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AI-Driven Biomimetic Framework for Rapid Human Gait, Posture Assessment, and Adaptive Exoskeleton Configuration

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ABSTRACT

Human gait and posture assessment playsa fundamental role in rehabilitation engineering, orthopedic diagnosis, neurological disorder evaluation, sports biomechanics, and intelligent exoskeleton development. Conventional clinical assessment methods frequently depend on laboratory-based motion capture systems, wearable sensors, and expert interpretation, making large-scale deployment expensive and time-consuming. Recent developments in artificial intelligence (AI), deep learning, and computer vision have enabled markerless motion analysis using standard cameras while significantly improving computational efficiency and diagnostic accuracy. Simultaneously, biomimetic engineering has introduced biologically inspired mechanical structures capable of adapting exoskeleton behavior according to natural human movement patterns. Integrating these technologies provides an opportunity to establish intelligent diagnostic systems that rapidly analyze human locomotion while supporting adaptive exoskeleton configuration.

This study proposes an AI-driven biomimetic framework that combines deep learning, computer vision, and biomechanical modeling for rapid gait and posture assessment together with adaptive exoskeleton parameter optimization. The framework employs multi-stage image acquisition, pose estimation, gait feature extraction, posture evaluation, biomechanical interpretation, AI-based decision support, and biomimetic adaptation for personalized exoskeleton configuration. TensorFlow and PyTorch provide scalable deep learning environments for model development, while convolutional neural networks and computer vision techniques enable efficient feature extraction from real-time video streams. Biomimetic principles ensure that robotic assistance follows physiological joint behavior rather than rigid predefined movement trajectories.

KEYWORDS: Artificial Intelligence; Biomimetics; Human Gait Analysis; Posture Assessment; Exoskeleton Configuration; Deep Learning; Computer Vision; Rehabilitation Engineering; Pose Estimation; Human-AI Trust.

INTRODUCTION

Background

Human locomotion represents one of the most sophisticated biomechanical processes performed by the human body. Walking involves coordinated interaction among skeletal structures, muscles, ligaments, joints, and the nervous system. Even minor neurological or musculoskeletal impairments may produce measurable alterations in gait patterns and posture, making movement analysis an essential diagnostic tool in rehabilitation medicine, orthopedics, geriatrics, sports science, and neurological healthcare.

Traditional gait assessment relies on laboratory-based motion capture systems equipped with reflective markers, infrared cameras, pressure-sensitive platforms, electromyography devices, and wearable inertial sensors. Although these technologies provide accurate biomechanical measurements, they require specialized infrastructure, highly trained personnel, and significant financial investment. Consequently, their adoption remains limited in primary healthcare centers, remote clinics, and rehabilitation facilities.

Artificial intelligence has transformed movement analysis by enabling markerless pose estimation through computer vision algorithms operating on conventional RGB cameras. Deep neural networks can now estimate skeletal joint positions, recognize movement abnormalities, classify gait disorders, and quantify posture deviations with minimal human intervention. TensorFlow offers scalable machine learning infrastructure suitable for healthcare deployment

(Abadi et al., 2016), whereas PyTorch provides flexible experimentation for advanced neural network development (Paszke et al., 2019).

Biomimetic engineering complements AI by designing robotic systems inspired by biological movement rather than conventional mechanical trajectories. Biomimetic exoskeletons imitate natural joint motion, reducing energy expenditure while improving user comfort. Instead of forcing predetermined movement patterns, biomimetic control continuously adapts assistance according to individual gait characteristics.

Another emerging challenge involves clinician confidence in AI-generated recommendations. Diagnostic systems capable of explaining their predictions improve adoption, transparency, and clinical reliability. Human-centered AI models emphasize trust, interpretability, and collaborative intelligence between clinicians and automated systems (Ramamurthy et al., 2026). Therefore, trustworthy AI should be considered an integral component of intelligent rehabilitation technologies.

Problem Statement

Despite remarkable progress in AI-driven movement analysis, several practical limitations remain.

Many gait assessment systems continue to require specialized hardware or controlled laboratory environments. Numerous computer vision approaches perform only movement recognition without translating diagnostic observations into adaptive exoskeleton configurations. Existing rehabilitation frameworks frequently separate diagnosis from robotic assistance, creating delays between assessment and intervention.

Furthermore, many AI models operate as "black boxes," limiting clinician confidence in automated recommendations. Without explainable reasoning and adaptive biomimetic control, widespread clinical implementation remains challenging.

Accordingly, there is a need for an integrated framework capable of rapidly analyzing human gait and posture while simultaneously generating personalized biomimetic exoskeleton configurations supported by trustworthy AI.

Research Relevance

The convergence of artificial intelligence, deep learning, biomimetics, rehabilitation engineering, and computer vision has created opportunities for intelligent healthcare systems capable of delivering personalized treatment with minimal infrastructure requirements.

Rapid deployment frameworks are particularly valuable in:

- Neurological rehabilitation
- Stroke recovery
- Elderly mobility assessment
- Orthopedic diagnosis
- Sports injury prevention
- Remote healthcare
- Military rehabilitation
- Industrial worker assistance

An integrated AI framework capable of transforming visual observations into adaptive robotic assistance could substantially improve healthcare accessibility while reducing clinical workload.

Objectives

The primary objective of this research is to develop a comprehensive AI-driven biomimetic framework for rapid human gait assessment, posture evaluation, and adaptive exoskeleton configuration.

Specific objectives include:

- Developing an intelligent computer vision pipeline for markerless gait analysis.
- Integrating deep learning models for posture recognition and movement classification.
- Establishing biomimetic principles for adaptive exoskeleton control.
- Designing an interpretable AI decision-support mechanism for clinical use.
- Evaluating implementation feasibility using modern deep learning frameworks.
- Promoting trustworthy AI recommendations to improve clinician acceptance (Ramamurthy et al., 2026).

Scope and Significance

The proposed research focuses on AI-based diagnostic applications using computer vision and biomimetic engineering rather than hardware implementation. The framework integrates pose estimation, gait feature extraction, posture evaluation, biomechanical interpretation, and adaptive robotic configuration into a unified diagnostic pipeline.

Its significance extends beyond rehabilitation by supporting future intelligent healthcare ecosystems where diagnosis, decision-making, and robotic assistance operate collaboratively through AI-driven automation.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Recent developments in artificial intelligence have significantly transformed computer vision-based healthcare applications. Advances in deep learning frameworks, image recognition algorithms, and scalable computing infrastructures have enabled increasingly sophisticated diagnostic systems capable of interpreting complex human movement patterns. The existing literature demonstrates that AI technologies provide the computational foundation required for automated gait analysis and adaptive rehabilitation systems.

Abadi et al. (2016) introduced TensorFlow as a highly scalable machine learning framework designed to support distributed deep neural network training across heterogeneous computing environments. TensorFlow's computational graph architecture enables efficient optimization of large neural networks while supporting deployment on cloud servers, GPUs, and embedded platforms. For healthcare applications involving continuous gait monitoring, TensorFlow offers flexibility in handling high-dimensional biomechanical datasets while maintaining computational efficiency. Its modular design facilitates integration of pose estimation, movement classification, and predictive analytics into unified intelligent systems.

Complementing TensorFlow, Paszke et al. (2019) developed PyTorch as an imperative deep learning library emphasizing dynamic computational graphs and flexible experimentation. PyTorch has become particularly valuable for research involving customized neural architectures because of its intuitive programming model and efficient automatic differentiation capabilities. For gait and posture assessment, PyTorch enables rapid prototyping of convolutional neural networks, recurrent neural networks, transformer architectures, and hybrid deep learning models capable of learning temporal movement characteristics from video sequences. The flexibility of PyTorch supports continual refinement of AI models as new biomechanical data become available.

Computer vision remains central to markerless gait assessment. Jia et al. (2014) proposed the Caffe deep learning framework, which significantly accelerated convolutional neural network deployment for image recognition tasks. Caffe demonstrated efficient feature extraction through optimized convolution operations and GPU acceleration. In the context of human movement analysis, convolutional architectures derived from Caffe principles provide robust extraction of skeletal landmarks, joint orientations, and posture descriptors from video images. These capabilities establish the visual foundation required for biomimetic diagnostic systems.

The practical implementation of TensorFlow-based object detection is demonstrated by Nirupama et al. (2021), who developed an automated helmet violation detection system using TensorFlow, Keras, and OpenCV. Although the application addresses traffic safety rather than healthcare, the methodological approach illustrates how integrated computer vision pipelines perform image acquisition, object detection, feature extraction, classification, and decision-making within real-time environments. Similar computational workflows can be adapted for gait analysis by replacing helmet detection with skeletal landmark identification and biomechanical movement classification.

Recent research has also expanded human-computer interaction through camera-based behavioral analysis. Falch and Lohan (2024) investigated webcam-based gaze estimation using computer vision techniques for screen interaction. Their work demonstrates the feasibility of extracting subtle physiological characteristics from ordinary RGB cameras without requiring specialized sensors. This finding is particularly relevant for gait assessment because it supports the broader concept of non-invasive markerless diagnostics. The capability to estimate physiological behavior from inexpensive imaging devices improves accessibility while reducing equipment costs, thereby facilitating rapid deployment in clinical and remote healthcare settings.

Beyond computational performance, intelligent healthcare systems increasingly require trustworthy AI capable of supporting clinician decision-making. Ramamurthy et al. (2026) proposed an ensemble learning approach for modeling human trust in cognitive AI systems through advanced feature engineering. Their findings emphasize that prediction accuracy alone is insufficient for healthcare adoption; transparency, interpretability, and confidence estimation significantly influence clinician acceptance of AI-generated recommendations. Integrating explainable decision mechanisms within gait assessment systems therefore represents an essential component of responsible AI deployment. Moreover, trust-aware AI supports collaborative decision-making between clinicians and intelligent rehabilitation platforms, reducing uncertainty during exoskeleton parameter optimization (Ramamurthy et al., 2026).

Collectively, the reviewed studies establish a strong technological foundation for AI-assisted movement analysis but also reveal several research gaps. Existing deep learning frameworks primarily address computational efficiency, model training, or computer vision tasks independently. Applications such as helmet detection and gaze estimation demonstrate the versatility of AI pipelines but do not integrate biomechanical reasoning with adaptive robotic assistance. Similarly, current frameworks lack unified architectures capable of connecting real-time gait analysis, posture evaluation, biomimetic adaptation, and personalized exoskeleton configuration within a single intelligent system. Furthermore, explainable AI and trust modeling remain insufficiently incorporated into rehabilitation technologies despite their importance for clinical acceptance (Ramamurthy et al., 2026).

Consequently, this study positions itself by proposing an integrated AI-driven biomimetic framework that combines scalable deep learning infrastructures, markerless computer vision, biomechanical intelligence, adaptive exoskeleton configuration, and trustworthy AI into a unified diagnostic architecture. This theoretical positioning extends previous work by bridging isolated computational advances into a clinically oriented, rapid-deployment rehabilitation framework.

METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Methodology

This study adopts a research and review methodology to develop and analyze an AI-driven biomimetic framework for rapid human gait assessment, posture evaluation, and adaptive exoskeleton configuration. Rather than evaluating a single learning algorithm, the methodology synthesizes established deep learning frameworks, computer vision techniques, and biomimetic principles into a unified intelligent architecture capable of supporting diagnostic decision-making and personalized robotic assistance.

The methodological design follows a layered architecture in which each computational module contributes to a specific stage of human movement analysis. The framework integrates scalable deep learning platforms with biomechanical reasoning to produce clinically meaningful outputs while maintaining computational efficiency and interpretability.

The proposed methodology consists of seven interconnected stages:

1. Video acquisition
2. Human pose estimation
3. Biomechanical feature extraction
4. AI-based gait and posture assessment
5. Biomimetic reasoning
6. Adaptive exoskeleton configuration
7. Explainable clinical decision support

The modular design allows independent optimization of each component while ensuring seamless integration into an end-to-end intelligent rehabilitation system.

3.2 Overall Framework Architecture

The proposed framework follows a hierarchical processing pipeline that transforms raw visual information into adaptive rehabilitation recommendations.

Stage 1: Human motion acquisition
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Stage 2: Image preprocessing
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Stage 3: Pose estimation
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Stage 4: Gait feature extraction
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Stage 5: Posture evaluation
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Stage 6: AI movement classification
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Stage 7: Biomimetic movement interpretation
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Stage 8: Adaptive exoskeleton parameter optimization
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Stage 9: Explainable diagnostic recommendation

Unlike traditional diagnostic systems, the proposed framework continuously updates exoskeleton parameters as movement characteristics evolve, enabling personalized assistance throughout rehabilitation.

3.3 Human Motion Acquisition

The first stage acquires human locomotion using conventional RGB cameras positioned to capture sagittal and frontal body movements. Markerless acquisition significantly reduces deployment cost compared with laboratory motion capture systems while improving accessibility in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and home-based monitoring environments.

Captured video sequences include multiple walking cycles to ensure representative movement analysis. Typical observations include:

- Walking speed
- Step length
- Stride symmetry
- Joint trajectories
- Pelvic movement
- Upper-body posture
- Arm swing
- Center-of-mass stability

Multiple viewpoints improve skeletal reconstruction and reduce occlusion effects during subsequent pose estimation.

3.4 Image Preprocessing

Raw video frames undergo preprocessing to improve image quality before AI analysis.

The preprocessing module performs:

- Frame extraction
- Resolution normalization
- Illumination correction
- Background suppression
- Noise reduction
- Contrast enhancement
- Temporal synchronization

These operations improve feature consistency and reduce environmental variability that may negatively influence pose estimation accuracy.

TensorFlow-based preprocessing pipelines provide efficient large-scale image handling suitable for real-time implementation (Abadi et al., 2016).

3.5 Pose Estimation

Pose estimation represents the core computer vision component of the framework.

Deep convolutional neural networks identify anatomical landmarks including:

- Head
- Neck
- Shoulders
- Elbows
- Wrists
- Spine
- Pelvis
- Hips
- Knees
- Ankles

The detected landmarks form a digital skeletal model representing body posture throughout the walking sequence.

Convolutional architectures inspired by Caffe enable efficient extraction of hierarchical visual features while preserving spatial relationships among body joints (Jia et al., 2014).

The resulting skeletal coordinates provide quantitative measurements of joint displacement, angular velocity, limb coordination, and temporal movement dynamics.

3.6 Biomechanical Feature Extraction

Following pose estimation, biomechanical analysis converts skeletal coordinates into clinically interpretable movement descriptors.

The extracted features include:

Spatial Features

- Joint angles
- Limb orientation
- Pelvic inclination
- Trunk alignment
- Foot placement

Temporal Features

- Cadence
- Walking velocity
- Swing phase duration
- Stance phase duration
- Double support time

Kinematic Features

- Knee flexion
- Hip extension
- Ankle dorsiflexion
- Arm synchronization
- Center-of-mass displacement

Stability Indicators

- Postural sway
- Step symmetry
- Dynamic balance
- Weight transfer consistency

These quantitative descriptors collectively characterize overall locomotor performance and form the input for AI-based diagnostic analysis.

3.7 Artificial Intelligence-Based Movement Classification

The extracted biomechanical features are processed by deep learning models that classify movement patterns into clinically meaningful categories.

The AI engine performs:

- Normal gait recognition
- Postural abnormality detection
- Joint movement assessment
- Motion asymmetry identification
- Rehabilitation progress estimation
- Functional mobility scoring

PyTorch provides flexibility for designing customized deep neural networks capable of learning nonlinear relationships between biomechanical variables and clinical outcomes (Paszke et al., 2019).

Rather than relying solely on manually engineered thresholds, the learning model automatically identifies complex movement characteristics associated with neurological and musculoskeletal disorders.

3.8 Biomimetic Movement Interpretation

One distinguishing contribution of the proposed framework is the incorporation of biomimetic reasoning.

Traditional robotic systems frequently impose predefined trajectories that may not correspond to natural human biomechanics.

The proposed biomimetic module instead evaluates:

- Natural joint coordination
- Muscle-inspired movement patterns
- Biological energy efficiency
- Dynamic balance
- Adaptive locomotion behavior

The system compares observed movement against physiologically efficient locomotion principles.

When abnormalities are detected, corrective strategies emphasize restoration of natural movement rather than rigid mechanical compensation.

This biomimetic philosophy improves:

- User comfort
- Movement efficiency
- Rehabilitation effectiveness
- Long-term adaptability

3.9 Adaptive Exoskeleton Configuration

Following biomechanical interpretation, the framework generates individualized exoskeleton parameters.

Adaptive configuration includes optimization of:

- Hip assistance torque
- Knee flexion support
- Ankle propulsion assistance
- Joint stiffness
- Walking speed synchronization
- Balance correction
- Load distribution
- Assistance timing

Instead of using fixed robotic settings, the system continuously updates assistance according to the user's current gait characteristics.

For example, reduced knee flexion during the swing phase automatically increases robotic assistance, whereas improved voluntary muscle control gradually decreases external support.

This adaptive strategy encourages active rehabilitation while preventing unnecessary robotic dependence.

3.10 Explainable AI Decision Support

Healthcare professionals require transparent reasoning before accepting AI-generated recommendations.

Therefore, the proposed framework incorporates explainable AI mechanisms that provide:

- Diagnostic confidence scores
- Key biomechanical indicators
- Visual joint movement analysis
- Feature importance estimation
- Clinical interpretation reports

Rather than presenting only classification labels, the system explains why a particular movement pattern is considered abnormal.

This transparency improves clinician confidence and supports collaborative human-AI decision-making.

The importance of trust-aware intelligent systems has been emphasized by Ramamurthy et al. (2026), who demonstrated that explainability, ensemble learning, and advanced feature engineering substantially improve confidence in cognitive AI systems. Integrating these principles into rehabilitation technologies promotes reliable adoption while reducing uncertainty associated with automated clinical recommendations. Consequently, trustworthy AI forms an integral component of the proposed biomimetic framework rather than an independent post-processing feature.

3.11 Computational Infrastructure

The computational implementation combines complementary deep learning frameworks to maximize efficiency.

TensorFlow manages large-scale neural network deployment, distributed computation, and optimized inference for real-time healthcare applications (Abadi et al., 2016). PyTorch supports flexible experimentation and rapid development of advanced diagnostic models (Paszke et al., 2019), while convolutional feature extraction techniques inspired by Caffe provide efficient visual representation learning (Jia et al., 2014). Image preprocessing and real-time computer vision operations can further leverage OpenCV-based pipelines similar to those demonstrated by Nirupama et al. (2021), ensuring robust frame processing and feature extraction in practical deployment scenarios.

This hybrid computational infrastructure enables scalability from research laboratories to clinical rehabilitation environments.

3.12 Methodological Advantages

Compared with conventional gait assessment approaches, the proposed methodology offers several significant advantages.

First, markerless computer vision substantially reduces hardware requirements and deployment costs while maintaining analytical capability. Second, biomimetic reasoning enables rehabilitation strategies that emulate physiological movement rather than enforcing fixed robotic trajectories. Third, adaptive exoskeleton configuration supports personalized assistance that evolves with patient recovery. Fourth, integration of explainable AI enhances transparency, allowing clinicians to interpret diagnostic recommendations with greater confidence. Finally, the modular architecture supports scalability, interoperability, and future integration with emerging rehabilitation technologies.

Collectively, these methodological components establish a comprehensive framework that bridges AI-driven movement analysis, biomimetic control, and trustworthy decision support, providing a robust foundation for rapid diagnostic deployment and intelligent exoskeleton configuration.

RESULTS

The proposed AI-driven biomimetic framework demonstrates the feasibility of integrating computer vision, deep learning, biomechanical reasoning, and adaptive robotic assistance into a unified rehabilitation architecture. As this study is research- and review-oriented, the findings are presented as analytical outcomes derived from the proposed framework and its alignment with the reviewed literature rather than experimental measurements.

The first major finding is that markerless vision-based gait assessment substantially improves deployment flexibility.

Conventional motion analysis systems depend on wearable sensors, reflective markers, and laboratory infrastructures that restrict accessibility. By contrast, the proposed framework utilizes standard RGB cameras together with convolutional neural networks to estimate skeletal landmarks and analyze locomotion in real time. This architecture minimizes installation complexity while supporting broader implementation in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and home-care environments. The scalability of TensorFlow further strengthens this capability by enabling efficient deployment across heterogeneous computing platforms (Abadi et al., 2016).

A second finding concerns the integration of biomechanical intelligence with AI-based movement analysis. Existing computer vision systems typically focus on recognizing motion patterns without considering the physiological significance of observed movements. In the proposed framework, extracted gait descriptors—including joint angles, cadence, symmetry, pelvic alignment, and postural stability—are interpreted using biomimetic principles. This integration enables the diagnostic system to distinguish between mechanically correct movements and biologically efficient locomotion, thereby providing recommendations that are more relevant to rehabilitation practice.

The third finding highlights the importance of adaptive exoskeleton configuration. Rather than applying predefined robotic trajectories, the framework continuously adjusts assistance parameters according to observed movement characteristics. Dynamic optimization of hip torque, knee support, ankle propulsion, and balance correction allows robotic assistance to evolve with patient recovery. Such adaptability promotes active participation during rehabilitation while reducing dependence on constant mechanical support.

Another notable outcome is the framework's ability to support real-time intelligent decision-making. The combination of TensorFlow, PyTorch, and convolutional feature extraction techniques facilitates rapid processing of video sequences, skeletal reconstruction, feature extraction, and movement classification (Abadi et al., 2016; Jia et al., 2014; Paszke et al., 2019). This computational efficiency is essential for clinical environments where immediate diagnostic feedback can influence therapeutic interventions.

The framework also emphasizes explainable and trustworthy AI, which is increasingly recognized as a prerequisite for healthcare adoption. Diagnostic outputs include confidence scores, visual explanations of joint abnormalities, and feature-based interpretations that assist clinicians in validating AI-generated recommendations. Consistent with the findings of Ramamurthy et al. (2026), incorporating transparency into AI decision-making strengthens clinician confidence and encourages collaborative human–AI interaction. Rather than replacing medical professionals, the proposed system functions as an intelligent decision-support tool that complements clinical expertise.

Finally, the proposed framework demonstrates strong potential for cross-domain applicability. Beyond rehabilitation, the architecture can be adapted for neurological disorder screening, orthopedic assessment, elderly fall-risk evaluation, sports biomechanics, occupational health monitoring, and assistive robotics. The modular design enables future incorporation of additional sensing modalities and advanced learning algorithms without requiring substantial architectural modifications.

Overall, the findings indicate that the proposed framework successfully integrates rapid diagnostic deployment, biomimetic movement interpretation, adaptive robotic assistance, and explainable AI into a coherent architecture capable of supporting next-generation intelligent rehabilitation systems.

DISCUSSION

The proposed AI-driven biomimetic framework addresses several limitations observed in current gait assessment and exoskeleton technologies by combining advances in artificial intelligence, computer vision, biomechanics, and explainable decision support. The discussion focuses on the theoretical contributions, practical implications, comparative positioning within the reviewed literature, and the limitations of the proposed framework.

A key theoretical contribution is the integration of biomimetic reasoning into AI-based movement analysis. Most existing deep learning frameworks emphasize computational performance and prediction accuracy. TensorFlow provides scalable model deployment (Abadi et al., 2016), PyTorch supports flexible neural network development (Paszke et al., 2019), and Caffe enables efficient convolutional feature extraction (Jia et al., 2014). While these technologies establish the computational foundation for intelligent healthcare applications, they do not independently address how biological movement principles should guide robotic rehabilitation. The proposed framework bridges this gap by incorporating physiological locomotion patterns into adaptive exoskeleton control, thereby extending AI from movement recognition to movement optimization.

The review also demonstrates that computer vision technologies have matured sufficiently for markerless diagnostic applications. Previous work by Nirupama et al. (2021) illustrates the effectiveness of TensorFlow, Keras, and OpenCV in real-time object detection, while Falch and Lohan (2024) confirm that conventional webcams can capture subtle behavioral characteristics without specialized hardware. Building upon these developments, the proposed framework extends camera-based analysis to comprehensive gait assessment and posture evaluation. This progression illustrates how advances in computer vision can be translated from general recognition tasks into clinically meaningful rehabilitation tools.

From a practical perspective, the framework offers significant advantages for healthcare delivery. Markerless assessment reduces infrastructure costs, making intelligent rehabilitation more accessible to community clinics, remote healthcare facilities, and home-based rehabilitation programs. Adaptive exoskeleton configuration further supports personalized therapy by continuously adjusting robotic assistance according to patient-specific biomechanical characteristics. Such personalization has the potential to improve rehabilitation outcomes by encouraging natural movement patterns and reducing unnecessary mechanical intervention.

Another important implication concerns human trust in AI-assisted healthcare systems. High diagnostic accuracy alone is insufficient to ensure clinical adoption if AI recommendations remain opaque. Ramamurthy et al. (2026) emphasize that explainability, ensemble learning, and advanced feature engineering contribute significantly to human trust in cognitive AI systems. Consistent with this perspective, the proposed framework incorporates interpretable outputs, confidence estimation, and biomechanical reasoning to support collaborative decision-making between clinicians and intelligent diagnostic systems. By embedding explainability directly into the analytical workflow, the framework promotes transparency and accountability, both of which are essential for responsible AI deployment in healthcare.

Despite these strengths, several limitations should be acknowledged. The present study proposes a conceptual and methodological framework rather than reporting empirical validation using clinical datasets. Consequently, the effectiveness of the architecture should be verified through future experimental studies involving diverse patient populations and real-world rehabilitation environments. Additionally, movement analysis based solely on RGB cameras may be affected by occlusion, lighting variability, and complex backgrounds, potentially reducing pose estimation accuracy under uncontrolled conditions. Incorporating multimodal sensing technologies may help overcome these challenges.

The computational demands of advanced deep learning models also present practical considerations. Although modern frameworks support distributed computation and hardware acceleration, deployment in resource-constrained environments may require model optimization, pruning, or lightweight architectures to maintain real-time performance without compromising diagnostic reliability.

Future developments may further enhance the proposed framework through multimodal data fusion, reinforcement learning for autonomous exoskeleton adaptation, digital twin technologies for personalized rehabilitation planning, and federated learning approaches that enable collaborative model improvement while preserving patient privacy. Such advancements would strengthen the scalability, robustness, and clinical applicability of intelligent rehabilitation systems.

In summary, the discussion demonstrates that integrating scalable AI frameworks, biomimetic engineering, and explainable decision support provides a comprehensive foundation for next-generation gait assessment and adaptive exoskeleton technologies. By addressing computational, biomechanical, and human-centered challenges simultaneously, the proposed framework advances the development of intelligent rehabilitation systems capable of delivering accurate, transparent, and personalized healthcare solutions.

CONCLUSION

The rapid evolution of artificial intelligence, deep learning, computer vision, and biomimetic engineering has created significant opportunities for advancing intelligent rehabilitation technologies. This study proposed an AI-driven biomimetic framework for rapid human gait, posture assessment, and adaptive exoskeleton configuration, integrating scalable deep learning platforms, markerless computer vision, biomechanical reasoning, adaptive robotic control, and explainable artificial intelligence into a unified diagnostic architecture. The proposed framework addresses several limitations associated with conventional gait assessment systems, including dependence on specialized laboratory infrastructure, high deployment costs, limited adaptability, and insufficient integration between diagnostic analysis and robotic assistance. By employing markerless pose estimation, automated biomechanical feature extraction, AI-based movement classification, and biomimetic interpretation, the framework enables efficient assessment of human locomotion while supporting personalized exoskeleton parameter optimization. The integration of TensorFlow, PyTorch, and convolutional feature extraction architectures provides a scalable computational foundation capable of supporting real-time clinical applications and future intelligent healthcare systems (Abadi et al., 2016; Jia et al., 2014; Paszke et al., 2019).

A notable contribution of this research is the incorporation of trustworthy and explainable AI into the rehabilitation workflow. Rather than functioning as an isolated prediction engine, the proposed framework provides interpretable diagnostic outputs, confidence estimation, and biomechanical explanations that facilitate collaborative decision-making between clinicians and AI systems. This design philosophy aligns with the growing emphasis on human-centered artificial intelligence and supports broader acceptance of AI-assisted healthcare technologies. The importance of explainability and trust-aware cognitive systems highlighted by Ramamurthy et al. (2026) further reinforces the necessity of transparent decision-support mechanisms within intelligent rehabilitation environments.

From a theoretical perspective, this study extends existing research by integrating computational intelligence with biomimetic principles to create a cohesive framework capable of translating gait analysis into adaptive robotic assistance. Previous studies primarily focused on individual aspects such as scalable machine learning infrastructures, convolutional neural networks, or computer vision applications. The present framework bridges these domains by establishing an end-to-end architecture that connects movement observation, biomechanical interpretation, and personalized rehabilitation support.

Practically, the framework offers promising applications across neurological rehabilitation, orthopedic assessment, geriatric healthcare, sports medicine, industrial ergonomics, military rehabilitation, and home-based assistive technologies. The markerless and modular design facilitates rapid deployment in diverse clinical and non-clinical settings while reducing equipment complexity and operational costs. Furthermore, adaptive exoskeleton configuration enhances user comfort and rehabilitation effectiveness by continuously adjusting assistance according to evolving movement characteristics rather than relying on fixed robotic trajectories.

Despite these contributions, the framework remains conceptual and requires empirical validation using diverse clinical datasets and real-world rehabilitation scenarios. Future research should evaluate diagnostic accuracy, computational efficiency, user acceptance, and long-term rehabilitation outcomes through experimental studies. Incorporating multimodal sensing technologies, reinforcement learning, digital twin modeling, and privacy-preserving federated learning may further improve robustness, personalization, and scalability.

In conclusion, the proposed AI-driven biomimetic framework provides a comprehensive foundation for next-generation intelligent rehabilitation systems by combining rapid diagnostic deployment, adaptive exoskeleton configuration, and trustworthy AI. Its integrated architecture has the potential to improve clinical decision-making, personalize rehabilitation strategies, and accelerate the development of accessible, scalable, and human-centered healthcare technologies.

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