.

PP	MW	Comp	Den	FP	MV	ST	Pol	BP	EV
MAE	14.3971	21.690	0.0506	18.9814	16.6246	3.01311	2.2503	30.8837	3.6944
MSE	341.1717	674.165	0.0079	418.5225	399.098	11.1851	7.2899	1127.198	18.5042
RMSE	18.47083	25.9646	0.06277	20.4578	19.977	3.3444	2.6999	33.573	4.3016
$\mathbb{R}^2$	0.9864	0.9897	0.8817	0.9705	0.9815	0.8152	0.9799	0.9709	0.9761

 Table 4
 Random forest error measurement

Table 5 Correlation coefficients of TI w.r.t to different physiochemical properties

TIs	MW	Comp	Den	FP	MV	ST	Pol	BP	E
M <sub>1</sub> (G)	0.9605	0.9874	0.6658	0.9553	0.9298	0.6472	0.9320	0.9553	0.9452
M <sub>2</sub> (G)	0.9326	0.9831	0.6290	0.9266	0.8937	0.6338	0.8947	0.9266	0.9158
H (G)	0.9929	0.9609	0.7430	0.9750	0.9835	0.7000	0.9842	0.9750	0.9667
F (G)	0.9124	0.9831	0.5856	0.9184	0.8662	0.5962	0.8683	0.9184	0.9093
SS (G)	0.9765	0.9801	0.7031	0.9655	0.9547	0.6682	0.9568	0.9655	0.9550
ABC (G)	0.9820	0.9807	0.7031	0.9729	0.9609	0.6698	0.9629	0.9729	0.9640
RI (G)	0.9923	0.9686	0.7292	0.9765	0.9789	0.6971	0.9793	0.9764	0.9690
SC (G)	0.9890	0.9702	0.7283	0.9744	0.9748	0.6877	0.9761	0.97440	0.9655
GA (G)	0.9846	0.9727	0.7237	0.9708	0.9687	0.6800	0.9706	0.9708	0.9607
HZ (G)	0.8766	0.9264	0.4820	0.8499	0.8189	0.6368	0.8166	0.8499	0.8590
ReZ <sub>1</sub> (G)	0.9680	0.982	0.6903	0.9570	0.9426	0.6625	0.9445	0.9570	0.9458
ReZ <sub>2</sub> (G)	0.8769	0.9653	0.5521	0.8762	0.8249	0.5957	0.8243	0.8762	0.8668



Fig. 10 Correlation coefficients of all physio-chemical properties w.r.t Tis



## Linear regression models w.r.t TIs

## **Regression model for [M2(G)]** Molecular weight = 22.1100 + 2.11

 $ity = 0.2808 + 3.5990[M_2(G)]$ 

65[M<sub>2</sub>(G)]

Complex-

Regression model for  $M_1(G)$ Molecular weight = 20.3377 + 2.49 77[ $M_1(G)$ ] Complexity = 16.339 + 4.1416[ $M_1(G)$ ]

Density = 1.7593 – 0.0020[M<sub>1</sub>(G)] Flash point = 45.2833 + 1.8655[M<sub>1</sub>(G)]

 $ume = -50.941 + 2.2409[M_1(G)]$ 

 $sion = 79.4230 - 0.0825[M_1(G)]$ 

ity = -2.3993 + 0.2913[M<sub>1</sub>(G)]

 $point = 151.346 + 3.0842[M_1(G)]$ 

 $tion = 31.5778 + 0.4309[M_1(G)]$ 

Molar vol-

Surface ten-

Polarizabil-

Enthalpy of varia-

Boiling

 $\label{eq:2} Density = 1.7482 - 0.0016[M_2(G)] \\ Flash \\ point = 46.9325 + 1.5793[M_2(G)] \\ Molar vol- \\ ume = -45.305 + 1.8798[M_1(G)] \\ Surface tension = 79.4937 - 0.0705[M_2(G)] \\ Polarizabil- \\ ity = -1.6054 + 0.2440[M_2(G)] \\ Boiling \\ point = 154.073 + 2.6109[M_2(G)] \\ Enthalpy of variation = 32.0454 + 0.3643[M_2(G)] \\ \end{tabular}$ 

#### Regression model for F(G)

Molecular weight = 56.1270 + 0.8636[F(G)] Complexity=42.5485+1.5009[F(G)] Density = 1.7062 - 0.0006[F(G)] Flash point = 68.2462 + 0.6529[F(G)] Molar volume = -11.6411 + 0.7598[F(G)]Surface tension = 77.8286 - 0.0277[F(G)] Polarizability = 2.6997 + 0.0987[F(G)] Boilina point = 189.3117 + 1.0793[F(G)] Enthalpy of variation = 36.8359 + 0.1509[F(G)]

#### **Regression model for ABC**

Molecular weight = 20.3827 + 16.94 18[**ABC(G)**] Complexity = 37.6722 + 27.2928[**ABC(G)**] Density = 1.7710 - 0.0140[**ABC(G)**] Flash point = 46.5920 + 12.6059[**A BC(G)**]

#### Regression model for H(G)

Molecular weight = 14.0675 + 29.5 447[H(G)] Complexity = 50.3265 + 46.1198[H(G)] Density = 1.79322 - 0.0254[H(G)] Flash point = 44.9218 + 21.7875[H(G)]

Molar vol ume = -66.0938 + 27.1224[H(G)]Surface ten sion = 80.3293 - 1.0205[H(G)]Polarizabil ity = -4.2840 + 3.5197[H(G)]Boiling point = 150.7451 + 36.0198 [H(G)] Enthalpy of variation = 31.3317 + 5.0423[H(G)]

#### Regression model for SS(G)

Molecular weight = 9.7915 + 11.77 57[SS(G)] Complexity = 16.8938 + 19.0652[SS(G)] Density = 1.7819 - 0.0098[SS(G)] Flash point = 39.4157 + 8.7440[SS(G)]

# Molar vol-

ume = -55.2781 + 15.3641[**ABC(G)**] Surface tension = 79.6061 - 0.5662[**ABC(G)**] Polarizability = -2.9516 + 1.9965[**ABC(G)**] Boiling point = 153.5087 + 20.8404 [**ABC(G)**] Enthalpy of variation = 31.769 + 2.915[**ABC(G)**]

**Regression model for SC** 

Molecular weight = 13.3437 + 27.1882[SC(G)] Complexity = 39.4253 + 43.0217[SC(G)] Density = 1.7876 - 0.0230[SC(G)] Flash point = 43.2542 + 20.1170[ SC(G)] Molar volume = -64.6865 + 24.836[SC(G)] Surface tension = 80.1367 - 0.9262[SC(G)] Polarizability = -4.1379 + 3.2252[SC(G)] Boiling point = 147.989 + 33.2581[SC(G)]

Enthalpy of variation = 30.9983 + 4.6526[**SC(G)]** 

#### **Regression model for HZ**

Molecular weight = 123.0392 + 0.3 994[HZ(G)] Complexity = 170.448 + 0.6808[HZ(G)] Density = 1.6200 - 0.0003[HZ(G)] Flash point = 128.5374 + 0.2908 HZ(G)] Molar volume = 52.1288 + 0.3458[HZ(G)] Surface tension = 76.9305 - 0.0142[HZ(G)] Polarizability = 11.1992 + 0.0447[HZ(G)] Boiling point = 288.9813 + 0.4807 [HZ(G)] Enthalpy of variation = 49.5430 + 0.0686[HZ(G)]

#### **Regression model for RI**

Enthalpy of varia-

Molar vol-

Surface ten-

Polarizabil-

8[SS(G)]

ume = -64.516 + 10.6698[SS(G)]

sion = 80.0087 - 0.3948[SS(G)]

itv = -41564 + 13866[SS(G)]

tion = 30.2478 + 2.0188[SS(G)]

Boiling point = 141.6433 + 14.455

Molecular weight = 16.2195 + 28.11 00[RI(G)] Complexity=47.5607+44.2587[RI(G)] Density = 1.7843 - 0.0238[RI(G)] Flash point = 45.7931 + 20.7737[R I(G)] Molar volume = -62.3854 + 25.6982[RI(G)] Surface tension = 80.1996 - 0.9676[RI(G)] Polarizability = -3.7882 + 3.3340[RI(G)] Boiling point = 152.1868 + 34.3436 [RI(G)] Enthalpy of variation = 31.4694 + 4.8117[RI(G)]

#### Regression model for GA

Molecular weight = 9.4468 + 13.008 5[GA(G)] Complexity = 28.0960 + 20.7296[GA(G)] Density=1.7901-0.0110[**GA(G)]** Flash point = 40.1194 + 9.6328[GA(G)] Molar volume = -67.435 + 11.8602[GA(G)] Surface tension = 80.1620 - 0.4401 [GA(G)] Polarizability = -4.5259 + 1.5410[GA(G)] Boiling point = 142.8059 + 15.9243 [GA(G)] Enthalpy of variation = 30.377 + 2.2248[GA(G)]

Regression model for ReZ <sub>2</sub>	Regression model for ReZ <sub>1</sub>
Molecular weight = 57.3870 + 0.37	Molecular weight = 6.6707 + 11.031
80[ <b>ReZ<sub>2</sub>(G)</b> ]	7[ <b>ReZ<sub>1</sub>(G)]</b>
Complex-	Complex-
ity=29.1286+0.6712[ <b>ReZ<sub>2</sub>(G)]</b>	ity=3.7703+18.0524[ <b>ReZ<sub>1</sub>(G)]</b>
Density = 1.6995 - 0.0003 [ <b>ReZ<sub>2</sub>(G)</b> ]	Density=1.7808-0.0091[ <b>ReZ<sub>1</sub>(G)]</b>
Flash point = 71.4891 + 0.2836[ <b>R</b>	Flash point = 37.1349 + 8.1906[ <b>Re</b>
e <b>Z<sub>2</sub>(G)]</b>	Z <sub>1</sub> (G)]
Molar vol-	Molar vol-
ume = – 7.2151 + 0.3295[ <b>ReZ<sub>2</sub>(G)]</b>	ume = - 65.6712 + 9.9559[ <b>ReZ<sub>1</sub>(G)]</b>
Surface ten-	Surface ten-
sion = 78.3134 - 0.0126[ <b>ReZ<sub>2</sub>(G)]</b>	sion = 80.1156 - 0.3699[ <b>ReZ<sub>1</sub>(G)]</b>
Polarizabil-	Polarizabil-
ity = 3.4246 + 0.0427 [ <b>ReZ<sub>2</sub>(G)]</b>	ity = - 4.2984 + 1.2936[ <b>ReZ<sub>1</sub>(G)]</b>
Boiling point = 194.6729 + 0.4689	Boiling point = 137.8725 + 13.5410[
[ <b>ReZ<sub>2</sub>(G)</b> ]	ReZ <sub>1</sub> (G)]
Enthalpy of varia-	Enthalpy of varia-
tion = 37.6498 + 0.0655[ <b>ReZ<sub>2</sub>(G)]</b>	tion = 29.7872 + 1.8895[ <b>ReZ<sub>1</sub>(G)]</b>

## Computation of statistical parameters

The use of statistical parameters to compare Topological Indices (TIs) with characteristic of correlation coefficients is useful in model analysis. In a regression model, the standard error (SE) of the estimate measures the mean variance of expected outcomes from actual values, Tables 6, 7 and 8 shows the SE, F-statistics and significance p values. Furthermore, comparison graphs through Figs. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 include both actually acquired and mathematically derived physiochemical property values from regression models.

Additionally, the majority of p-values are less than 0.05 a specific value, and mostly r exceeds 0.6 on a consistent basis as seen in Table 4.

## **Extreme gradient boosting**

Extreme Gradient Boosting, is a powerful machine learning method that is well-known for its efficiency in predictive mathematical modeling, here we provided Pseudo-code namely Algorithm-2, provides useful information about XGB, including information about its flexibility and adaptability. The distributions plot of the actual and predicted values are shown in Figs. 20, 21 and 22, which are essential for evaluating the effectiveness of the model and detecting any variations. Furthermore aiding in our understanding is the violin plot, which displays the data distribution graphically while highlighting the peculiarities specific to XGB. Table 9 also offers error estimates, which helps towards a comprehensive

Table 6         Statistical parameter SE of selected TI w.r.t to different physiochemical properties
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PP	M <sub>1</sub> (G)	M <sub>2</sub> (G)	H (G)	F (G)	SS (G)	ABC (G)	RI (G)	SC (G)	GA (G)	HZ (G)	ReZ <sub>1</sub> (G)	ReZ <sub>2</sub> (G)
MW	50.098	64.993	21.4217	73.6889	38.810	34.0248	22.3184	26.6421	31.4443	86.6267	45.1974	86.5371
Comp	46.022	53.155	80.4328	53.1921	57.622	56.7448	72.2319	70.3806	67.3475	109.336	54.8500	75.7839
Den	0.1545	0.1609	0.1386	0.1678	0.1472	0.1472	0.1417	0.1419	0.1429	0.1814	0.1498	0.1726
FP	39.990	50.854	30.0609	53.4796	35.212	31.2538	29.1692	30.3989	32.4264	71.2495	39.2341	65.1496
MV	61.389	74.847	30.1454	83.3679	49.639	46.1817	34.1257	37.1889	41.4316	95.7486	55.6984	94.3075
ST	6.7244	6.8226	6.2991	7.0814	6.5623	6.5493	6.3240	6.4041	6.4678	6.8008	6.6074	7.0845
Pol	7.8448	9.6645	3.8262	10.7309	6.2941	5.8387	4.3806	4.6934	5.2106	12.4898	7.1077	12.2490
BP	66.111	84.071	49.6893	88.4150	58.209	51.6654	48.2170	50.2493	53.6010	117.788	64.8577	107.707
E	10.305	12.677	8.0765	13.1314	9.3606	8.3882	7.8016	8.2202	8.7636	16.1544	10.2498	15.7389

Table 7 Statistical parameter F of selected TI w.r.t to different physiochemical properties

PP	M <sub>1</sub> (G)	M <sub>2</sub> (G)	H (G)	F (G)	SS (G)	ABC (G)	RI (G)	SC (G)	GA (G)	HZ (G)	ReZ <sub>1</sub> (G)	ReZ <sub>2</sub> (G)
MW	83.395	46.709	487.405	34.7817	143.621	188.974	448.475	312.633	222.460	23.2333	104.061	23.2960
Comp	271.70	201.92	84.2454	201.633	170.782	176.326	106.140	112.171	123.147	42.3803	189.211	95.7834
Den	5.5750	4.5815	8.6267	3.6527	6.8434	6.8431	7.9472	7.9071	7.6985	2.118	6.3713	3.0698
FP	73.011	42.478	134.601	37.7397	96.1971	123.998	143.390	131.469	114.694	18.2061	76.1270	23.1472
MV	44.703	27.782	207.420	21.03	72.0792	84.3624	160.318	133.890	106.512	14.2541	55.8091	14.9086
ST	5.0446	4.7003	6.7258	3.860	5.6467	5.6972	6.6178	6.2794	6.0191	4.7753	5.4749	3.8512
Pol	46.245	28.082	216.826	21.45	75.7137	89.1208	163.754	141.758	113.688	14.0056	57.8610	14.8396
BP	73.017	42.480	134.645	37.73	96.2157	124.017	143.428	131.506	114.726	18.2072	76.1393	23.1466
E	58.639	36.375	99.8741	33.42	72.5636	92.0793	107.540	96.1721	83.7735	19.7141	59.3577	21.1432

Actual RI(G) 0

SC(G)

- GA(G)

HZ(G)

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HeZ1(G)

HeZ2(G)

0

PP	M <sub>1</sub> (G)	M <sub>2</sub> (G)	H (G)	F (G)	SS (G)	ABC (G)	RI (G)	SC (G)	GA (G)	HZ (G)	ReZ <sub>1</sub> (G)	ReZ <sub>2</sub> (G)
MW	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.001
Comp	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Den	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.027	0.189	0.039	0.123
FP	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.001
MV	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.006
ST	0.05	0.06	0.03	0.09	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.040	0.043	0.065	0.051	0.090
Pol	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.006
BP	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.001
E	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.001	0.002

 Table 8
 Statistical parameter P of selected TI w.r.t to different physiochemical properties



Fig. 11 Graphical comparison w.r.t linear regression for MW



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Fig. 12 Graphical comparison w.r.t linear regression for Comp



Fig. 13 Graphical comparison w.r.t linear regression for Den









Fig. 15 Graphical comparison w.r.t linear regression for MV



Fig. 16 Graphical comparison w.r.t linear regression for ST



Fig. 17 Graphical comparison w.r.t linear regression for Pol





Fig. 18 Graphical comparison w.r.t linear regression for BP





Fig. 19 Graphical comparison w.r.t linear regression for EV





(a) Violin plot for MW (b) Violin plot for Comp Fig. 20 XGB algorithm based violin distribution plot of MW, Comp and Den



(a) Violin plot for FP



(b) Violin plot for MV



(c) Violin plot for Den



(c) Violin plot for ST



(c) Violin plot for EV

Fig. 21 XGB algorithm based violin distribution plot of FP, MV and ST





value

DD	N/1\N/	Comp	Den	ED	M\/	ст	Pol	RD	EV
rr	141.44	Comp	Den	FF	101 0	31	FUI	DF	E V
MAE	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
MSE	4.0729	3.005	5.7742	4.4125	4.3283	7.3177	7.0550	4.7962	5.4326
RMSE	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
R <sup>2</sup>	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999

## Table 10 Drug properties predicted by the RFA

Drugs	MW (g/mol)	Comp	Den (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	FP (°C)	MV (cm <sup>3</sup> )	ST (dyne/cm)	P (cm <sup>3</sup> )	BP (°C)	E (kJ/mol)
а	361.98	578.90	1.36	309.61	272.60	69.99	40.18	587.25	89.71
b	284.66	438.18	1.45	238.35	203.62	69.05	30.46	470.53	75.99
С	263.50	404.96	1.67	232.31	161.92	71.64	24.96	460.52	79.77
d	451.40	749.63	1.42	372.34	321.59	67.12	46.84	692.06	103.38
e	443.29	708.86	1.41	347.55	322.41	60.90	45.32	651.10	99.31
f	680.60	1037.04	1.25	518.40	544.12	56.72	74.92	933.48	142.44
g	669.76	1101.52	1.28	549.22	547.41	56.01	74.51	984.45	150.50
h	632.84	978.68	1.29	499.90	504.34	61.20	70.93	897.61	136.86
i	469.76	892.64	1.54	383.23	305.96	68.10	45.42	710.03	108.59

Table 11 Drug properties predicted by the XGB

Drugs	MW (g/mol)	Comp	Den (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	FP (°C)	MV (cm <sup>3</sup> )	ST (dyne/cm)	P (cm <sup>3</sup> )	BP (°C)	E (kJ/mol)
a	366.4	606.99	1.30	337.29	287	72.29	42.30	634.09	93.70
b	266.30	397	1.40	205.0	197	66.30	29.20	415.40	66.80
С	247.25	374	1.79	221.89	135.20	72.79	21.49	443.29	80.89
d	456.59	748.99	1.39	396.49	328.79	72.29	49.29	731.99	106.79
e	447.90	702	1.39	330.90	329.89	55	44.89	623.60	97.10
f	720.89	1040	1.20	526.59	581.69	53.70	78.89	946.99	144.39
g	670.79	1139.99	1.20	567.69	553.89	54.20	74.99	1014.99	155.29
h	613.79	951.99	1.30	484.69	491	63.69	69.80	877.89	133.69
i	449.40	911.99	1.59	366.0	276.2	70.59	40.60	682.50	105.20

review of the model's predictive power and general accuracy while using XGB algorithm, having a well-organized overview of implementation procedures like the one provided by pseudo-code proves invaluable for expediting the process and improving understanding of its complexities.

Algorithm 2 XGB for QSPR model of anti-HIV

#### Step 1:

i. Start working with the dataset, import the necessary libraries, such as numpy, pandas, xgboost, matplotlib and plot-tree into Python

ii. In Python, define a dataset as a dictionary. Include key-value pairs, where a collection of data points for a given feature correlates to each key, which shows an attribute

## Step 2:

iii. Get the data ready for analysis after defining the data-set dictionary iv. Use the pd.DataFrame(data) function to convert a dictionary

into a pandas DataFrame, making data management and analysis easier v. Separate the features (X) and the target variable (y)

#### Step 3:

vi. Train an XGB regression model

vii. After the model has been trained, evaluate its efficiency and prediction using unknown data

## Step 4:

viii. To illustrate the difference between predicted and actual values, make a scatter plot with the actual values on the y-axis and expected values on the x-axis

ix. Provide predicted values in a tabular style, like a DataFrame or structured array, so that they may be easily compared to actual values



Fig. 23 Graphical comparison of MW



Fig. 24 Graphical comparison of Den



Fig. 25 Graphical comparison of MV



Fig. 27 Graphical comparison of EV

## Physio-chemical parameters comparison analysis

When XGB and RFA were used to forecast the physiochemical properties of anti-HIV medicines, the results showed that XGB predictions consistently produced higher values than RFA. This implies that when it comes to the physio-chemical characteristics of anti-HIV drugs, the XGB algorithm typically yields more optimistic forecasts.

Even though these two machine learning models provide insightful information about the structure–activity relationship of associated drugs, the difference in predicted values emphasizes how crucial it is to take into account a variety of computational strategies and validation methods in order to guarantee the precision and dependability of predictions made during the drug discovery and development process. Tables 10 and 11 are the Experimental and actual data for prediction of RFA and XGB w.r.t physical properties as well as through Figs. 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 shown the graphical comparison between XGB and RFA listed below.

Standard errors measurements like MAE, MSE, and RMSE are used to evaluate the performance of predictive models like RFA and XGB. To evaluate the relative efficiency of the models and compare the error indicators, visualizations such as tables and graphs were used. In terms of prediction accuracy, XGB performed better than RFA, as seen by lower MAE, MSE, and RMSE values. Furthermore, compared to RFA, greater R<sup>2</sup> values for XGB demonstrated a better fit of the model to the data. It was easier to comprehend why XGB is such a strong algorithm for predictive modeling problems compared to the graphical representations and error tables.

## Conclusions

The conclusion of our analysis gives information on the potential efficacy of the drugs under examination in treating HIV-1 disease. In order to predict physiochemical properties, we compared ability to forecast of RFA, Linear Regression, and XGB in this work. Metrics including MAE, MSE, RMSE, and R<sup>2</sup> values were used to assess their effectiveness. With substantially lower error rates and higher R<sup>2</sup> values than the other models, XGB performed better. The efficacy of XGB was further demonstrated by graphical representations. Particularly in the treatment of HIV, the findings have important implications for drug development. Using machine learning algorithms such as XGB can improve drug property prediction efficiency. The superiority of XGB is derived from its iterative prediction refining. Some more techniques and data-set optimization may be investigated in future studies. The research contributes to larger-scale predictive modeling efforts in the pharmaceutical industry. The possibilities of predictive modeling will grow with further development of machine learning techniques. Overall, this work shows that advanced algorithms can be used to improve the drug development process.

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