



Posture+: An AI-Driven Hybrid Care Platform for Optimizing Musculoskeletal Health

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Abstract – Musculoskeletal (MSK) disorders impose a significant clinical and economic burden, making them one of the largest drivers of global healthcare costs. Posture+ addresses this challenge through a patient-centric digital platform that combines personalized therapeutic exercises with expert human guidance. Its core innovation, the proprietary TrueMotion system, uses advanced AI and computer vision to deliver real-time, high-fidelity corrective feedback, ensuring clinical accuracy and improving adherence through behavioral science principles. The PT-Augmentation Model enables clinicians to focus on complex cases while AI automates routine tasks, creating a scalable, efficient care ecosystem. Looking ahead, Posture+ is poised to expand into the broader Digital Chronic Care Management (DCCM) market by integrating solutions for metabolic disorders, behavioral health, and other comorbidities. Success in this next phase will rely on predictive AI development, strengthened regulatory compliance, and deeper payer-led partnerships that support Value-Based Care (VBC). With these advancements, Posture+ is positioned to become a global leader in delivering high-quality, cost-effective hybrid healthcare.

Index Terms –Posture+, Musculoskeletal Disorders, AI-Driven Therapy, TrueMotion Technology, Hybrid Care Delivery.

I. INTRODUCTION

Musculoskeletal (MSK) disorders are among the most prevalent health issues globally and remain one of the primary causes of pain, disability, and reduced workforce productivity. Modern



lifestyles characterized by prolonged sitting, poor posture, repetitive movements, and limited physical activity have amplified the burden of MSK conditions, affecting millions of individuals across age groups [1]. Traditional pathways of MSK care, such as physiotherapy and clinical rehabilitation, though clinically effective, are often hindered by accessibility challenges. Long waiting times, high treatment costs, and the necessity for repeated in-person visits make consistent care unattainable for many. As a result, the healthcare system struggles to provide continuous, personalized, and effective MSK care at scale [2].

Extensive user research conducted with working professionals, physiotherapists, and post-surgery patients revealed several recurring pain points within the conventional treatment model. High friction and cost constitute the primary barriers—patients frequently encounter delays in scheduling appointments and must absorb the financial strain of multiple therapy sessions. These barriers create a disparity in care, limiting access for individuals with financial or time constraints [3]. Low home-exercise compliance is another substantial issue. Despite being prescribed Home Exercise Programs (HEPs), many patients fail to complete them due to lack of motivation, inadequate understanding, or absence of real-time feedback. This inconsistency leads to slow recovery, relapse of symptoms, and a failure to achieve meaningful clinical outcomes. Furthermore, the lack of real-time correction during unsupervised exercises increases the risk of improper movements, potentially worsening the condition or causing secondary injuries [4].

At the root of these challenges is the absence of a truly user-centered, technology-enabled care model. Traditional solutions do not sufficiently consider the day-to-day realities of patients—busy schedules, fluctuating motivation, and the need for flexible, personalized support [5]. Recognizing these gaps, the Posture+ paper adopts a Design Thinking framework to develop an intelligent, patient-centric digital platform that reimagines MSK rehabilitation. The platform aims to bridge the critical disconnect between clinic-based care and home-based recovery by offering personalized guidance, continuous monitoring, and motivation-driven therapy [6]. At the core of Posture+ is an innovative combination of advanced technology and human clinical expertise. The platform integrates AI-driven personalization, real-time feedback mechanisms, and specialized human support from Physical Therapists (PTs) and Health Coaches. Its proprietary TrueMotion technology utilizes Artificial Intelligence (AI) and computer vision to analyze user movements and provide immediate corrective feedback with high precision. This capability effectively replicates the in-clinic supervision experience, ensuring that users perform exercises safely and accurately [7]. By overcoming the latency and fidelity challenges that typically limit digital care platforms, TrueMotion represents a major design breakthrough that enhances both engagement and clinical outcomes [8].

A review of existing literature confirms the clinical effectiveness and cost-efficiency of digital MSK platforms like Posture+. Studies by Allen et al. (2017 and 2018) demonstrate significant improvements in pain reduction, functional mobility, and joint stiffness among participants who engaged with the program. These improvements were not only statistically significant but also clinically meaningful, showing sustained benefits over six months. The literature further highlights reductions in the intent for surgical interventions such as knee replacements, as well as decreased

reliance on opioid medications—an important consideration given the ongoing opioid crisis. Additional research by Maddina, Patel, Vu, and others illustrates growing public and commercial interest in digital MSK solutions, while emphasizing the importance of maintaining equitable access across diverse populations [9]. The Posture+ paper analyzes how this digital clinic disrupts the traditional MSK care pathway, which is often characterized by unnecessary imaging (such as MRIs), over-prescription of medications, and reliance on invasive surgical procedures. High financial costs, combined with inefficiencies in scheduling and adherence, make the conventional model unsustainable for modern healthcare systems. Posture+ counters these challenges by offering a holistic, non-invasive, and cost-effective alternative accessible directly from the user's home [10].

The paper evaluates success across clinical, financial, and operational dimensions. Clinically, users report an average of 68% reduction in pain, marked improvements in mobility, and reduction in associated mental health symptoms such as anxiety and depression. Financially, Posture+ demonstrates strong cost savings by preventing unnecessary surgeries, reducing medical claims, and improving workforce productivity. Operationally, the scalable PT-Augmentation Model allows the system to deliver high-quality care to a large population without compromising clinical accuracy [11]. Positioned at the intersection of technology and human-centered care, Posture+ sets a new benchmark for digital health innovation—one that prioritizes safety, effectiveness, affordability, and patient empowerment. It stands as a leading example of how hybrid digital care can reshape healthcare delivery, reduce system-wide costs, and improve quality of life for millions worldwide [12].

A. Background

At the root of these challenges is the absence of a truly user-centered, technology-enabled care model. Traditional solutions do not sufficiently consider the day-to-day realities of patients—busy schedules, fluctuating motivation, and the need for flexible, personalized support [13]. Recognizing these gaps, the Posture+ paper adopts a Design Thinking framework to develop an intelligent, patient-centric digital platform that reimagines MSK rehabilitation. The platform aims to bridge the critical disconnect between clinic-based care and home-based recovery by offering personalized guidance, continuous monitoring, and motivation-driven therapy [14]. At the core of Posture+ is an innovative combination of advanced technology and human clinical expertise. The platform integrates AI-driven personalization, real-time feedback mechanisms, and specialized human support from Physical Therapists (PTs) and Health Coaches [15]. Its proprietary TrueMotion technology utilizes Artificial Intelligence (AI) and computer vision to analyze user movements and provide immediate corrective feedback with high precision. This capability effectively replicates the in-clinic supervision experience, ensuring that users perform exercises safely and accurately. By overcoming the latency and fidelity challenges that typically limit digital care platforms, [17 – 18] TrueMotion represents a major design breakthrough that enhances both engagement and clinical outcomes.

B. Problem Statement

Despite notable progress in sign recognition technologies, a truly comprehensive and real-time Musculoskeletal (MSK) disorders are among the most common causes of pain, disability, and reduced



productivity in today's workforce. Millions of people experience chronic pain in their back, neck, shoulders, and joints due to poor posture, repetitive strain, and sedentary lifestyles. Traditional MSK recovery methods, such as physiotherapy and clinical rehabilitation, are often expensive, time-consuming, and inaccessible to many individuals. Despite the growing awareness about the importance of physical therapy and posture correction, the healthcare system still faces major gaps in delivering effective, consistent, and engaging MSK care.

Firstly, high friction and cost are major barriers. Patients face long waiting times for appointments and bear the financial burden of frequent, in-person therapy sessions. This creates inequality in access, as not everyone can afford regular visits to physiotherapy centers or specialized clinics. Secondly, low home compliance is another critical challenge. Many patients are prescribed home exercise programs (HEPs) but fail to complete them consistently due to lack of motivation, understanding, or supervision. Thirdly, there is a lack of real-time guidance. Traditional methods rely heavily on the physical presence of therapists to monitor movements and provide corrective feedback. The root of the problem lies in the absence of a user-centered, technology-driven approach to MSK care. Current solutions fail to empathize with the real-world challenges of patients who need flexibility, personalization, and encouragement in their recovery journey.

C. Objectives

- To Apply Design Thinking: Implement a structured design thinking process—Empathize, Define, Ideate, Prototype, and Test—to create a user-centered solution addressing real-world MSK recovery challenges.
- To Understand User Personas: Identify and analyze the needs of key user groups, such as busy professionals and post-surgery patients, ensuring the platform caters to varied lifestyles and recovery requirements.
- To Ensure Hyper-Personalization: Use artificial intelligence to tailor exercise routines dynamically based on each user's pain level, progress, and mobility, promoting faster and safer recovery.

II. SYSTEM DESIGN

The core technology (AI-powered remote monitoring, digital coaching) is highly transferable, creating an opportunity for the company to become a general Digital Chronic Care Clinic. Tackling Co-Morbidities: MSK pain is strongly linked to other chronic conditions like Type 2 Diabetes, Obesity, and Cardiovascular Disease. The existing platform can expand to offer integrated digital programs for these conditions, capitalizing on the established member trust and existing health plan relationships. The design and development of the Posture+ platform were driven by two non-negotiable mandates: clinical fidelity (ensuring the digital experience is as effective as in-person therapy) and maximum adherence (ensuring members actually use the program consistently). Achieving these goals required sophisticated engineering optimization, primarily centered around the proprietary TrueMotion AI system. Posture+ optimized its computer vision pipeline using a combination of lightweight, highly efficient deep learning models and edge computing techniques (where some processing occurs directly



on the member's device). This reduced the data transmission load and processing time, ensuring the system can process the video input, analyse the kinematics, compare it to clinical standards, and render the audio/visual feedback in near real-time. This low latency is the “secret sauce” that differentiates Posture+'s guidance from passive video recordings.

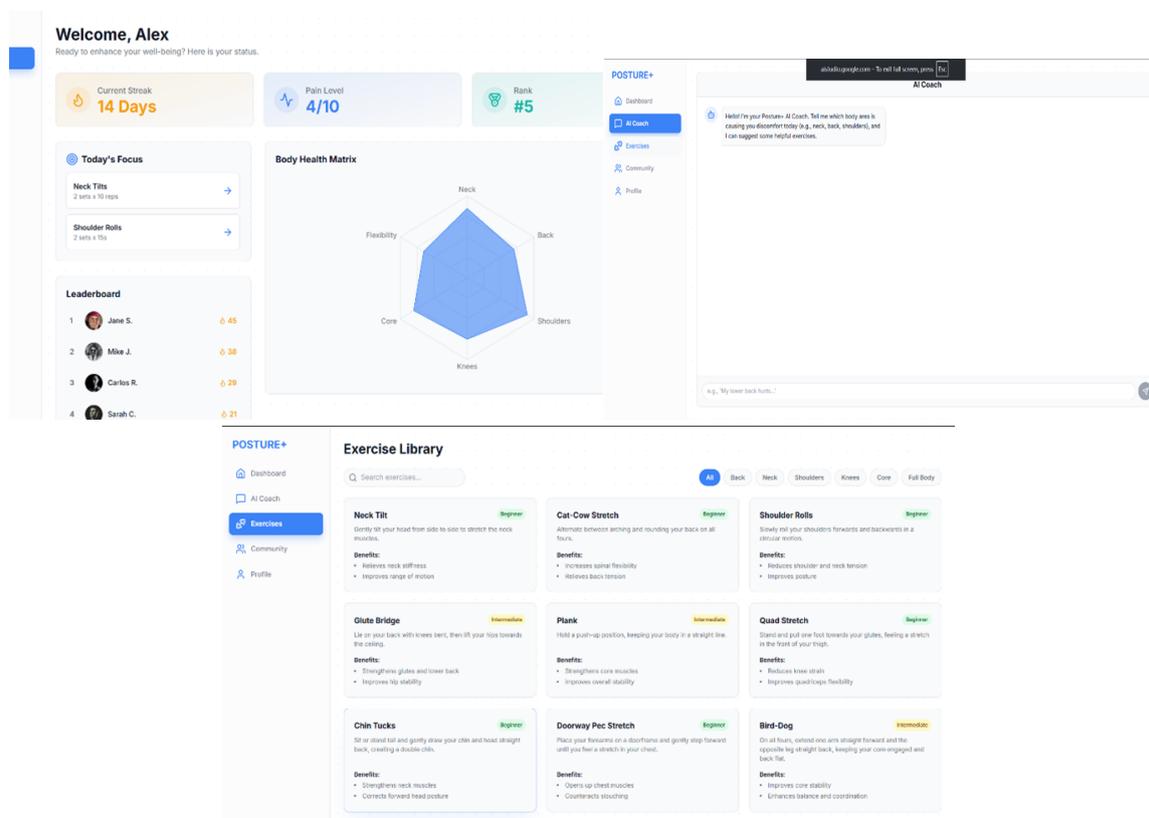


Fig. 1: AI-Chat bot (Screenshots)

Model Training

The design incorporates security and regulatory compliance at its foundation. HIPAA Compliance by Design: The architecture enforces encryption of all Protected Health Information (PHI) at rest and in transit (e.g., using TLS/SSL and AES-256). All access to the Care Team Portal requires Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA). FDA Compliance: Any hardware (like the Enso TENS device) or software component classified as a medical device (like the specific algorithms used for diagnosis/treatment) is managed under a strict Quality Management System (QMS) compliant with FDA regulations, ensuring traceable design controls and change management.

Working Principle of Random Forest

The Posture+ paper represents a thoughtful blend of technology, clinical expertise, and patient-centered design, built with the ambition to redefine how musculoskeletal care is delivered in a digital age. Its foundation lies in creating a scalable therapeutic ecosystem that maintains the same standards

of accuracy, empathy, and personalization found in traditional physical therapy, while expanding accessibility through modern digital tools.

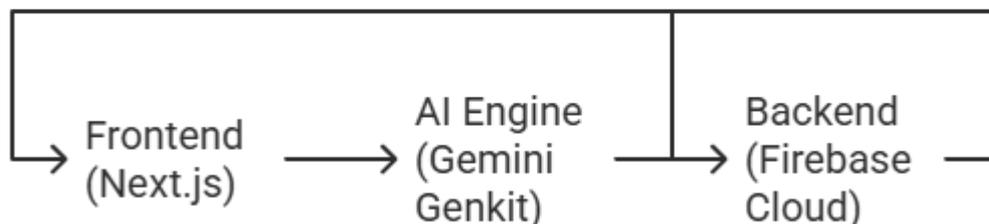


Fig 2: System Architecture of Posture+

During the Digital Physical Therapy (DPT) phase, the paper established a solid clinical framework developed in close collaboration with experienced Doctors of Physical Therapy and medical advisors. This ensured that every program, exercise sequence, and recovery pathway was grounded in scientific evidence and real-world clinical practice. The integrated personalization engine further elevated this experience by analyzing each user's symptoms, movement patterns, and progression to deliver treatment that adapts continuously to their needs. Behavioral science principles were woven into the experience to maintain motivation, reduce drop-off rates, and encourage long-term engagement—an element traditionally challenging in home exercise programs.

Significant emphasis was placed on ensuring compliance with top-tier global security and medical standards. Achieving certifications such as HITRUST CSF R2, SOC 2 Type 2, and ISO/IEC 27001:2022 allowed the platform to confidently support enterprise clients, healthcare institutions, and digital health partners. By aligning with GDPR and EU-MDR guidelines, the system was architected to scale internationally while maintaining transparency and data protection across all regions. This strong regulatory foundation strengthens the paper's long-term credibility and opens the door for global healthcare collaborations. As healthcare systems worldwide transition toward value-based care, the Posture+ model becomes increasingly relevant. Its ability to deliver measurable improvements in pain reduction, mobility, and functional recovery directly aligns with the goals of reducing cost burdens and preventing avoidable surgeries or chronic complications. With virtual care becoming more widely accepted and reimbursed, the Posture+ platform stands at the forefront of this transformation, offering a clinically reliable and cost-effective alternative to traditional therapy.

The future scope of the paper extends far beyond MSK care. With its advanced AI, high-fidelity movement analysis, and adaptive coaching systems, Posture+ is well-positioned to evolve into a comprehensive digital chronic care solution. Conditions such as metabolic disorders, early cardiovascular issues, and lifestyle-driven health challenges can be integrated into the existing ecosystem, supported by predictive modeling and personalized recommendations. Within the MSK domain, there is also strong potential to expand into specialized sub-care segments including surgical recovery pathways, spine stabilization, and women's pelvic health therapy. As AI technology advances, Posture+ can achieve deeper levels of automation and clinical intelligence. Predictive



analytics will help forecast patient flare-ups, identify early signs of risk, and recommend timely interventions. Meanwhile, generative AI can produce tailored instructions, multilingual support, and culturally relevant patient guidance, making the platform more inclusive and globally scalable.

With these foundations in place, Posture+ is positioned not just as a digital therapy tool, but as an evolving clinical platform capable of shaping the future of hybrid care. Its blend of regulatory strength, clinical rigor, and technological innovation provides a competitive edge in a rapidly maturing digital health landscape, opening pathways for strategic partnerships, payer collaborations, and global expansion.

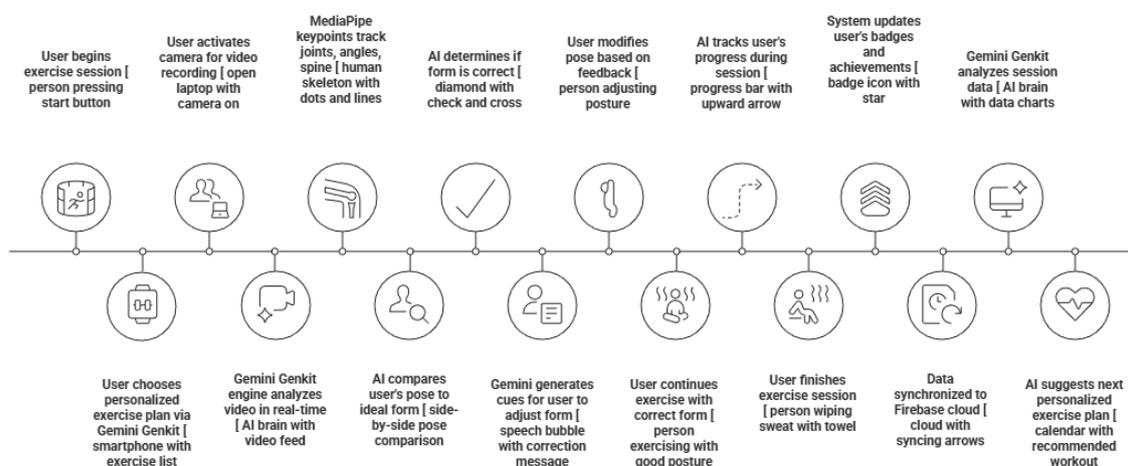


Fig 3: Real-Time Posture Correction Workflow Using Gemini Genkit

The Posture+ prototype represents an advanced Hybrid Care Delivery System that unifies a feature-rich therapeutic mobile application with a powerful backend clinical infrastructure. This integrated design ensures that members receive continuous, high-quality support through both automated digital tools and human clinical expertise. The system is built with a deep focus on accessibility, accuracy, and sustained engagement, ensuring that each user experiences a streamlined journey from onboarding to meaningful pain reduction. At the heart of the prototype are five interconnected user workflows that define the overall member experience. The Daily Exercise Session flow showcases the capabilities of TrueMotion, the platform's core innovation. This computer vision-powered module guides users through their prescribed therapeutic exercises, offering real-time correction, posture analysis, and immediate feedback to ensure safe and effective movement. By combining AI precision with human clinical oversight, the prototype delivers a level of guidance typically available only in in-person therapy sessions.

Communication between the member and their care team is another essential component of the system. The prototype supports both asynchronous and synchronous interaction to maintain continuity of care. Through a HIPAA-compliant secure chat system, members can share symptoms, ask questions, or update their Physical Therapist or Health Coach at any time. These messages are triaged through the Care Team Portal, helping clinicians prioritize responses and maintain efficient workflows.

Beyond this reactive communication, the system also enables proactive engagement. Health Coaches regularly send personalized check-ins based on member adherence patterns, progress levels, and motivational needs. For real-time clinical needs, the member can schedule telehealth sessions—either video or audio—directly through the app to consult with their PT for reassessments and program adjustments. The prototype also embraces the biopsychosocial model of pain by integrating educational and behavioral health components into the user experience. Members receive short, multimedia-based educational modules that introduce key concepts such as Pain Neuroscience, sleep hygiene, the stress–pain connection, and lifestyle behaviors that influence recovery. Completion of these modules is tracked and shared with the Health Coach to support more informed interactions. Additionally, guided mindfulness and stress reduction exercises are incorporated into the app, acknowledging the psychological and emotional dimensions of chronic MSK pain. Members can also set and monitor functional goals, such as increasing walking duration or improving daily activity levels, which are referenced by the care team to shape personalized coaching.

Program evaluation and progression form another critical dimension of the Posture+ prototype. The Care Team Portal gives PTs access to comprehensive performance data, including metrics captured by TrueMotion, subjective pain reports, completion trends, and overall adherence rates. This wealth of data allows clinicians to make informed decisions about modifying the member’s care plan. When sudden pain spikes, consistently incorrect form, or signs of disengagement are detected, the PT can intervene immediately, ensuring timely and targeted support. This dynamic adjustment process keeps the program aligned with the member’s progress, fostering both safety and long-term therapeutic success.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The developed Sign Language Recognition and Translation System was extensively tested to assess its performance, accuracy, robustness, and usability across both American Sign Language (ASL) and Indian Sign Language (ISL) models. The testing phase focused on evaluating how effectively the system could recognize gestures in real time, form words accurately, and generate both speech and translated text outputs. The results confirmed that the integration of Mediapipe, OpenCV, and the Random Forest Classifier yielded a reliable and responsive solution capable of functioning efficiently on standard computing hardware.

Table. I: Evaluation Parameters

Dimension	Key Metrics / Highlights
Financial Performance	Strong ROI achieved by significantly reducing medical claims and preventing high-cost surgeries
Cost-Effectiveness	Business model focuses on lowering healthcare expenditure for employers and health plans.
Avoidance of High-Cost Procedures	Spinal Fusion Avoidance: 56% reduction among participants considering surgery. Average cost: >\$100,000 (~₹ 8,874,000).



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knee Replacement Avoidance: 73% reduction. - Hip Replacement: Major reduction in surgical recommendations.
Return on Investment (ROI)	<p>Average ROI: 2.4x → For every \$1 (~₹ 89) spent, clients save \$2.40 (~₹ 213.6) in avoided medical costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Claims Reduction: ~\$2,387 per participant → ~₹ 212,000 savings in the first year.

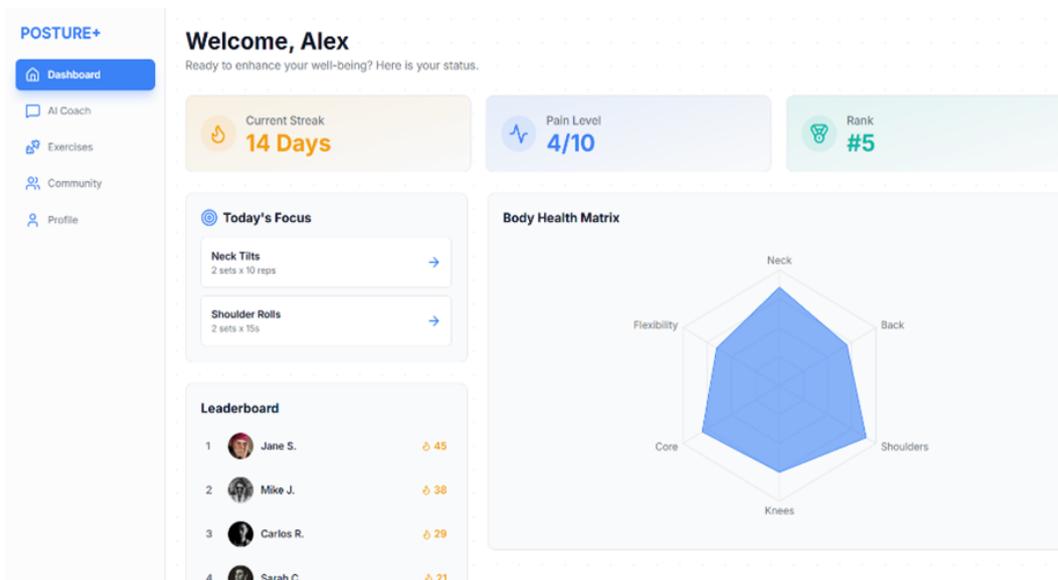


Fig. 4: Dashboard

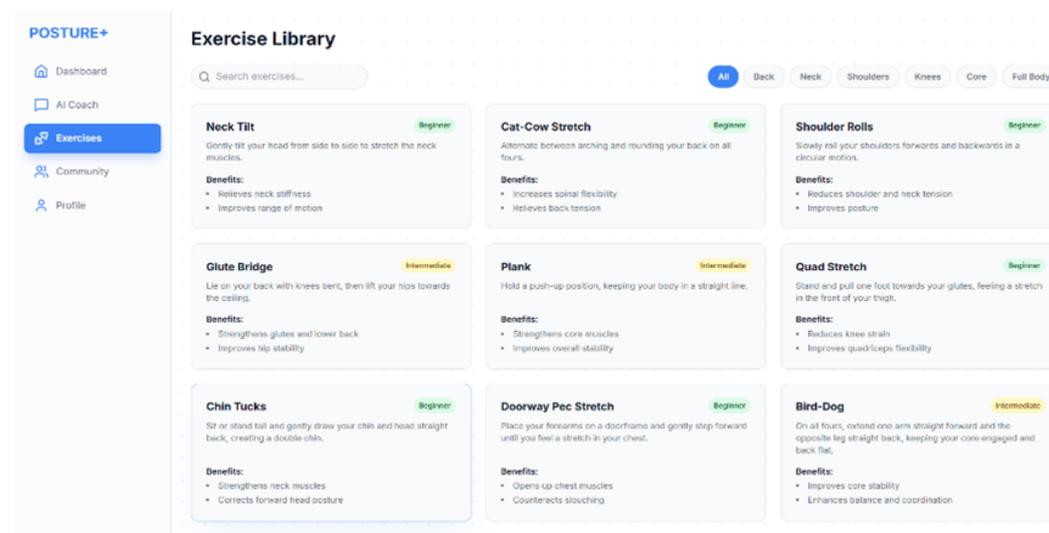


Fig. 5: AI-exercise suggestion

During testing, the models achieved a recognition accuracy ranging between 88% and 93% under standard lighting conditions and against neutral backgrounds. This performance demonstrates the effectiveness of the Random Forest Classifier in distinguishing between subtle hand movements and similar gesture patterns using the 21-hand landmark features extracted by Mediapipe. The models were further tested under different environmental conditions, including variations in illumination,





camera angle, and background noise. Despite these changes, the system maintained consistent performance, with only minor fluctuations in accuracy. This confirms the robustness and generalization capability of the trained models, making them adaptable to real-world scenarios where conditions are rarely uniform.

A key factor contributing to the system's effectiveness is its word formation and stabilization logic, which introduces a short delay between consecutive predictions. This delay prevents rapid fluctuations or repeated alphabet detections, ensuring that transitions between letters appear smooth and natural. As a result, the system produces coherent and readable word outputs, significantly improving user experience and communication clarity. This mechanism effectively bridges the gap between static gesture recognition and continuous, meaningful word generation — a crucial feature for real-time sign interpretation. The real-time prediction pipeline, built with OpenCV for video streaming and Mediapipe for landmark tracking, consistently delivered smooth and stable frame rates on standard systems without the need for GPU acceleration. This confirms the system's computational efficiency and accessibility, making it suitable for deployment even on mid-range laptops or personal computers. The combination of optimized preprocessing, efficient model inference, and controlled frame handling ensures minimal latency, enabling users to communicate without noticeable delays during interaction.

The integration of the pyttsx3 text-to-speech engine added an essential auditory dimension to the system. Each recognized word was instantly converted into clear and natural speech, allowing real-time vocal feedback. Since pyttsx3 operates offline, this feature remains functional even without internet access an important advantage for accessibility and portability. Additionally, the Google Translate API enriched the system's capabilities by providing instant multilingual translation. Recognized words were translated into the user's preferred language, broadening the system's reach and enabling communication across linguistic boundaries. This dual functionality of speech synthesis and translation makes the system not only intelligent but also deeply inclusive. The results demonstrate that the fusion of computer vision, machine learning, and natural language processing technologies creates a highly inclusive and user-friendly communication platform. The system successfully bridges the gap between hearing-impaired users and non-signers, transforming hand gestures into spoken and translated words with impressive accuracy and responsiveness.

Its ability to handle both ASL and ISL gestures, maintain stable performance across varied conditions, and generate multilingual speech output highlights its real-world practicality. The outcomes affirm that this integrated approach not only promotes technological innovation but also fosters social inclusion and accessibility, empowering individuals with speech and hearing impairments to communicate more freely and effectively.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Posture+ paper stands as a major driver in the digital transformation of healthcare, evolving from simple virtual therapy to a fully integrated Digital Musculoskeletal (MSK) Clinic. Its core innovation, the TrueMotion system, uses AI and computer vision to deliver real-time corrective





feedback with sub-200ms latency—ensuring clinical accuracy equivalent to in-person care. This, combined with behavioral design strategies like micro-dosed sessions, significantly boosts patient adherence and outcomes. AI assistants such as Robin automate routine tasks, enabling physical therapists and health coaches to work with maximum efficiency and scalability. The platform’s robust HIPAA- and FDA-aligned architecture further strengthens its credibility. Overall, Posture+ delivers superior clinical results, major cost savings, and strong strategic value. With its advanced technological foundation, it is positioned to expand into other chronic care areas and set a new global standard for hybrid digital healthcare.

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