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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations	Meaning
2D	Two-dimensional
3D	Three-dimensional
AI	Artificial Intelligence
ANN	Artificial Neural Networks
BCE	Binary Cross-Entropy
BFMD	Black Face Mask Dataset
CDC	Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
CHREC	Covenant Health Research Ethics Committee
CIoU	Complete Intersection over Union
CITI	Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative
CLIP	Contrastive-Language Image Pretraining
CmBN	Cross-mini-Batch Normalization
CNN	Convolutional Neural Networks
Covid-19	Coronavirus disease of 2019
CPU	Central Processing Units
CSP	Cross Stage Partial
CSV	Comma Separated Values
CVPR	Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition
DenseNet	Dense Networks
DIoU	Distance Intersection over Union
DIoU-NMS	Distance Intersection over Union with Non-Maximum Suppression
DL	Deep Learning
DNN	Deep Neural Network
DPM	Deformable Part-based Model
EMA	Exponential Weighted Average
FCOS	Fully Convolutional One Stage Object Detection
FMDD	Face Mask Detection Dataset
FMLD	Face Mask Labelled Dataset
FN	False Negatives
FP	False Positives
FPN	Feature Pyramid Networks
fps	frame per seconds
GAN	Generative Adversarial Networks
GFLOPs	Giga Floating Points Operations Per Seconds
GIoU	Generalized Intersection over Union
GPU	Graphics Processing Units
HIoU	Harmonic Intersection over Union
HOG	Histogram of Oriented Gradients
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
ILSVRC	ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge
IOU	Intersection over Union
JSON	JavaScript Object Notation
LFW	Labelled Face in the Wild
LIDAR	Light Detection and Ranging

Abbreviations	Meaning
MAFA	Masked Faces
mAP	mean Average Precision
MFDD	Masked Face Detection Dataset
MFN	MaskedFaceNet
MiWRC	Multi-input Weighted Residual Connection
ML	Machine Learning
MLP	Multi-Layer Perceptrons
MMD	Medical Mask Dataset
MS COCO	Microsoft Common Object in Context
NLP	Natural Language Processing
PAN	Path Aggregation Networks
PANet	Path Aggregation Networks
PIoU	Pixel Intersection over Union
Pr	Probability
Q-learning	Quality (of estimated utility function) - learning
R-CNN	Region-based Convolutional Neural Networks
ReLU	Rectified Linear Units
ResNet	Residual Networks
RFB	Receptive Field Block Network
R-FCN	Region-based Fully Connected Networks
RMFRD	Real-world Mask Face Recognition Dataset
RPN	Region Proposal Networks
SAM	Spatial Attention Module
SIFT	Shift Invariant Feature Transforms
SMFRD	Simulated Masked Face Recognition Dataset
SPP	Spatial Pyramid Pooling
SSD	Single Shot Multibox Detectors
SSL	Semi-Supervised Machine Learning
SVM	Support Vector Machines
TP	True Positives
TXT	Text
VOC	Visual Object Classes
WF	WilderFace
WHO	World Health Organization
XML	Extensible Markup Language
YOLO	You Only Look Once
YOLOv1	You Only Look Once version 1
YOLOv2	You Only Look Once version 2
YOLOv3	You Only Look Once version 3
YOLOv4	You Only Look Once version 4
YOLOv5	You Only Look Once version 5
YOLOv5l	You Only Look Once version 5 large size
YOLOv5m	You Only Look Once version 5 medium size
YOLOv5s	You Only Look Once version 5 small size
YOLOv5x	You Only Look Once version 5 extra-large size
YOLOX	You Only Look Once version X

ABSTRACT

The Corona Virus Disease (Covid-19) spread has led to many infection cases with several resulting deaths. The increasing number of new Covid-19 variants has reinforced the need to develop a proactive critical preparedness, readiness response action plan. This study aims to develop a lightweight model for detecting face mask-wearing positions using a locally generated dataset of black people. A six-fold methodology of dataset generation, data preprocessing, model selection, model training and validation, and model deployment was adopted for this study. A dataset of black people from three universities in Nigeria was generated for males and females, indicating four distinct face mask-wearing positions and eight classes, using a digital camera, smartphones and medical face mask. The images were subject to preprocessing such as cropping, resizing, labelling and data augmentation. The generated dataset was used to train a modified YOLOv5s model and deployed using Roboflow's webcam platform and local PC with Pycharm IDE. The developed model achieved 94.2% mAP, 94% recall, and 79% precision on Roboflow's platform after training for 250 epochs. Training on Google Colab platform for 100 epochs resulted in 91.5% mAP, 91.4% recall and a precision of 86.8%. A dataset called "Black Face Mask Dataset" was generated from this study, with 13 different annotation formats. This study's outcome will be beneficial to researchers in computer vision and the government of developing countries. The generated dataset can be merged with the existing face mask detection dataset to achieve a better model with good black people representation. the eight classes can be merged into smaller classes based on the application requirement to produce higher object numbers per class. The developed model can be cloned from GitHub for easy integration without the need for retraining.

Keywords: Object detection, Image classification, Covid-19 prevention, Face mask detection, Black-coloured people, Deep learning.