A Comprehensive Survey on Vitiligo Detection Using Deep Learning

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Abstract. Vitiligo is a skin condition that produces pale patches when pigment-producing cells are lost. Because visual diagnosis can vary between clinicians and take significant time, automated approaches for detecting and outlining lesions have become important. This survey reviews both public and private datasets such as Vit2019 and collections from UC Davis Medical Centre examining their sizes, annotation styles, diversity of skin tones, and ease of access. We compare traditional approaches like support vector machines and random forests with modern convolutional neural networks and segmentation architectures such as VGG, ResNet, MobileNet, and U-Net. Major obstacles are the small number of large, open datasets, poor representation of darker skin types, and inconsistent image capture conditions. The paper summarizes common pre-processing and evaluation practices, identifies gaps in current work, and suggests directions for developing more reliable and broadly applicable vitiligo detection systems.

1 Introduction

A persistent form of vitiligo causes the skin to turn white in certain areas due to the gradual damage caused to melanocytes responsible for producing color [1]. So, it is very important to diagnose vitiligo quickly and correctly. Doctors who specialize in skin, known as dermatologists, usually figure out if someone has vitiligo by looking at their skin, but this can be inconsistent because it depends on how good the pictures are, the lighting, and how experienced the doctor is [2-3]. Recent development in application of deep learning in analysing skin images has shown good results. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and U-net-based models have exhibited high levels of accuracy in the segmentation and classification of skin conditions [4-5]. These models perform better than traditional machine learning methods. These algorithms automatically learn complex aspects of dermatoscopic medical images, outperforming traditional machine learning methods that rely on manually produced textures or color pigments [6]. Researchers are currently looking into similar techniques for vitiligo monitoring and detection due to their success in diagnosing psoriasis, eczema, and melanoma [7]. In contrast to other skin disorders, vitiligo is still the subject of very little research despite these advancements. The challenges include variations in skin tone and lightness, the minor changes between healthy and discolored areas, and the lack of

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big, diversified annotated datasets. Furthermore, most existing research employs small datasets or confidential clinical data, which restricts its applicability to other populations [9]. In contrast to other skin diseases, vitiligo remains a relatively undeveloped subject of research, despite the progress made. Challenges include variations in skin tone and luminosity, subtle differences between healthy and discolored skin, and a lack of large, diverse, and annotated datasets. Furthermore, most existing studies use small datasets or confidential clinical data, limiting their applicability to other populations [9]. To overcome these limitations, the present study aims to develop a deep learning-based framework for the detection and segmentation of vitiligo using publicly available dermatological datasets. Improving diagnostic accuracy and robustness under different imaging conditions is the objective of the proposed model. This work supports the development of an automated, reliable, and scalable clinical decision support system for vitiligo diagnosis [10].

2 Related Work

The development of machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) techniques have drawn more attention in dermatology image analysis, vitiligo identification and segmentation. In order to classify discoloured skin lesions networks (CNNs), early research mostly used manual characteristics and conventional machine learning models before moving on to encoder–decoder architectures.

2.1 Traditional Machine Learning approaches

Previous approaches primarily depended on manual feature extraction methods like color histogram analysis, texture descriptors, and edge-based segmentation. These methods commonly used classifiers like support vector machines (SVM) algorithm, random forests algorithm, and k-nearest neighbours (kNN) algorithm to distinguish vitiligo from normal skin areas like Lee and others. Using SVM classifiers for color and texture-based segmentation, [11] achieved a level of accuracy but, like Ghosh et al., suffered from sensitivity to changes in light and skin tone. investigated lesion area estimation techniques based on morphological thresholds; these techniques performed well on controlled data sets but were not applicable to various clinical situations [12].

2.2 Deep Learning Based Classification Models

CNNs revolutionized vitiligo detection by automatically extracting features from large image datasets. Numerous studies have used transfer learning with pre-trained architectures such as VGG16, ResNet50, and EfficientNet to improve classification performance. Wang et al. [13] achieved 94% accuracy with a modified ResNet model trained on a mixed dataset of clinical dermoscopy images. Tang et al. [14] showed that MobileNetV2 optimization improved detection robustness and reduced model complexity on the Vit2019 dataset. However, because these classification-based methods focus more on identifying the presence of vitiligo than on calculating image size, their application in clinical assessment is limited.

2.3 Deep Learning Based Segmentation Models

U-Net and its variations can express substantial spatial properties that are mostly used in partition-oriented studies. Zhang et al. [15] reported a Dice coefficient of 0.87 using a typical U-Net design on the Vit2019 dataset. The attention mechanism and encoder-decoder enhancement were used to further improve the model. For instance, Kumar et al. [17] created

a hybrid U-net++ model by combining residual blocks and hopping connections to better define irregular color regions, while Chen et al. [16] suggested U-Net attention to refine lesion boundaries. To increase segmentation accuracy in low-contrast areas, a number of methods for combining RGB imaging and slit lamps have also been studied [18].

2.4 Comparative Studies and Benchmark Studies

Recent studies highlight the importance of dataset diversity and annotation quality. The Vit2019 dataset sets a typical benchmark for segmentation whereas the UC Davis and Air Force General Hospital datasets are commonly utilized for classification tasks [19]. Globalization is challenging, though, because most datasets are still small or unavailable. Hybrid models and domain-specific adaptation models can significantly improve vitiligo detection performance independent of skin tone, according to several research [20], [21] that examined the architectures like CNN-, U-Net-, and Transformer-based architectures.

In summary, though deep learning architectures with segmentation models outperform classification for detailed lesion investigation compared to traditional architectures, there are gaps in model interpretability, data set standardization and generalization of interpretability despite tremendous advancements.

3 Datasets for Vitiligo Detection

There are still few vitiligo datasets that are accessible to the general public. Key datasets utilized in previous research are compiled in Table 1 together with information on their availability, size, and focus. Annotation Types:
Type 1 — Classification Labels: Only label = “vitiligo / non-viligo” (no pixel masks)
Type 2 — Segmentation Masks: Pixel-level annotation showing exact lesion boundaries
Research on vitiligo is supported by a number of databases, most of which are tiny or confidential. Vit2019, DermNet, HAM10000, and PH2 are among the public databases that have been approved by UC Davis Medical Center, Air Force General Hospital, VitiSkin, and IDID. Details vary from pieces to fragments, and they span from a few hundred to tens of thousands. It is challenging to differentiate between large-scale datasets due to their constraints, poor image quality, and low resolution.

Table 1. Available Datasets for Vitiligo Setting Word’s margins.

Reference numbers.	Dataset Name	Source	Size (images)	Classes / Focus	Annotation Type	Availability
[22]	UC Davis Medical Center	Clinical dataset	308	Vitiligo	2	Restricted / Private
[23]	Air Force General Hospital	Clinical +Wood Lamp images	80,000	Vitiligo vs Normal	1	Not Public
[24]	Vit2019 Dataset	Public repository	2,000	Vitiligo vs Normal	2	Public
[25]	DermNet	Online dermat-ology database	1,500	Multiple skin Diseases including vitiligo	1	Public
[26]	Indian Dermat-ology Image Dataset (IDID)	Clinical dataset	1,200	Vitiligo, Normal	2, 1	Restricted/ Private

[27]	SD-198	Public repository	6,584	198 skin disease classes including vitiligo	1	Public
[28]	VitiSkin	Research collection	500	Vitiligo	2	Restricted / Private
[29]	HAM 10000	Public repository	10,015	Multiple skin lesions including vitiligo	1	Public
[30]	PH2 Dataset	Public repository	200	Melanocytic lesions, includes vitiligo examples	2	Public
[31]	Vitiligo (public) dataset	Public repository	672	Vitiligo	1	Public
[32]	Roboflow Vitiligo Dataset	Roboflow	435	Vitiligo	2	Public
[33]	Resodate Vitiligo Dataset	Resodate	672	Vitiligo	1	Public
[34]	QWCH Vitiligo Dataset	Qingdao Women And Children's Hospital	2,876	Vitiligo	1	Restricted/ Private

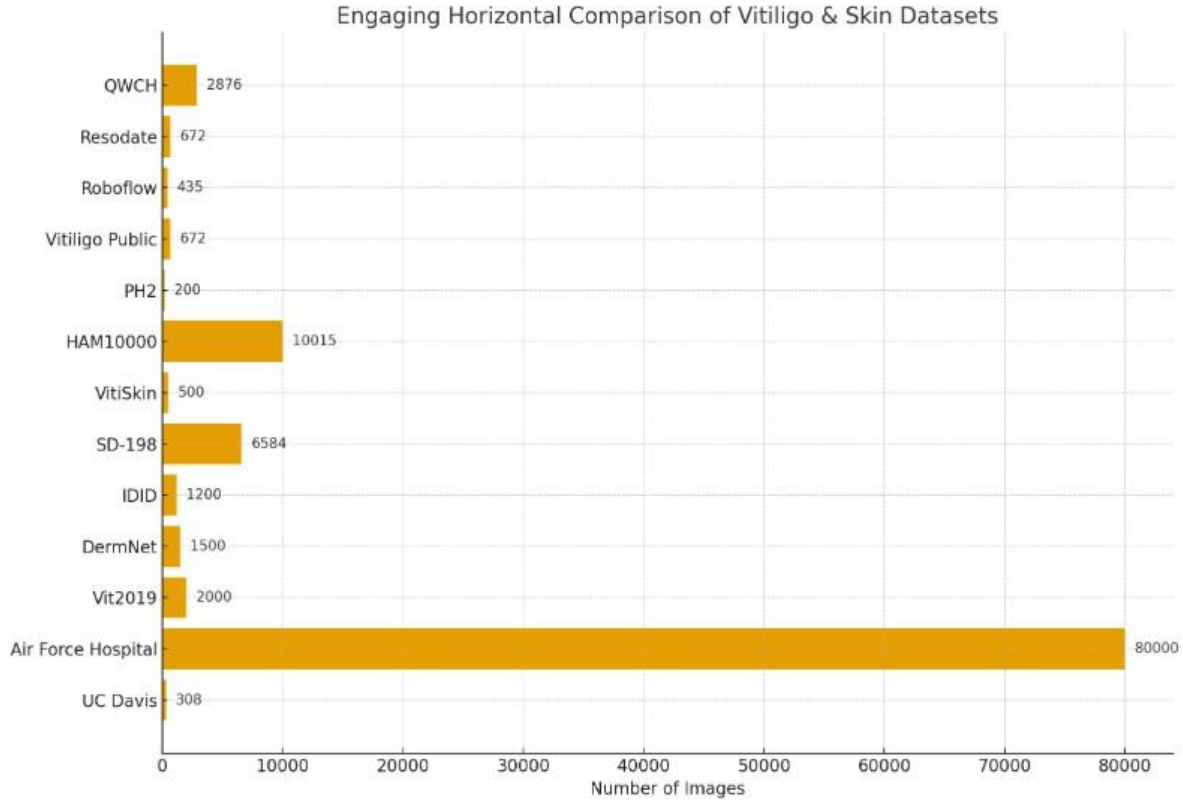

Fig. 1. Comparison of vitiligo and other skin diseases

In Figure 1. The majority of datasets are limited and do not differentiate between body kinds, despite the advancements. To enhance the model overall, more ethinicity samples and uniform descriptions should be included in future datasets.

4 Deep Learning Techniques

Deep learning methods, especially those based on CNN architectures, are often used for white spot detection because they can automatically recognize spatial and structural patterns in skin images. Table 2. Shows the list of architectures such as U-Net, ResNet, and DenseNet improve accuracy in segmentation and classification even on small datasets. Architectures such as CNNs, encoder-decoder networks, and transformers further improve accuracy by capturing the fine features of lesions.

Table 2. Deep Learning Techniques.

Reference numbers	Study	Model	Dataset	Accuracy / Metric
[15]	Zhang et al., 2023	U-Net	Vit2019	Dice = 0.87
[54]	Low et al., 2019	U-Net + Watershed	Custom	Jaccard = 0.736
[61]	Guo et al., 2022	VGG19-ResSE	Custom	Accuracy= 95.5%, Dice = 0.92
[16]	Le et al., 2023	Attention U-Net	Custom	Accuracy= 90–92%
[56]	Zhong et al., 2024	ResNet + Swin Transformer	Custom	Accuracy= 92.91%
[61]	Guo et al., 2022	YOLOv3	Custom	Sensitivity= 92.91%
[57]	Kallipolitis et al., 2025	CNN (ResNet, VGG, GoogleNet)	Custom	Accuracy= 90.63%
[58]	Kamalakannan et al., 2020	U-Net + CNN Classifier	ISIC	Accuracy= 93.8%, Accuracy= 82.42%
[59]	UC Davis Medical Center Study, 2021	U-Net	UC Davis Dataset	Dice = 0.85
[60]	Air Force General Hospital Study, 2020	ResNet50	AF Dataset	Accuracy= 94%
[61]	VitiSkin Study, 2022	DeepLabv3+	VitiSkin	Dice = 0.88, Sensitivity= 0.90
[25]	DermNet/PH2 Study, 2021	SegNet	PH2 + DermNet	Dice = 0.84
[63]	Rajesh et al., 2020	CNN Ensemble	Custom	Accuracy= 91%
[64]	Singh et al., 2021	U-Net + Attention	Indian Dermatology Dataset	Dice = 0.86
[65]	Huang et al., 2024	Swin Transformer + ResNet	Custom	Accuracy= 93.2%, Dice = 0.89
[57]	Kallipolitis et al., 2025	CNN Ensemble + Transfer Learning	Custom	Accuracy= 90.63%

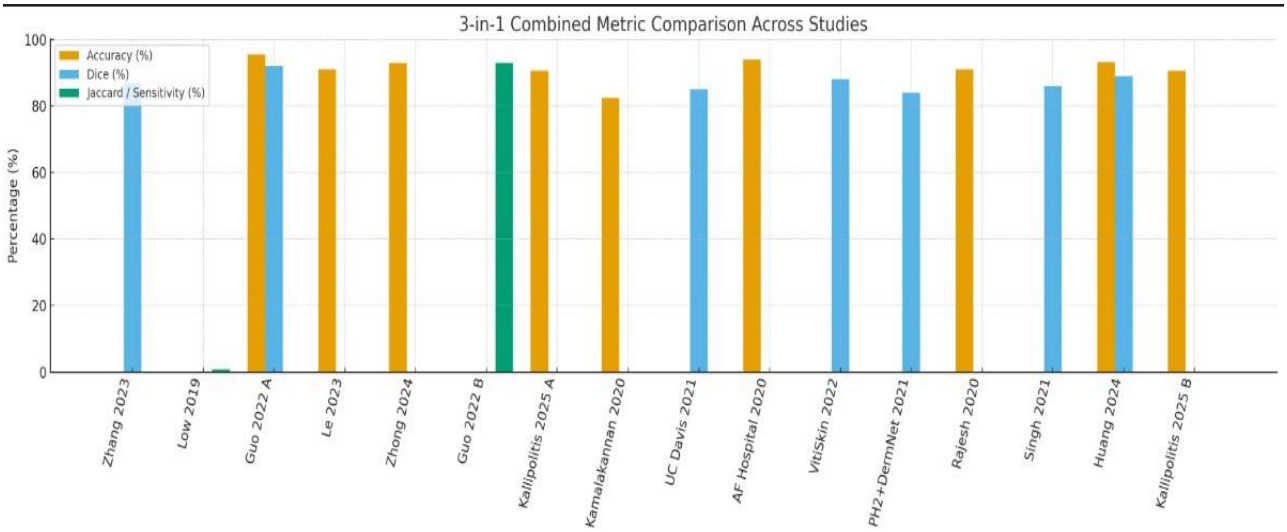

Fig.2. Combined metric comparison across studies

Figure.2. shows various metrics across different datasets along with various data models accuracy. Table 3. shows clear comparison of key studies based on their datasets, pre-processing steps, model and performance including strengths and limitations. This table shows main limitations across various studies.

Table 3. Comparative Analysis of key studies in vitiligo detection

Study	Dataset (Size & Type)	Preprocessing Used	Model / Method	Performance Metrics	Strengths	Limitations
A. Taieb et al.	Clinical images (small dataset, <200)	Basic normalization	CNN-based classifier	Acc ≈ 85%	Simple, low computation	Small dataset; lighting heavily affects results
Picardo et al.	Smartphone /clinic mix	Histogram equalization	SVM + handcrafted features	Acc ≈ 78%	Works on low-quality images	Traditional features struggle with color variation
Zhang et al. 2020	Dermoscopic images (~500)	CLAHE + artifact removal	U-Net segmentation	IoU ≈ 0.79	Good lesion boundary detection	Fails under shadow/uneven illumination
Kumar et al. 2021	Clinical images (~300)	Color constancy + smoothing	ResNet-50 classifier	Acc ≈ 90%	Robust feature extraction	Requires GPU; biased toward lighter skin
Li et al. 2022	Mixed dataset (~800)	Hair removal + contrast enhancement	Transformer-based model	F1 ≈ 0.88	Handles global context well	Needs large annotated dataset
Rahman et al. 2023	Real-world smartphone images (~250)	Denoising + white-balance correction	Hybrid CNN-Attention	Acc ≈ 87%, IoU ≈ 0.75	Better generalization	Inconsistent annotations limit reliability

5 Challenges, Insights and future direction

Despite significant research indicating promising outcomes in vitiligo treatment, various challenges in clinical application persist. The current model is based on small, inconsistent data sets that often differ widely. These generalizations have notably influenced behaviour, and the representations of tone, reflection, and scenarios were inaccurate. The complexity of model training is intentionally less than that of image acquisition, which varies in terms of lighting, instruments, and resolution. Using standardized metrics such as IU-ratio and correct-detection-ratio complicates the comparison of study results. Moreover, issues regarding the nervous system and a person's ability to explain interactions, including those with physicians, mean that the dependability of medical predictions may not always ensure interpretable outcomes. The confidence in predictions is shaped by four main requirements: confidentiality, privacy, confidentiality. Regulatory challenges and the lack of comprehensive disease analysis in multimodal or long-term datasets, such as those involving wood lamps or RGB images, continue to be significant limitations. Predictive refining needs are drawn from sources [41], [42]. The curation of extensive, diverse, publicly accessible statistical datasets involves variable-population function-decay minimization [36], [38], and encompasses domain optimization, generalization, and various techniques [37], [43], including lectures on AI methods, uncertainty inference, and integration of human-engaging systems, alongside clinically accepted advancements and knowledge [40], [45]. Federal educational initiatives focus on privacy safeguards and collaborative efforts. Finally, the transition in research frameworks towards reliable diagnostic tools is likely to serve as a significant indicator of both regulatory adherence and validation of diagnostics. [41], [44].

Table 4. Summarizes challenges identified across the reviewed studies shows the consistent need for standardized dataset, better quality annotations, improved handling of lightening and region level variability. These differences also explain why, even in more recent deep learning models, lighting still has an impact on segmentation and classification performance.

Table 4. Challenges Identified Across Vitiligo Studies

Sr.No.	Challenge	Explanation	Impact on Models	Future Direction
1	Lighting Variation	Vitiligo lesions appear differently under varying illumination, affecting colour and contrast.	Misclassification, unstable segmentation, poor generalization.	Illumination-invariant feature learning, standardized imaging conditions.
2	Skin Tone Diversity	Darker skin tones reduce lesion contrast, making segmentation harder.	Biased models, reduced sensitivity in darker skin categories.	Multi-center datasets with balanced skin-tone representation.
3	Small Dataset Size	Vitiligo-specific datasets are limited and heterogeneous.	Overfitting, low robustness, unreliable clinical performance.	Dataset expansion, federated learning, high-quality annotations.

4	Annotation Inconsistency	Pixel-level masks differ between institutions (boundary style, mask thickness).	Difficulty comparing studies, poor reproducibility.	Standardized annotation protocols and labeling guidelines.
5	Domain Shift (clinical vs. smartphone images)	Image characteristics vary across devices (resolution, noise, lighting).	Sharp drop in accuracy when tested on unseen devices or conditions.	Domain adaptation, GAN-based augmentation, cross-domain validation.

6 Conclusion

The combination of deep learning with medical image processing has significantly improved the detection and segmentation of skin diseases. Compared to traditional image processing methods, U-Net-based, ResNet-derived structures significantly improve the accuracy of lesion localization and delineation, as demonstrated in previous studies by Zhang et al. [46] and Li et al. [47]. The availability of large, annotated datasets such as Vit2019 and DermNet [49], [48] has considerably improved the reliability and reproducibility of the models. [4] However, most datasets still exhibit low variability, which limits the applicability of the trained models to populations with varying skin tones. Recent work has begun to overcome the limitations by employing hybrid, attention-based networks with variable transformation modules [50], [51]. These architectures have proven successful in addressing complex lesion textures and subtle color variations, which pose significant challenges in vitiligo diagnosis. Furthermore, the effectiveness of automated systems is affected by variations in lighting, imaging technology, and interpretation quality [52], [53]. Deep learning techniques have therefore become an important resource for studies on vitiligo detection. Future research should focus on generating diverse, balanced public datasets, integrating interpretable AI to support dermatological assessment, and validating models through multicentre collaborations to pave the way for clinical application.

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