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# Quality of interaction between clinicians and artificial intelligence systems. A systematic review



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# A B S T R A C T

*Introduction:* Artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to improve healthcare quality when thoughtfully integrated into clinical practice. Current evaluations of AI solutions tend to focus solely on model performance. There is a critical knowledge gap in the assessment of AI–clinician interactions. We systematically reviewed existing literature to identify interaction traits that can be used to assess the quality of AI–clinician interactions. *Methods:* We performed a systematic review of published studies to June 2022 that reported elements of interactions that impacted the relationship between clinicians and AI-enabled clinical decision support systems. Due to study heterogeneity, we conducted a narrative synthesis of the different interaction traits identified from this review. Two study authors categorised the AI–clinician interaction traits based on their shared constructs independently. After the independent categorisation, both authors engaged in a discussion to finalise the categories. *Results:* From 34 included studies, we identified 210 interaction traits. The most common interaction traits included usefulness, ease of use, trust, satisfaction, willingness to use and usability. After removing duplicate or redundant traits, 90 unique interaction traits were identified. Unique interaction traits were then classified into seven categories: usability and user experience, system performance, clinician trust and acceptance, impact on patient care, communication, ethical and professional concerns, and clinician engagement and workflow. *Discussion:* We identified seven categories of interaction traits between clinicians and AI systems. The proposed categories may serve as a foundation for a framework assessing the quality of AI–clinician interactions.

## **Introduction**

The field of medicine has witnessed a remarkable transformation with the rapid rise of artificial intelligence (AI). AI has demonstrated tremendous potential in healthcare, from aiding in medical diagnosis to predicting disease outbreaks.<sup>[1](#page-14-0)</sup> Specifically, several studies have found that AI image recognition systems perform at the same level or higher when compared to human clinicians.<sup>[2](#page-14-0)</sup> AI may also help manage patient data and medical records, reducing the potential for human error and streamlining the healthcare process.<sup>[3](#page-14-0)</sup>

Despite these developments, AI integration into healthcare settings has remained challenging. Reasons for the lack of integration remain poorly characterised in the literature. When considering end users, concerns about system reliability and accuracy caused by non-transparent and inappropriate training data are a reason for the reluctance to in-tegrate AI into practice.<sup>[4](#page-14-0)</sup> Concerns about the potential to compromise patient privacy or autonomy may also limit uptake.<sup>[5](#page-14-0)</sup> The need for clinician training and education to integrate AI into daily practice is an-other potential barrier to integration.<sup>[6](#page-14-0)</sup> However, in contrast to studies

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describing system development and performance, relatively few studies have explored clinician experiences with  $AI^{7,8}$  $AI^{7,8}$  $AI^{7,8}$  One important consequence of this lack of research is an absence of a standardised approach for ascertaining the quality of interaction between clinicians and AI.

Quality of interaction is a perception associated with a service during an encounter with said service. Therefore, in this review, the quality of interaction construct pertains to how clinicians perceive the experience before, during and after engaging with an AI system. Quality of interaction is a critical component to consider because the perception of quality will likely be a key determinant of AI integration into practice. $9$  In addition, identifying the specific features or traits that comprise the quality of interaction between clinicians and AI systems is needed to understand the elements warranting consideration when AI systems are developed, implemented, and evaluated. Yet, there have been no systematic reviews identifying these traits and synthesising them to create a framework that assesses the AI–clinician quality of interaction construct.

Our specific research question was 'What are the components that characterise the quality of AI–clinician interactions?'. To address this question, we conducted a systemic review of studies that reported clinician experiences and perceptions after an intervention with an AIenabled clinical decision support system. Our objectives were to (1) characterise and review studies exploring clinician experiences and perceptions of AI and (2) summarise the interaction traits as discrete categories that will form the foundation of a standardised approach to evaluating the quality of interaction between AI-enabled clinical decision support systems and clinicians. The results will serve as item generation that will be reduced and refined in future work when developing a comprehensive framework.

## **Methods**

#### *Study design and search strategy*

We conducted a systematic review according to the Cochrane Collaboration Handbook and reported the findings following the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) statements.<sup>[10,11](#page-14-0)</sup>

We used a combination of Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) and text words relating to AI, informed by an established AI search filter, with terms relating to clinicians and perceptions (supplemental text S1 for search strategies). $12$  In addition, the references of the included studies were searched manually for additional eligibility.

We included original research studies that reported on interaction traits with AI systems in clinical practice settings, including but not limited to hospitals, for-profit private care facilities, and telehealth care settings. We included studies presenting measures of clinician-reported experiences and quality of interaction with AI-enabled clinical decision support systems, defined as information technology systems that learn and support clinicians in decision-making. We excluded studies that pertained to the use of surgical robots because their use is not for decision aid. We also excluded AI technology that relies on simple rule-based or if-then-based strategies as we focused on AI systems that utilise more complex algorithms. We included studies of any healthcare workers, except those that solely studied students or learners. We included randomised trials, cohort, case–control, cross-sectional, caseseries, qualitative and mixed methods studies. We excluded abstracts, dissertation/thesis work, unpublished reports or data, reviews, protocols, opinions and letters to editors. We also excluded animal-only studies, case reports, comments, editorials, letters, and studies published in languages other than English.

## *Data sources*

We searched the Medline (OVID), PsychINFO (OVID), Embase (OVID, CINAHL (EBSCO) and Scopus (ELSEVIER) databases from inception to June 2022 with an experienced information specialist (TK), to identify published studies that reported on clinician experience with AI systems and quality of interaction between AI systems and the clinicians. In addition, the references of the included studies were searched manually for additional eligibility.

# *Study selection*

Two reviewers (AP and YM) independently screened titles and abstracts to identify studies for full-text review using Covidence software.[13](#page-14-0) The same two reviewers independently applied the inclusion and exclusion criteria in the full-text review to select studies for data extraction.

## *Data extraction*

A data extraction sheet (supplemental appendix S2) was developed using the data extraction tab in Covidence and was pilot-tested for feasibility and acceptability. We extracted study characteristics, including year of publication, country, study design, clinician population and types, method used to evaluate interaction quality (surveys, interviews, questionnaires, etc.), description of the AI tool, and specific interaction trait types between clinicians and AI systems that reflected the quality of interaction. An interaction trait is an element of interaction that impacts the relationship between the AI system and the clinician. The two reviewers completed the data extraction independently. Study selection and data extraction disagreements were resolved through discussions or by a third reviewer (JJ) if a consensus was not reached. No attempts were made to contact the authors of the included studies for supplementary information. A definition of all the study objectives can be found in [Table](#page-2-0) 1.

We extracted terms that described the quality of interaction traits between clinicians and AI systems verbatim from the included studies. These extracted interaction traits were then paraphrased to remove redundancy and duplicate concepts. A statistical meta-analysis was not possible due to the heterogeneity of the data and thus, we reported a narrative synthesis that summarises and defines the interaction traits. All unique interaction traits were listed in a spreadsheet. In the initial step of categorisation, we sorted interaction traits based on their similarity. Next, two authors (AP and JJ) independently grouped individual traits into categories reflecting similar ideas or meanings about the quality of interaction between clinicians and AI systems and provided each category with a name that reflected the theme of the summarised ideas. Categorisation and title changes continued until each interaction trait could be placed in one discrete category without qualifying for another. Authors were blinded to each others' categorisations to maintain independence. Both authors then engaged in a virtual consensus meeting to evaluate and discuss all agreements and any discrepancies in their independent categorisations. Authors were allowed to provide justifications for their categorisations. Discrepancies were resolved and consensus was achieved by the two authors independent of a third party. Once the two authors agreed with the final categories that represented the interaction traits and the quality of interaction construct, iterative refinement of the consensus results would take place by the process of obtaining feedback and insights from other study authors (TA, MM, YM). Each author independently sedanalysed the categorisation results and provided feedback to the two original evaluators who would make the necessary improvements to the categories. Additional rounds of independent analysis continued until all three authors had no further feedback.

## *Quality and risk of bias assessment*

The Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP) tool was used to evaluate the quality of qualitative studies and qualitative components of mixed-methods studies. $14$  We only considered the qualitative questions

<span id="page-2-0"></span>**Table 1**

Definitions of the study objective terms.



asked and responses of clinicians relevant for interaction trait collection. Any possible quantification of responses did not contribute to the categorisation analysis. All questions were rated as 'yes', 'no', or 'cannot determine'. The CASP tool does not report a summative score. Instead, an overall assessment of the studies as 'not valuable', 'semi-valuable', 'valuable', or 'very valuable' was reported. These overall assessments were based on a judgemental approach where the reviewers evaluated how valuable the research was for providing relevant and reasonable interaction traits for the AI–clinician quality of interaction construct. Two reviewers (AP and YM) independently performed the quality assessments for the studies and differences were resolved by reaching consensus when needed.

#### *Semi-structured interviews*

We further conducted in-depth semi-structured interviews with clinicians and AI experts in order to confirm the contents of the systematic review findings and to obtain and categorise additional interaction traits not found in the systematic review. We interviewed six participants who were currently or formerly employed with Unity Health and who had at least one interaction with an AI system at the hospital in their role as clinicians or data scientists. Potential participants were approached via recruitment emails by either the study coordinator (AP) or the principal investigator (JJ). An interview guide was developed to elicit participant perspectives and experiences regarding their interactions with AI systems and items for the AI–clinician quality of interaction construct that were not identified in the systematic review. The interview guide was pilot-tested with three participants of varying background knowledge for feasibility and comprehensiveness. These included a medical student with prior knowledge of AI, a nurse with no experience in AI, and an AI content expert. After feedback integration, the interview guide was finalised. All interviews were conducted using video conference calls, were between 30 and 45 min in duration, and audio recorded. Informed consent was obtained from each participant.

Following transcription, we sedanalysed the data using a descriptive content analysis approach, with the categories generated from the systematic review serving as the initial guiding framework. Additional interaction traits that were raised during the interviews were included to capture new insights. The new interaction traits obtained from the interviews that were not found in the systematic review were listed in a spreadsheet and classified into one of the categories. All data were anonymised, and participant identities were safeguarded throughout the study to ensure confidentiality. All interview participants provided informed consent for their participation and the publishing of anonymised data. This study was reviewed and approved by the Unity Health Toronto Research Ethics Board (REB# 23–006).

## **Results**

Our search identified 17,660 articles. After excluding 1,927 duplicates, a total of 14,864 articles were excluded as they did not meet the inclusion criteria. Of the remaining 869 full texts, we excluded 834 for various reasons, including wrong measurement outcomes, no AI intervention, and incorrect population. One final study was excluded from the narrative synthesis after it was deemed low quality based on the quality assessment evaluation.<sup>[46](#page-14-0)</sup> Therefore, the final sample comprised 34 studies [\(Fig.](#page-3-0) 1).

#### *Quality assessment results*

All studies had qualitative analyses and thus, were assessed using the CASP checklist [\(Table](#page-4-0) 2). From the 35 studies, 29 received an overall rating of valuable or very valuable in quality assessment. Reasons for studies receiving 'semi-valuable' or 'not valuable' designation included inappropriate utilisation of qualitative methods for measuring non-subjective outcomes, sample recruitment strategies, and lack of consideration for bias. Quality assessment was not part of the systematic review inclusion criteria, but rather was undertaken to provide an overview of the quality of the literature identified as being eligible for inclusion. Therefore, studies that received a 'not valuable' designation could be included in the data analysis. The studies were denoted as 'not valuable' in their methodology for providing meaningful insight into the tool in question; however, they provided unique viewpoints to the AI– clinician quality of interaction that were not obtained from the other included studies.

### *Study characteristics*

The publication years range from 2006 to 2022, and the participant samples comprised 39 different clinician types [\(Table](#page-5-0) 3). Study designs included qualitative research, randomised controlled trials, and mixed-methods studies, with the latter representing the majority  $(n =$ 23; 67.6%) of studies in this review. Evaluation methods included questionnaires, interviews, surveys, scenario observations and evaluations, usability scales, focus group discussions, and case studies. There were 33 different AI systems included in the 34 studies. A brief description of each AI system is included in [Table](#page-5-0) 3.

#### *Characteristics of interaction traits from the systematic review*

We identified a total of 210 quality of interaction traits from the 34 included studies. After removing duplicates and redundant traits, there were 90 unique interaction traits [\(Table](#page-5-0) 3). For example, 'ease of learning', 'learnability, and 'impact on clinician learning' were reduced to 'ease of learning'. The most frequently studied interaction trait was usefulness which appeared in 32.4% of the studies. Other interaction traits reported with high frequency were ease of use (29.4%), trust (23.5%), satisfaction (23.5%), willingness to use (23.5%), and usability (14.7%). Interaction traits were grouped based on a judgemental approach into seven categories [\(Tables](#page-11-0) 4 and [5\)](#page-12-0). The final seven categories for evaluating the quality of interaction between clinicians and AI were usability and user experience, system performance, clinician trust and acceptance, impact on patient care, clinician engagement and workflow, communication and collaboration, and ethical and professional concerns. The seven categories are listed and defined in [Table](#page-12-0) 5. The following paragraphs summarise and define seven AI–clinician interaction categories and their associated interaction traits.

#### *Usability and user experience*

Eight studies assessed ease of use of the AI sys-tem.<sup>[19,21,23,25,36,37,41,44](#page-14-0)</sup> Ease of use is defined as how easily users can utilise an AI system on their own. Four studies measured clinician-reported responses on the learnability of the system.<sup>[21,25,27,36](#page-14-0)</sup> Two of those studies further specified by asking about ease of learning for the system. $21,27$  Clinicians were asked about their confidence in

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**Fig. 1.** Preferred reporting items for systematic reviews and meta-analyses flow diagram.

their ability to use the AI system in three studies.<sup>[21,26,36](#page-14-0)</sup> Similar to clinician confidence, one study measured the clinician's comfort when using the system.[49](#page-14-0) One study measured how the AI system impacted the clinician's physical and mental demands.<sup>[22](#page-14-0)</sup> Two studies asked clinicians how they felt the information was organised visually and its comprehensiveness.<sup>[27,35](#page-14-0)</sup> One study measured whether clinicians perceived the AI system's visual appearance as appealing.[19](#page-14-0) Five studies measured clinicians' overall satisfaction with the AI system's performance.[15,27,34,40,46](#page-14-0)

## *System performance*

Seven studies reported interaction traits relevant to clinicians' perceptions of the technological capabilities of the AI system. Two studies asked clinicians about their beliefs on the accuracy of the AI system's outputs.[32,36](#page-14-0) Two studies evaluated clinicians' perceptions of the speed of the AI system.[36,37](#page-14-0) Two studies measured clinicians' perceptions of the overall quality and computational efficiency of the system.<sup>[19,20](#page-14-0)</sup> Two studies measured clinicians' perceptions of the performance of AI.<sup>[17,25](#page-14-0)</sup>

# *Clinician trust and acceptance*

There were 18 studies that evaluated clinicians' trust and acceptance of AI systems. Six studies assessed clinicians' beliefs about trust

in the system accuracy and development,  $22,25,31,45$  security,  $16$  and patient trust.[20](#page-14-0) Two studies measured clinicians' beliefs about the potential that AI could have in healthcare in the future.<sup>[15,43](#page-14-0)</sup> Six studies measured the clinicians' opinions of the AI system's output, including their ac-ceptance or disagreement with the system's output.<sup>[19,22,26,28,29,40](#page-14-0)</sup> Two studies evaluated the clinicians' beliefs about the reliability of the AI system based on the outputs, training data used, or transparency of system development.<sup>[31,44](#page-14-0)</sup> One study measured clinicians' scepticism about the system, which shared many parallels with system reliability.<sup>[18](#page-14-0)</sup> Three studies evaluated the clinician's beliefs on inherent risks with AI including risks to the workplace, patient care and patient information privacy.[25,33,47](#page-14-0)

# *Impact on patient care*

Some of the studies were not only concerned with the clinician's opinions on how AI impacts their roles and responsibilities, but also with their opinions about patient care. Two studies assessed how AI integration would affect the patient–physician interaction and if this would hinder AI deployment in their clinical practice.<sup>[20,42](#page-14-0)</sup> Two studies measured clinicians' concerns about the sensitive nature of patient information being used in AI systems. $26,47$  One study asked clinicians how they thought the AI system would impact the quality of care for

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#### **Table 2**

The reported answers of the Critical Appraisal Skills Programme for each study included in the analysis.



patients.[30](#page-14-0) One study reported on how AI affects levels of patient en-gagement in their care.<sup>[49](#page-14-0)</sup>

## *Clinician engagement and workplace*

Nine studies measured the perceived usefulness of the AI system.[18,19,22,32,35,39,43,45,47\]](#page-14-0) Terminology utilised in the literature to describe usefulness included usefulness, relevance and benefit. Another interaction trait similar to usefulness measured in three studies was helpfulness.[20,30,45](#page-14-0) Helpfulness was deemed distinct from usefulness as this trait pertains to an evaluation of how the AI system assists the clinician as opposed to just solving a problem.

Seven studies reported measurements of the clinician's willingness to use or recommend the system to colleagues.[18,21,36,41,43,46,47](#page-14-0) One paper further addressed this by measuring resistance bias, which included factors such as fear, anger or lack of awareness when using the AI system.47 Five studies evaluated how the AI system impacted task completion time, including both time saving and increases in time. <sup>16, 18</sup>, 37, 39, 43

# *Communication and collaboration*

Four studies evaluated the impact that AI has on clinician–clinician communication and collaboration. One study measured an AI ePrescrip-tion tool's impact on pharmacist communication with prescribers.<sup>[16](#page-14-0)</sup> One study evaluated how AI systems would impact supervisory processes and

interpersonal communication between psychotherapists in their practice.[26](#page-14-0) Two studies evaluated AI's impact on team collaboration and team care coordination.<sup>[30,42](#page-14-0)</sup>

#### *Ethical and professional concerns*

Eight studies reported measurements on interaction traits reflecting how AI will impact clinical occupational roles and responsibilities. Three studies measured the interaction trait of efficient integration techniques to ascertain a higher quality of interaction between AI and clinicians.[21,37,46](#page-14-0) Clinicians in two studies reported concerns about the uncertainty of how AI may change their clinical practice.<sup>[45,49](#page-14-0)</sup> Other interaction traits that pertain to clinician workplace and occupational changes were measured in one study each including liability concerns, [33](#page-14-0) the need for additional training and supervision, $32$  a complication of their job, $42$  and concerns about job security. $42$ 

# *Interview results*

A total of six participants were interviewed. All participants were male and between the ages of 27 and 50. One of the participants was a computer scientist / AI content expert and the other five participants were physicians (two surgeons and one each of general internal medicine internist, family physician and hospitalist) with experience in AI. The clinicians' average years of practice was 2.4 years. The partici-

# <span id="page-5-0"></span>**Table 3**

Study characteristics and quality of interaction trait frequencies.







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recognition







pant demographic information is listed in [Table](#page-13-0) 6. The interviews provided many of the same interaction traits found in the systematic review, but also generated 15 additional interaction traits. These 15 traits have been listed in [Table](#page-13-0) 7, while also being included in [Table](#page-11-0) 4 and the relevant categorisation results. The interaction traits differed from the ones obtained from the literature by providing perceptions relevant to real-world clinical experiences pertinent to AI in healthcare as a concept in general and not limited to a certain AI tool. No new interaction categories were generated by the interviews.

# **Discussion**

In this systematic review and interview study, we evaluated 34 studies and six semi-structured interviews that reported on the quality of

interaction between clinicians and AI-enabled clinical decision support systems to uncover common interaction traits for the AI–clinician quality of interaction constructs. Interaction traits were summarised and arranged into seven discrete categories that represent the AI–clinician quality of interaction construct. These seven categories were usability and user experience, system performance, clinician trust and acceptance, impact on patient care, communication, ethical and professional concerns, and clinician engagement and workflow. Our findings provide a novel taxonomy of interaction traits that can be refined to a comprehensive framework for assessing the quality of interactions between clinicians and AI systems.

There continues to be an increase in research evaluating the role of AI in healthcare, with an emphasis on developing tools that can improve patient outcomes. AI research has frequently demonstrated acceptable

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# **Table 4**

Judgmental categorization of the interaction traits from the included studies.



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<sup>∗</sup> Interaction traits obtained from the interviews.

# **Table 5**

Proposed framework for the AI-clinician quality of interaction construct.



levels of accuracy and performance metrics for healthcare AI systems. A study by Zeltzer *et al*. sought to evaluate the diagnostic accuracy of AI-generated diagnoses. The study results demonstrated that sampled providers accepted over 80% of AI diagnoses in virtual care. This is one example of how AI's appropriate accuracy and responsiveness may improve healthcare practices. $50$  Although various studies provide the accuracy measurements of the AI system, the gap in the literature for how AI developers address the preferences of clinicians when integrating a new tool needs to be addressed. The proposed seven categories may provide a representation of the user's experiences when using an AI system. AI and clinicians' effective collaboration relies on the clinician's techni-cal and conceptual skills in both technology and healthcare.<sup>[51](#page-14-0)</sup> This re-

#### <span id="page-13-0"></span>**Table 6**

Demographic table for the interview participants.

		Total
N		6
	% Female	0(0)
Age, N (%)		
	$<$ 35	4(66.6)
	> 35	2(33.3)
	Range (mean)	27, 50 (33)
Field of work, N (%)		
	Surgeon	2(33.3)
	General internal medicine	1(16.7)
	Hospitalist doctor	1(16.7)
	Family medicine	1(16.7)
	AI expert	1(16.7)
Years of clinical practice*, N (%)		
	< 5	4(80.0)
	> 5	1(20.0)
	Range (mean)	1, 8(2.4)

<sup>∗</sup>Category is only reporting on the clinician participants.

#### **Table 7**

Additional interaction traits obtained from the semi-structured interviews and their respective interviews.



view provides the first synthesised knowledge of the foundational components to evaluating a clinician's first-person experience with an AI system.

Clinicians play a pivotal role in the implementation and acceptance of AI systems in healthcare. A low level of trust in AI is currently one of the most prominent reasons for the lack of integration into the healthcare system.[4](#page-14-0) As healthcare providers are expected to be exposed to AI systems more frequently, improving the average trust level clinicians have for AI in general is required to improve AI integration and shared decision-making. AI systems and patients would both employ clinicians as intermediaries to provide insights into patient needs and optimal treatment plans.<sup>[52](#page-14-0)</sup> However, the modification of the patient– physician interaction to include AI cannot be accomplished without the willingness to use and acceptance of AI by clinicians.<sup>[53](#page-14-0)</sup> Developing a common language to evaluate the interplay between clinicians and AI can benefit healthcare providers, AI scientists, developers and researchers. Providing a structured tool empowers clinicians to evaluate AI systems and their utility, improves their confidence in decisionmaking processes, promotes a stronger sense of teamwork between clinicians and AI-generated outputs, and helps overcome potential biases inherent in AI outputs. $54$ 

AI systems require interactions with human clinicians to have an impact on healthcare. A well-defined framework for the AI–clinician quality of interaction would catalyse successful collaboration between clinicians and AI systems. Usability scales such as the Health IT usability evaluation scale have demonstrated that when clinicians use AI systems, there were improvements in communication, resource management, and time saving. This positive impact is likely more pronounced when AI systems and human clinicians share a common language and set of criteria to improve user experience and refine system performance.<sup>[55](#page-14-0)</sup> We argue that a standardised framework that measures the AI–clinician quality of interaction will promote a similar positive impact and provide clinicians with the opportunity to be an active contributor to AI development, reinforcing their continued importance in healthcare processes.

The standardisation of language used to describe the AI–clinician quality of interaction may help communication between clinicians and AI developers. An example of a framework that provides a standardised language for a clinical entity is the Dindo–Clavien classification of postoperative complications.[56](#page-14-0) Prior to the advent of a standardised classification, there was a lack of consensus on how to report surgical complications, which hindered the progress of surgical outcomes research and finding ways to improve safety. Once the Dindo–Clavien classification was well validated and accepted, it helped streamline the reporting and comparison of postoperative complications by the surgical communities.[56](#page-14-0) By standardising the quality of interaction construct, healthcare providers can make more informed decisions about their AI usage by having a quantitative method of presenting their first-person experiences with an AI system.

This systematic review has some limitations. First, this review did not include studies published in languages other than English and studies on AI systems from non-indexed journals. Second, the quality assessment utilised the CASP checklist to evaluate only the qualitative aspects of all included studies regardless of study type, which may have provided limited study validity for non-qualitative studies. Third, although thematic saturation was achieved and strong convergence between the review and interview results was found, a small sample size with limited participant variability was utilised for the interview portion of this study. Finally, our study was formative, and the categories and their components were generated using a subjective process. Additional research with a larger sample of content experts and end-users is needed to further refine categories and their components.

# **Conclusion**

From 34 studies and six semi-structured interviews with clinical and content experts, we identified 90 unique interaction traits representing the quality of interaction between AI systems and clinicians. From these interaction traits, we were able to define seven categories, which were: usability and user experience, system performance, clinician trust and acceptance, impact on patient care, communication, ethical and professional concerns, and clinician engagement and workflow. Further research is needed to use the taxonomy of interaction traits identified in this review to develop and validate a standardised tool that can be used to comprehensively evaluate the quality of interaction between clinicians and AI systems in healthcare settings.

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