# Addressing bias in big data and AI for healthcare: a call for open science

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### MI gender bias costing women's lives, new BHF campaign warns

Women are disadvantaged at diagnosis, treatment and management of myocardial infarction, BHF research shows

Feature » Racism in Medicine

#### Can we trust AI not to further embed racial bias and prejudice?

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### Millions of black people affected by racial bias in health-care algorithms

Study reveals rampant racism in decision-making software used by US hospitals – and highlights ways to correct it

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### Health Care AI Systems Are Biased

We need more diverse data to avoid perpetuating inequality in medicine

#### **BRIEF REPORT**



#### Gender imbalance in medical imaging datasets produces biased classifiers for computer-aided diagnosis

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### AI Bias Could Put Women's Lives At Risk - A Challenge For Regulators



Carmen Niethammer Contributor ① 🕀 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

#### HEALTH

### AI-Driven Dermatology Could Leave Dark-Skinned Patients Behind

Machine learning has the potential to save thousands of people from skin cancer each year—while putting others at greater risk.

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# If AI is going to be the world's doctor, it needs better textbooks

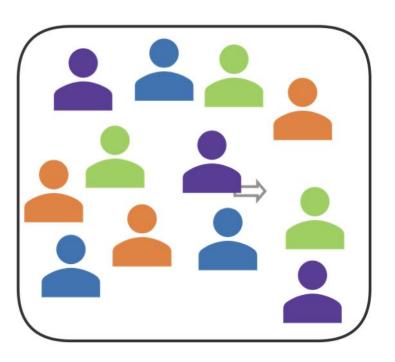
### Healthcare Algorithms Are Biased, and the Results Can Be Deadly

Deep-learning algorithms suffer from a fundamental problem: They can adopt unwanted biases from the data on which they're trained. In healthcare, this can lead to bad diagnoses and care recommendations.





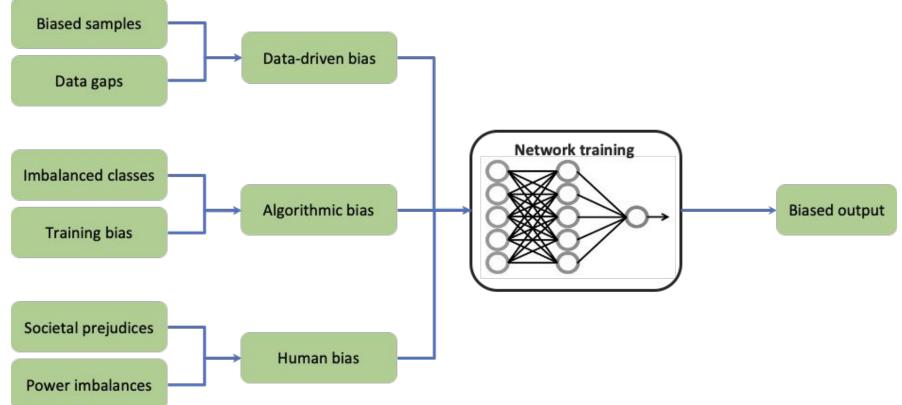
### population



### biased sample



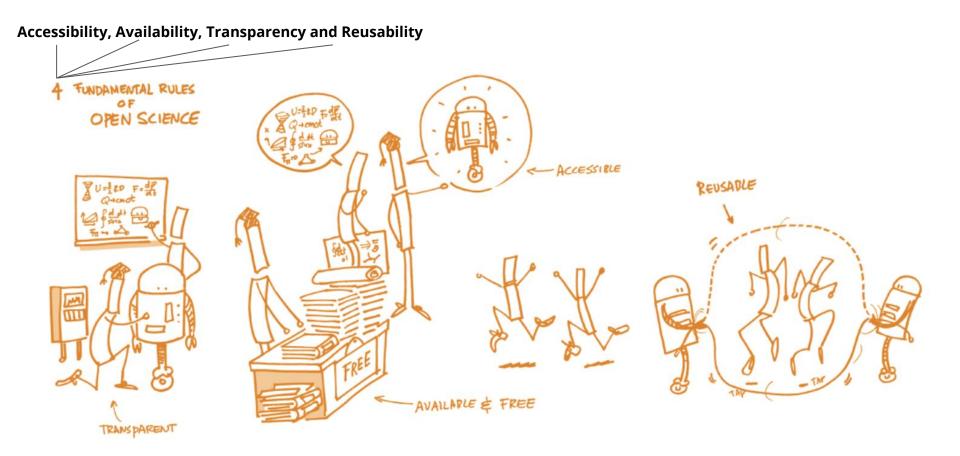
## Sources of bias



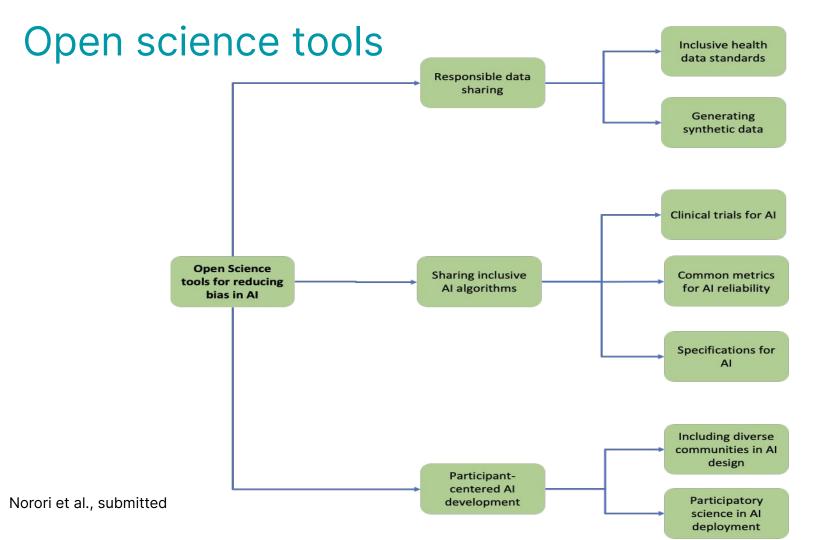
Norori et al., submitted

# A call for open science

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## Conclusion

• Open science can be a strong ally to assist in moving towards fairness in AI for healthcare.

• Future research needs to focus on developing standards for AI in healthcare that enable transparency and data sharing, while at the same time preserve patients' privacy.

# Thanks for listening! Questions?

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