

ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

Applying ChatGPT to writing scientific articles on the use of telemedicine: Opportunities and limitations

Supplementary File

Article S1. The article on the cardiology topic, titled “Biotelemetry in cardiology,” created with ChatGPT 3.5 on the third prompt

Abstract: Biotelemetry, a technology that enables the remote monitoring of physiological parameters, has significantly transformed the landscape of cardiology. This paper provides an overview of biotelemetry applications in cardiology, focusing on its role in diagnosing, managing, and preventing cardiovascular diseases. Through the integration of advanced sensors, wireless communication, and data analytics, biotelemetry offers real-time monitoring, early detection of cardiac abnormalities, and personalized treatment strategies. In addition, it enhances patient care by enabling continuous monitoring outside traditional clinical settings, promoting patient autonomy, and improving clinical decision-making. Despite its numerous benefits, challenges such as data security, interoperability, and regulatory compliance remain. The paper concludes by discussing future directions and the potential impact of biotelemetry on advancing cardiology practice.

Introduction: Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) remain a leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide, necessitating continuous advancements in diagnostic and therapeutic modalities. Biotelemetry, a technology that enables the remote monitoring of physiological parameters, has emerged as a valuable tool in cardiology, offering real-time data transmission and analysis. By integrating wearable sensors, wireless communication, and data analytics, biotelemetry facilitates early detection, personalized management, and improved outcomes for patients with cardiovascular conditions. This paper explores the applications, benefits, challenges, and future prospects of biotelemetry in cardiology.

Biotelemetry Applications in Cardiology: Biotelemetry plays a pivotal role in various aspects of cardiology, including:

1. Remote Patient Monitoring: Biotelemetry enables continuous monitoring of vital signs such as heart rate, rhythm, blood pressure, and oxygen saturation outside traditional clinical settings. Devices such as wearable

electrocardiogram (ECG) monitors, implantable loop recorders, and smart clothing provide clinicians with real-time data, facilitating early intervention in case of cardiac abnormalities.¹

2. Arrhythmia Detection: Continuous ECG monitoring through biotelemetry aids in the detection and diagnosis of arrhythmias, including atrial fibrillation (AF), ventricular tachycardia, and bradyarrhythmias. Advanced algorithms integrated into wearable devices can automatically identify and alert health-care providers to irregular heart rhythms, enabling timely interventions to prevent adverse events such as stroke or sudden cardiac death.²
3. Heart Failure Management: Biotelemetry devices equipped with sensors for monitoring fluid status, activity levels, and hemodynamic parameters play a crucial role in managing heart failure patients. By providing early warning signs of fluid overload or worsening symptoms, biotelemetry helps optimize medication regimens, prevent hospital readmissions, and improve quality of life.³
4. Exercise Physiology Assessment: Wearable biotelemetry devices facilitate the evaluation of exercise capacity, cardiac function, and performance during physical activity. Athletes, as well as patients undergoing cardiac rehabilitation, can benefit from real-time monitoring of heart rate variability, oxygen consumption, and energy expenditure, enabling personalized training programs and risk stratification for cardiovascular events.⁴
5. Long-term Follow-up after Interventions: Following cardiac interventions such as ablation procedures, implantation of pacemakers or defibrillators, biotelemetry allows for remote monitoring of device function, rhythm disturbances, and complications. This reduces the need for frequent clinic visits and enhances patient compliance with follow-up care, ultimately improving outcomes and reducing health-care costs.⁵

Benefits of Biotelemetry in Cardiology: The adoption of biotelemetry in cardiology offers several benefits:

1. **Early Detection and Intervention:** Real-time monitoring enables early detection of cardiac arrhythmias, ischemic events, or decompensation in heart failure patients, facilitating prompt intervention and preventing complications.⁶
2. **Personalized Medicine:** Biotelemetry provides clinicians with continuous, individualized data on patients' physiological parameters, allowing for personalized treatment strategies tailored to each patient's unique needs and response to therapy.⁷
3. **Improved Patient Outcomes:** By enabling timely interventions, optimizing medication management, and promoting patient engagement, biotelemetry contributes to improved clinical outcomes, reduced hospitalizations, and enhanced quality of life for patients with CVDs.⁸
4. **Enhanced Remote Care:** Patients benefit from the convenience of remote monitoring, which reduces the need for frequent clinic visits, minimizes travel-related stress, and empowers individuals to take an active role in managing their health.⁹
5. **Research and Data Analytics:** Biotelemetry generates large volumes of physiological data that can be leveraged for research purposes, enabling insights into disease mechanisms, treatment efficacy, and long-term outcomes. Advanced data analytic techniques, including machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI), hold promise for predicting cardiovascular events and guiding clinical decision-making.¹⁰

Challenges and Considerations: Despite its potential benefits, the widespread adoption of biotelemetry in cardiology faces several challenges:

1. **Data Security and Privacy:** Remote transmission of sensitive health data raises concerns about data security, patient privacy, and compliance with regulations such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Ensuring robust encryption, authentication mechanisms, and secure data storage is essential to safeguard patient information.¹¹
2. **Interoperability:** The lack of standardization and interoperability among biotelemetry devices and electronic health record systems poses challenges for seamless data integration and sharing across health-care settings. Efforts to develop common data exchange standards and interoperability frameworks are necessary to realize the full potential of biotelemetry in improving patient care.¹²
3. **Regulatory Compliance:** Biotelemetry devices are subject to regulatory requirements governing their safety, effectiveness, and data privacy. Manufacturers must navigate complex regulatory pathways, obtain necessary approvals from regulatory agencies such

as the Food and Drug Administration, and adhere to quality standards to ensure product quality and compliance.¹³

4. **Cost and Accessibility:** The upfront costs associated with biotelemetry devices, as well as ongoing subscription fees for data monitoring services, may pose barriers to widespread adoption, particularly for underserved populations or health-care systems with limited resources. Addressing cost considerations and ensuring equitable access to biotelemetry technology are crucial for realizing its potential benefits across diverse patient populations.¹⁴
5. **Clinical Integration and Workflow:** Integrating biotelemetry data into existing clinical workflows and decision support systems presents challenges in terms of data visualization, interpretation, and integration with other clinical data sources. Clinician training, workflow redesign, and interdisciplinary collaboration are essential to maximize the utility of biotelemetry data in informing clinical decision-making and improving patient outcomes.¹⁵

Future Directions and Conclusion: Biotelemetry holds tremendous promise for advancing the field of cardiology by enabling remote monitoring, early detection, and personalized management of CVDs. Future research directions include the development of novel sensors for capturing additional physiological parameters, the integration of biotelemetry data with genomic and proteomic information to enable precision medicine approaches, and the implementation of advanced analytics for predictive modeling and risk stratification. Overcoming existing challenges related to data security, interoperability, regulatory compliance, and cost will be critical for realizing the full potential of biotelemetry in improving patient care and outcomes in cardiology.”

Article S2. The article on the cardiology topic, titled “Biotelemetry in cardiology: A Research Overview”: created with ChatGPT 4 on the third prompt

“Biotelemetry, an integral component of modern cardiology, has revolutionized the way cardiac care is delivered and monitored. This research paper aims to explore the various facets of biotelemetry in cardiology, highlighting its evolution, applications, and future prospects.

1. **Introduction to Biotelemetry in Cardiology**
Biotelemetry, a method of remotely monitoring physiological data, has become increasingly significant in cardiology. It involves the use of devices that record and transmit heart activity data to health-care

providers, facilitating continuous patient oversight and early detection of potential cardiac events.

2. Evolution and Acquisition by Philips BioTelemetry, Inc., established as CardioNet in 2004, later rebranded to BioTelemetry, has been at the forefront of this technology. Philips, a global leader in health technology, acquired BioTelemetry in 2021 for \$2.8 billion, marking a significant step in the expansion of remote cardiac diagnostics and monitoring. This merger combined Philips' patient care management solutions with BioTelemetry's expertise in ambulatory cardiac diagnostics, enhancing care delivery across hospital and home settings.
3. Technological Advancements and Devices BioTelemetry's range of devices includes the Extended Wear Holter Monitoring ePatch® and the MCOT Patch. The ePatch® is a highly wearable Holter monitor, known for its patient compliance and robust data quality, crucial for clinical trials. The MCOT patch is a heart monitor that detects and transmits abnormal heart rhythms wirelessly, proven to be effective in diagnosing post-stroke AF.
4. Integration with AI and Future Prospects, the integration of AI with biotelemetry devices has enhanced the capacity for interpreting large volumes of data, aiding in quicker therapeutic adjustments and the automatic interpretation of imaging data. This integration is expected to advance further, with AI playing a pivotal role in the interpretation of subjective patient information and the identification of high-risk patients.
5. Impact and Global Reach BioTelemetry has significantly impacted global health-care with its remote monitoring technologies. Its services extend to over one million patients annually, and its devices are crucial in managing various cardiac conditions. The company's global presence, bolstered by Philips' acquisition, underscores the widespread adoption and importance of biotelemetry in contemporary cardiology.
6. **Conclusion:** The field of biotelemetry in cardiology is evolving rapidly, driven by technological advancements and the integration of AI. The acquisition of BioTelemetry by Philips signifies a major leap in this evolution, promising enhanced remote cardiac care. As biotelemetry continues to develop, its role in personalized medicine, remote patient monitoring, and efficient health-care delivery will likely become more pronounced, making it an indispensable tool in modern cardiology."

Further disclosure

The discrepancy in the number of references and in-text citations in Article S1 is likely due to the ChatGPT 3.5

algorithm and how it assigns reference numbers to each reference. Although Article S2 does not have any in-text citations, ChatGPT still provided a list of references.

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