For the Governance of Responsible Innovation of Brain-Data Technology: a trial of CiNet case

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Abstract:

Recent advancements in neuroscience have enabled more in-depth and rapid exploration of the applications of brain information (BI). Considering these developments, it is crucial to consider their ethical, legal, and social issues (ELSI) and the way of communication with society. However, a lack of knowledge on gaps in attitudes toward brain neuroscience and BI between experts and the public has hindered productive discussions. Thus, we examined these attitudes. While the public holds high expectations for brain neuroscience and BI, they also express concerns about data governance and psychological continuity. In contrast, neuroscientists prioritize scientific content and focus more on ELSI, such as the potential for stigmatization and human enhancement. We used these insights and lessons from comprehensive review to establish "Guideline for Developing and Utilizing AI Technology that Uses Brain Data to Estimate Perceptual Information" of CiNet.

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