

# Machine learning algorithms developed from daily wearable and smartphone use characteristics identify clinically significant changes in anxiety and mood

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## Introduction

- This analysis assessed the ability of different types of daily wrist wearable and smartphone data to identify changes in self-report symptoms.
- If wearable and smartphone data can identify changes in health status, they may serve useful as useful clinical decision support tools for patients and their caregivers.

## Methods

- The severity of common mental health (Depressive, Anxiety, Re-experiencing, Avoidance, Hyperarousal, and Nightmares) and physical health (Pain, Somatic Symptoms, Sleep Discontinuity, and Concentration/Fatigue) were collected from a large longitudinal cohort of traumatic stress exposure survivors (AURORA cohort, n=2,267), including at week 4 and week 12.
- Daily wrist wearable (activity, heart rate) and passive smartphone data (language, GPS, keystroke) were collected, including between weeks 4 and 12.
- This analysis examined the ability of features derived from wearable and smartphone biomarkers to identify clinically significant change the severity of each symptom was assessed using machine learning models.
- Based on the literature, a change in symptom severity (derived variable) of  $\pm .35$  SD between week 4 and week 12 was used to define clinically significant symptom worsening or improvement.

Table 1. Composite biomarker analysis summary – Smartphone and Watch Data

RDoc Outcome		Pain*	Somatic Symptoms	Concentration/ Think/Fatigue	Depressive symptoms	Anxiety	Hyperarousal	Sleep Discontinuity	Nightmares	Avoidance	Re-experiencing	
Percentage		Improvement	17%	21%	30%	31%	34%	35%	40%	25%	43%	43%
		Worsening	7%	12%	13%	16%	13%	11%	16%	12%	13%	9%
Best AUC	Smartphone + Watch + Initial Symptom Severity (n=709)	Improvement	0.849 (RF)	0.907 (GB)	0.867 (SVC)	0.848 (GB)	0.819 (GB)	0.871 (GB)	0.867 (SVC)	0.915 (GB)	0.882 (GB)	0.850 (GB)
		Worsening	0.809 (RF)	0.848 (NN)	0.770 (NN)	0.815 (SVC)	0.771 (GB)	0.785 (SVC)	0.843 (NN)	0.796 (RF)	0.852 (SVC)	0.713 (KNN)
	Initial Symptom Severity (n=2267)	Improvement	0.748 (KNN)	0.788 (GB)	0.716 (KNN)	0.724 (RF)	0.657 (GB)	0.650 (NN)	0.596 (GB)	0.786 (NN)	0.708 (NN)	0.662 (KNN)
		Worsening	0.663 (KNN)	0.690 (NN)	0.622 (GB)	0.612 (GB)	0.611 (RF)	0.599 (KNN)	0.616 (GB)	0.624 (KNN)	0.607 (NN)	0.553 (NN)
	Smartphone + Watch (n=709)	Improvement	0.836 (RF)	0.814 (GB)	0.858 (SVC)	0.802 (SVC)	0.780 (GB)	0.844 (SVC)	0.867 (SVC)	0.831 (NN)	0.869 (GB)	0.801 (GB)
		Worsening	0.789 (RF)	0.827 (NN)	0.763 (NN)	0.815 (SVC)	0.774 (NN)	0.785 (SVC)	0.836 (NN)	0.790 (SVC)	0.852 (SVC)	0.703 (NN)
	Smartphone (n=950)	Improvement	0.783 (RF)	0.829 (GB)	0.802 (SVC)	0.825 (SVC)	0.774 (GB)	0.850 (SVC)	0.862 (GB)	0.851 (RF)	0.866 (GB)	0.830 (GB)
		Worsening	0.789 (KNN)	0.798 (KNN)	0.791 (NN)	0.813 (NN)	0.725 (GB)	0.823 (KNN)	0.822 (SVC)	0.847 (RF)	0.850 (SVC)	0.701 (KNN)
	Keystroke (n=982)	Improvement	0.791 (RF)	0.817 (RF)	0.815 (SVC)	0.791 (SVC)	0.755 (GB)	0.793 (GB)	0.836 (RF)	0.832 (SVC)	0.840 (GB)	0.787 (GB)
		Worsening	0.721 (SVC)	0.787 (NN)	0.735 (NN)	0.829 (NN)	0.705 (RF)	0.760 (KNN)	0.819 (KNN)	0.847 (RF)	0.834 (SVC)	0.757 (NN)
	Language (n=1113)	Improvement	0.781 (RF)	0.765 (RF)	0.792 (SVC)	0.748 (SVC)	0.762 (GB)	0.821 (SVC)	0.823 (GB)	0.710 (NN)	0.806 (SVC)	0.803 (GB)
		Worsening	0.761 (SVC)	0.792 (NN)	0.738 (RF)	0.654 (KNN)	0.696 (NN)	0.755 (NN)	0.759 (KNN)	0.683 (KNN)	0.730 (NN)	0.730 (GB)
	Location (n=689)	Improvement	0.699 (SVC)	0.718 (RF)	0.772 (GB)	0.743 (NN)	0.739 (SVC)	0.793 (SVC)	0.746 (GB)	0.691 (SVC)	0.722 (GB)	0.653 (GB)
		Worsening	0.753 (SVC)	0.721 (NN)	0.737 (KNN)	0.708 (KNN)	0.714 (SVC)	0.653 (KNN)	0.665 (NN)	0.713 (NN)	0.694 (NN)	0.669 (KNN)
	Watch (n=1563)	Improvement	0.715 (GB)	0.745 (RF)	0.725 (SVC)	0.710 (SVC)	0.750 (SVC)	0.733 (GB)	0.707 (GB)	0.741 (RF)	0.710 (GB)	0.756 (GB)
		Worsening	0.679 (GB)	0.703 (SVC)	0.738 (RF)	0.682 (NN)	0.708 (KNN)	0.669 (RF)	0.693 (KNN)	0.697 (SVC)	0.657 (NN)	0.717 (NN)
	Activity (n=1790)	Improvement	0.654 (NN)	0.666 (SVC)	0.666 (SVC)	0.633 (SVC)	0.692 (RF)	0.665 (GB)	0.702 (SVC)	0.674 (RF)	0.633 (GB)	0.657 (SVC)
		Worsening	0.655 (SVC)	0.665 (NN)	0.659 (NN)	0.607 (RF)	0.670 (NN)	0.634 (SVC)	0.664 (SVC)	0.635 (NN)	0.601 (NB)	0.601 (KNN)
	Heart rate variability (n=1593)	Improvement	0.589 (NN)	0.708 (NN)	0.728 (SVC)	0.661 (SVC)	0.682 (GB)	0.707 (GB)	0.688 (GB)	0.703 (RF)	0.693 (GB)	0.681 (GB)
		Worsening	0.634 (GB)	0.687 (RF)	0.698 (SVC)	0.644 (NN)	0.652 (NN)	0.680 (RF)	0.645 (RF)	0.684 (RF)	0.675 (NN)	0.671 (KNN)

\* SMOTE was used for oversampling to address the imbalanced issue in the prediction of pain worsening.

GB: Gradient Boosting.

KNN: K Nearest Neighbors

NN: Neural Network.

RF: Random Forest.

SVC: Support Vector Classification.

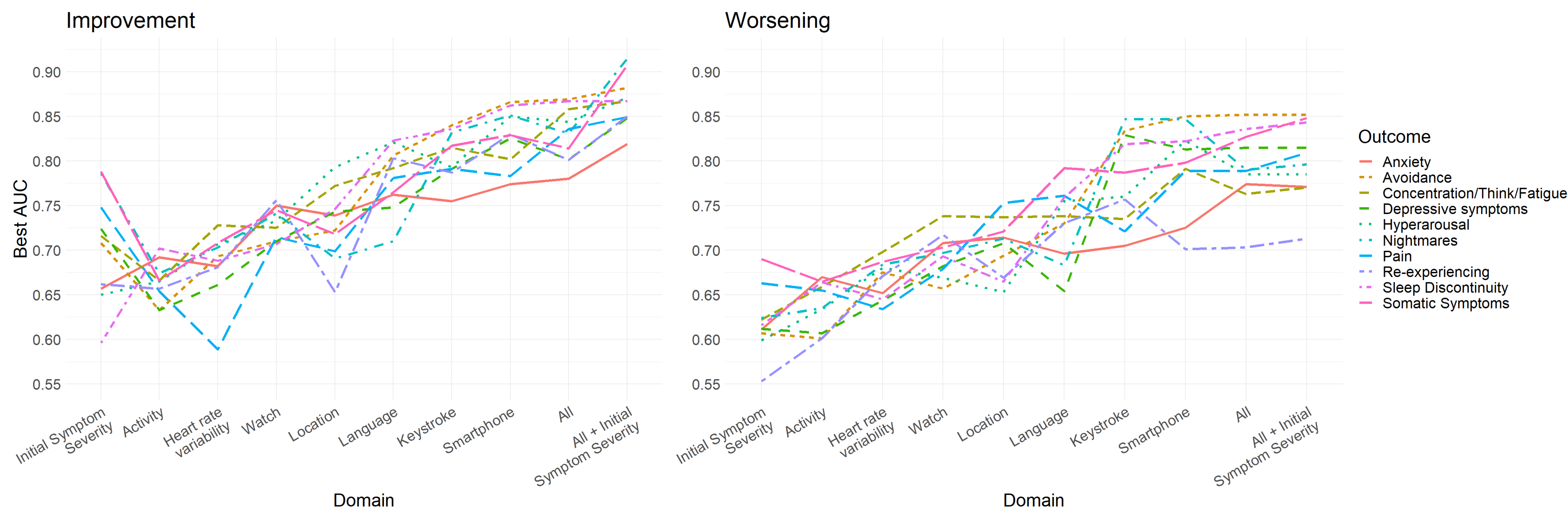
## Results

- Within the cohort (n=2,267) and across symptom categories, 6.9%-16.3% and 17.2%-43.0% of individuals experienced clinically significant worsening and improvement of symptoms, respectively.
- In general, across outcomes, features from keystroke had the most classification utility, followed by language, location, heart rate, and activity (Table 1).
- The most useful domain for classification varied across symptoms (Table 1). Prediction was generally more accurate for worsening, perhaps because in this trauma cohort worsening was a more rare/extreme phenotype
- Passive measures models over weeks 4-12 exceeded prediction based on baseline symptom severity (Table 1). Baseline symptoms added to model prediction (Table 1). Predictive utility for many symptom outcomes were excellent (AUC .8-.9).
- The relative ability of different domains to predict clinically significant changes according to symptom is shown in Figure 1.

## Conclusions

- Passively collected wearable and smartphone data have the potential to help individuals and their providers identify significant changes in key health status domains.

Figure 1. Best AUC for each domain



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