Reproducibility Meta-Analysis of Divergent Llama-3.1-8B Ruler Benchmarks Across Four Independent Studies

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Abstract

This paper presents a comprehensive systematic review of generative models (GANs, VAEs, DMs, and LLMs) used to synthesize various medical data types, including imaging (dermoscopic, mammographic, ultrasound, CT, MRI, and X-ray), text, time-series, and tabular data (EHR). Unlike previous narrowly focused reviews, our study encompasses a broad array of medical data modalities and explores various generative models. Our aim is to offer insights into their current and future applications in medical research, particularly in the context of synthesis applications, generation techniques, and evaluati

1 Introduction

This paper examines: Generative AI for synthetic data across multiple medical modalities: A systematic review of recent developments and challenges. Research question: Reproducibility meta-analysis: 4 independent publications report divergent Llama-3.1-8B performance on Ruler with a 83.7 percentage-point spread (range 1.9%–85.6%). Source papers: "Ruler Score Discrepancies in Llama-3.1-8B Benchmark Evaluations Across Studies" (2026, 1.9%); "MTraining: Distributed Dynamic Sparse Attention for Efficient Ultra-Long Contex\ldots{}" (2025, 1.9%); "AB-Sparse: Sparse Attention with Adaptive Block Size for Accurate and Efficient\ldots{}" (2026, 3.5%); "ReST-KV: Robust KV Cache Eviction with Layer-wise Output Reconstruction and Spa\ldots{}" (2026, 85.6%). Preliminary analysis suggests: The extreme score variance likely stems from ReST-KV evaluating a fine-tuned or inference-optimized checkpoint with layer-wise reconstruction that artificially inflates retrieval accuracy, whereas AB-Sparse and MTraining report scores on the base model using strict sparse attention masks that severely degrade needle-i\ldots{} Systematically evaluate which evaluation protocol factors (model configuration, inference setup, quantization, tokenization, few-shot count, metric interpretation, or data-split selection) best explain the

observed spread; identify the highest-confidence explanation supported by each paper's stated methodology; and assess whether the highest-reported score is reproducible under the conditions described by the lowest-reporting paper..

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 14 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.3/10.

3 Results

14 papers retrieved. 7 claims extracted; 7 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.3/10.

4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
Generative models (GANs, VAEs, DMs, and LLMs) are used to synthesize various medical data types, including imaging (derm	✓	0.42
The study encompasses a broad array of medical data modalities and explores various generative models.	✓	0.32
The aim is to offer insights into their current and future applications in medical research, particularly in the context	✓	0.32
The search strategy queries databases such as Scopus, PubMed, and ArXiv, focusing on recent works from January 2021 to N	✓	0.33
The survey emphasizes the aspect of conditional generation, which is not focused on in similar work.	✓	0.24
Key contributions include a broad, multi-modality scope that identifies cross-modality insights and opportunities unavai	✓	0.32
Core generative techniques are transferable, but synthesis methods often lack sufficient integration of patient-specific	✓	0.37

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