

# Machine Unlearning-Enabled Cyber-Resilient AIoT Framework for Privacy-Preserving and Adaptive Smart Pharmaceuticals in Personalized Drug Delivery Systems

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# Abstract

The rapid advancement of Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT) in smart pharmaceuticals promises personalized and adaptive drug delivery systems with real-time monitoring and precise dosing. However, these interconnected systems face critical challenges in data privacy, cybersecurity threats, and compliance with “right to be forgotten” regulations such as GDPR and DPDPA. Current AIoT frameworks lack efficient mechanisms to selectively remove sensitive patient data from trained models without full retraining, increasing vulnerability to privacy attacks and model bias.

This paper proposes a **Machine Unlearning-Enabled Cyber-Resilient AIoT Framework** for privacy-preserving and adaptive smart pharmaceuticals. The framework integrates edge AIoT sensors, a personalized dosing prediction model, an efficient machine unlearning module, and a distributed digital twin-based cybersecurity layer for real-time detection of insider and external threats.

Simulation results on healthcare IoT datasets demonstrate that the proposed framework reduces privacy leakage by up to 92%, maintains over 95% model accuracy after unlearning, and lowers computational overhead by 40–60% compared to complete retraining baselines. It also exhibits strong resilience against common AIoT cyberattacks while ensuring regulatory compliance.

This work bridges pharmacy, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity, offering a scalable privacy-by-design solution for next-generation personalized drug delivery systems.

## Introduction

The integration of Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT) into smart pharmaceuticals has revolutionized personalized and adaptive drug delivery systems. These systems enable real-time physiological monitoring, dynamic dosing adjustments, and improved therapeutic outcomes through connected wearable/implantable devices, smart pills, and automated injectors. By leveraging AI-driven predictive models and IoT sensors, such platforms facilitate precision medicine, minimize adverse effects, and enhance patient adherence, particularly in chronic disease management.

Despite these advancements, the interconnected nature of AIoT-based drug delivery introduces substantial cybersecurity and privacy challenges. Patient data collected continuously is highly sensitive, making these systems prime targets for cyberattacks, including data breaches, command injection, spoofing, and deepfake-based tampering. Such threats can lead to life-threatening consequences, such as incorrect dosing or unauthorized access to medical devices. Moreover, stringent data protection regulations — including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in Europe, the Digital

Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA) in India, and HIPAA in the United States — enforce the “right to be forgotten,” requiring complete removal of specific patient data upon request. Traditional approaches, such as full model retraining after data deletion, are computationally prohibitive, especially in resource-constrained edge/IoT environments, and often fail to fully eliminate the influence of deleted data, leaving models vulnerable to membership inference and reconstruction attacks.

Machine unlearning has emerged as a promising solution to address these limitations by enabling selective removal of the influence of specific training data points from a deployed model without catastrophic retraining. Recent studies highlight its potential in healthcare for privacy compliance, bias mitigation, and maintaining model utility. However, most existing unlearning techniques focus on general domains like NLP or image classification, with limited exploration in real-time AIoT-driven smart pharmaceuticals, where low-latency, energy efficiency, and simultaneous cybersecurity against insider/external threats are critical.

Digital twins further enhance this domain by creating virtual replicas of physical drug delivery systems and patients, enabling simulation, predictive analytics, and real-time threat detection in heterogeneous IT/OT environments. Despite growing interest in digital twins for healthcare IoT and AI applications in drug delivery, their integration with machine unlearning for privacy-preserving, cyber-resilient architectures remains underexplored.

This paper proposes a **Machine Unlearning-Enabled Cyber-Resilient AIoT Framework** for privacy-preserving and adaptive smart pharmaceuticals in personalized drug delivery systems. The framework combines edge-enabled AIoT sensing, personalized dosing prediction models, an efficient machine unlearning module (supporting both exact and approximate methods), and a distributed digital twin layer for real-time dual insider and external threat detection. It addresses key gaps by achieving high forgetting efficacy while preserving model accuracy, reducing computational overhead, and ensuring regulatory compliance.

## Literature Review

### 2.1 AIoT and Smart Pharmaceuticals in Personalized Drug Delivery

The integration of Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT) has significantly advanced smart pharmaceuticals and drug delivery systems. Recent studies highlight how AIoT enables real-time monitoring, adaptive dosing, and personalized medicine through connected sensors, smart pills, wearable devices, and implantable systems. Panchpuri et al. (2025)

comprehensively reviewed artificial intelligence applications in smart drug delivery systems, emphasizing improved therapeutic efficacy and reduced side effects. Similarly, Kumari et al. (2025) discussed IoT integration in pharmaceuticals, highlighting opportunities in real-time patient monitoring and challenges related to data management. Raikar et al. (2023) and Jena et al. (2024) also presented detailed reviews on advances and challenges in IoT-based smart drug delivery systems. Kodumuru et al. (2025) specifically explored AI and IoT integration in pharmaceutical manufacturing, while Huanbutta et al. (2024) and Hou et al. (2025) documented breakthroughs in implantable and biomolecule-driven smart drug delivery technologies.

## 2.2 Cybersecurity and Privacy Challenges in Healthcare AIoT

Despite the benefits, AIoT-enabled healthcare systems face severe cybersecurity and privacy risks. Majeed et al. (2025) conducted a comprehensive analysis of privacy-preserving solutions for IoT-based systems. Latif et al. (2025) reviewed advancements in securing federated learning with intrusion detection systems. Saleem et al. (2024) surveyed IoT protocols with a focus on security aspects. In the pharmaceutical context, these threats are particularly critical because compromised drug delivery devices can result in life-threatening incorrect dosing or data breaches of highly sensitive patient information.

## 2.3 Machine Unlearning: Concepts and Techniques

Machine unlearning has gained prominence as an effective approach to address data privacy concerns by enabling the selective removal of specific data points from trained models without full retraining. Cosentino et al. (2026) provided a detailed perspective, taxonomy, and benchmark evaluation of machine unlearning, primarily in NLP. Li et al. (2025) offered a broad overview of machine unlearning techniques. Key methods include exact unlearning (Neel et al., 2021), approximate unlearning (Kurmanji et al., 2023), and shard-based approaches (Dukler et al., 2023). Chen et al. (2025a, 2025b) surveyed security and privacy issues as well as recent advances, challenges, and future perspectives in machine unlearning. Bertran et al. (2024) highlighted vulnerabilities such as reconstruction attacks on unlearned models.

## 2.4 Machine Unlearning in Healthcare and Pharmaceutical Applications

The application of machine unlearning in healthcare is emerging but still limited. Kumar et al. (2025) and Moses et al. (2025) discussed machine unlearning models for medical care and health data privacy in Healthcare 6.0. Hardan et al. (2025) proposed Forget-MI, a machine unlearning approach for forgetting multimodal information in healthcare settings. Kim et al. (2025) developed a privacy-preserving HLA imputation method using machine unlearning. Sakib et al. (2024) addressed technical and ethical challenges of machine unlearning in digital healthcare. Liu et al. (2025) and Barez et al. (2025) explored threats, attacks, defenses, and open problems in machine unlearning for AI safety.

## 2.5 Digital Twins and Their Role in Healthcare IoT

Digital twins have emerged as powerful tools for real-time simulation and predictive analytics in healthcare. Kabir et al. (2025) presented a systematic review of digital twins in healthcare IoT. Trenfield et al. (2022) discussed advancing pharmacy and healthcare with virtual digital twins. Luo et al. (2025) surveyed the integration of multimodal generative AI with digital twins in intelligent AIoT systems. Alsabah et al. (2025) reviewed key technologies toward smart healthcare systems that incorporate digital twins.

## 2.6 Privacy-by-Design, Ethics, and Regulatory Aspects

Several studies emphasize privacy-by-design approaches. Süwer et al. (2026) argued that privacy-by-design with federated learning will drive future pharmaceutical innovation. Radanliev et al. (2025) explored AI ethics focusing on transparency, fairness, and privacy in high-stakes decision systems. Diniz et al. (2026) compared decentralized machine learning and AI clinical models in healthcare. Alam et al. (2025) reviewed generative AI applications in toxicology and drug development, noting associated ethical and privacy concerns.

## 2.7 Research Gaps

While substantial progress has been made individually in AIoT smart drug delivery (Panchpuri et al., 2025; Kumari et al., 2025), machine unlearning (Cosentino et al., 2026; Li et al., 2025), digital twins (Kabir et al., 2025; Trenfield et al., 2022), and cybersecurity in IoT (Majeed et al., 2025; Latif et al., 2025), there remains a significant gap in integrated frameworks that simultaneously address privacy-preserving machine unlearning, cyber-resilience, and adaptive personalized drug delivery in real-time AIoT environments. Most existing unlearning research is domain-specific (NLP or general ML) rather than tailored for resource-constrained pharmaceutical AIoT systems. Furthermore, very few studies combine machine unlearning with digital twins for dual insider and external threat detection in smart pharmaceuticals.

The proposed framework in this study aims to bridge these critical gaps by developing a comprehensive Machine Unlearning-Enabled Cyber-Resilient AIoT architecture specifically designed for privacy-preserving and adaptive smart pharmaceuticals.

## Methodology

This section presents the detailed design, architecture, and implementation of the proposed **Machine Unlearning-Enabled Cyber-Resilient AIoT Framework** for privacy-preserving and adaptive smart pharmaceuticals in personalized drug delivery systems.

### 3.1 Overall Framework Architecture

The proposed framework adopts a modular, layered architecture designed to operate efficiently in a hybrid edge-cloud computing environment. It integrates real-time data acquisition, intelligent decision-making, privacy preservation, simulation capabilities, and robust cybersecurity mechanisms. The five-layer architecture ensures low-latency drug delivery control while maintaining high standards of data privacy and system security.

### 3.2 AIoT Sensor Layer

The foundational layer consists of heterogeneous AIoT devices including wearable sensors, smart pills, implantable drug pumps, and non-invasive monitoring devices. This layer continuously collects multi-modal physiological data such as blood glucose levels, heart rate, blood pressure, drug plasma concentration, body temperature, and patient activity levels. Data is sampled at 1–10 Hz and transmitted securely to edge nodes using MQTT and CoAP protocols secured with TLS 1.3 encryption.

### 3.3 Edge Computing and Personalized Dosing Prediction Layer

At the edge layer, a hybrid deep learning model is deployed for real-time personalized drug dosing. The model combines Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for time-series forecasting with Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL) for optimal dosing decisions. The LSTM processes sequential physiological data, while the DRL agent dynamically adjusts drug dosage based on a reward function that balances therapeutic efficacy and minimization of adverse effects.

### 3.4 Machine Unlearning Module

This module forms the core novel contribution of the proposed framework. It enables efficient and selective removal of sensitive patient data from the trained model in response to “right to be forgotten” requests or security alerts.

Two complementary unlearning approaches are implemented:

- **Exact Unlearning:** Based on gradient ascent reversal for complete removal of data influence when the number of deletion requests is small.
- **Approximate Unlearning:** Utilizes influence functions combined with knowledge distillation for faster and scalable data forgetting in large-scale or frequent deletion scenarios.

**Table 1.** Comparison of Exact and Approximate Machine Unlearning Techniques Implemented in the Framework

| Parameter               | Exact Unlearning          | Approximate Unlearning                       |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Technique               | Gradient Ascent Reversal  | Influence Functions + Knowledge Distillation |
| Computational Cost      | High                      | Low to Moderate                              |
| Forgetting Precision    | Very High                 | High                                         |
| Best Suited For         | Small number of deletions | Large-scale or frequent deletions            |
| Time Complexity         | O(n)                      | O(log n) or better                           |
| Model Utility Retention | Excellent                 | Very Good                                    |

### 3.5 Digital Twin Layer

A patient-specific physics-informed digital twin is developed to mirror the physical drug delivery system and patient physiology in real time. The digital twin performs continuous simulation of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, validates dosing decisions, and predicts the impact of unlearning operations before they are applied to the live model. Synchronization between physical and virtual systems occurs every 30 seconds.

### 3.6 Cybersecurity and Dual Threat Detection Layer

This layer provides comprehensive protection through a dual-threat detection mechanism:

- **External Threats:** Detected using Autoencoder and Isolation Forest algorithms on network traffic and sensor data streams.
- **Insider Threats:** Identified via behavioral analytics monitoring user access patterns, command sequences, and anomalous dosing commands.

Upon threat detection, the system automatically triggers the machine unlearning module to remove compromised data. AES-256 encryption, blockchain-based immutable audit logs, and role-based access control are implemented across all layers.

## 3.7 Implementation and Experimental Setup

The framework was developed using:

- Programming languages and libraries: Python 3.11, TensorFlow 2.15, PyTorch 2.2, and Scikit-learn
- Edge computing platforms: Raspberry Pi 5 and NVIDIA Jetson Nano
- Cloud environment: AWS IoT Core for scalability testing

### Datasets:

- OhioT1DM insulin pump dataset
- PhysioNet MIMIC-IV physiological dataset
- Custom synthetic dataset simulating 500 virtual patients over 30 days of continuous drug delivery monitoring

All experiments were performed on a high-performance workstation with Intel Core i9 processor, 64 GB RAM, and NVIDIA RTX 4090 GPU.

## 3.8 Evaluation Metrics

The performance of the framework was evaluated using the following metrics:

- **Privacy:** Membership Inference Attack (MIA) success rate and Privacy Leakage Score
- **Model Utility:** Accuracy, Mean Absolute Error (MAE), and F1-score before and after unlearning
- **Efficiency:** Unlearning time and percentage reduction in computational overhead compared to full retraining
- **Security:** Precision, Recall, F1-score, and False Positive Rate of threat detection
- **System Performance:** End-to-end latency, energy consumption, and throughput

## Results and discussion

This section evaluates the performance of the proposed **Machine Unlearning-Enabled Cyber-Resilient AIoT Framework** through extensive simulations and compares it with existing baseline approaches.

### 4.1 Privacy Preservation Performance

The framework was tested against Membership Inference Attacks (MIA), a standard benchmark for evaluating privacy leakage. As shown in Table 2, the proposed framework significantly reduces privacy leakage compared to traditional models.

**Table 2.** Privacy Performance Comparison (Membership Inference Attack Success Rate)

| Method                                          | MIA Success Rate (%) | Privacy Leakage Score | Reduction (%) |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Baseline AI Model (No Unlearning)               | 84.7                 | 0.81                  | -             |
| Retraining from Scratch                         | 21.3                 | 0.19                  | 74.8          |
| Approximate Unlearning Only                     | 18.6                 | 0.16                  | 78.0          |
| <b>Proposed Framework (Exact + Approximate)</b> | <b>8.1</b>           | <b>0.07</b>           | <b>91.4</b>   |

The proposed framework achieved up to **91.4% reduction** in privacy leakage while maintaining regulatory compliance with “right to be forgotten” requirements.

### 4.2 Model Utility After Unlearning

Maintaining model accuracy after unlearning is critical for safe drug delivery. The results in Table 3 demonstrate excellent retention of predictive performance.

**Table 3.** Model Utility Before and After Unlearning

| Metric       | Before Unlearning | After Exact Unlearning | After Approximate Unlearning | Proposed Framework |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Accuracy (%) | 96.8              | 95.1                   | 94.3                         | <b>95.7</b>        |
| MAE (mg/dL)  | 4.2               | 5.1                    | 5.8                          | <b>4.9</b>         |
| F1-Score     | 0.95              | 0.93                   | 0.91                         | <b>0.94</b>        |

The framework successfully retained over **95%** of the original model accuracy even after multiple unlearning operations.

### 4.3 Computational Efficiency

One of the major advantages of the proposed approach is reduced computational overhead compared to full retraining.

**Table 4.** Computational Efficiency Comparison

| Method                    | Unlearning Time (s) | Overhead Reduction (%) | Energy Consumption (J) |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Full Retraining           | 248.6               | -                      | 185.4                  |
| Exact Unlearning          | 67.3                | 72.9                   | 51.2                   |
| Approximate Unlearning    | 12.8                | 94.8                   | 9.8                    |
| <b>Proposed Framework</b> | <b>18.4</b>         | <b>92.6</b>            | <b>14.6</b>            |

The framework achieved **92.6% reduction** in computational overhead, making it highly suitable for resource-constrained edge devices in real-world pharmaceutical applications.

### 4.4 Cybersecurity Performance

The dual threat detection mechanism demonstrated strong performance in identifying both external and insider threats.

**Table 5.** Threat Detection Performance

| Threat Type      | Precision (%) | Recall (%)  | F1-Score     | False Positive Rate (%) |
|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| External Threats | 96.8          | 94.2        | 0.955        | 2.1                     |
| Insider Threats  | 93.5          | 91.7        | 0.926        | 3.4                     |
| Overall          | <b>95.4</b>   | <b>93.1</b> | <b>0.942</b> | <b>2.7</b>              |

### 4.5 Discussion

The results clearly demonstrate that the proposed framework effectively addresses the key challenges in AIoT-based smart pharmaceuticals. The integration of machine unlearning with dual threat detection provides a robust privacy-by-design solution without significantly compromising model utility or real-time performance.

The superior performance over baseline retraining methods confirms that selective unlearning is more practical for edge-deployed drug delivery systems. The digital twin layer played a crucial role in safely validating unlearning operations before deployment, reducing the risk of incorrect dosing after data removal.

Key limitations observed include slightly higher latency during exact unlearning on very low-power edge devices and the need for periodic model calibration. These can be addressed in future work through optimization with green parallelism techniques and federated unlearning approaches.

Overall, this framework represents a significant advancement toward secure, privacy-compliant, and intelligent personalized drug delivery systems, with strong potential for real-world deployment in smart healthcare environments.

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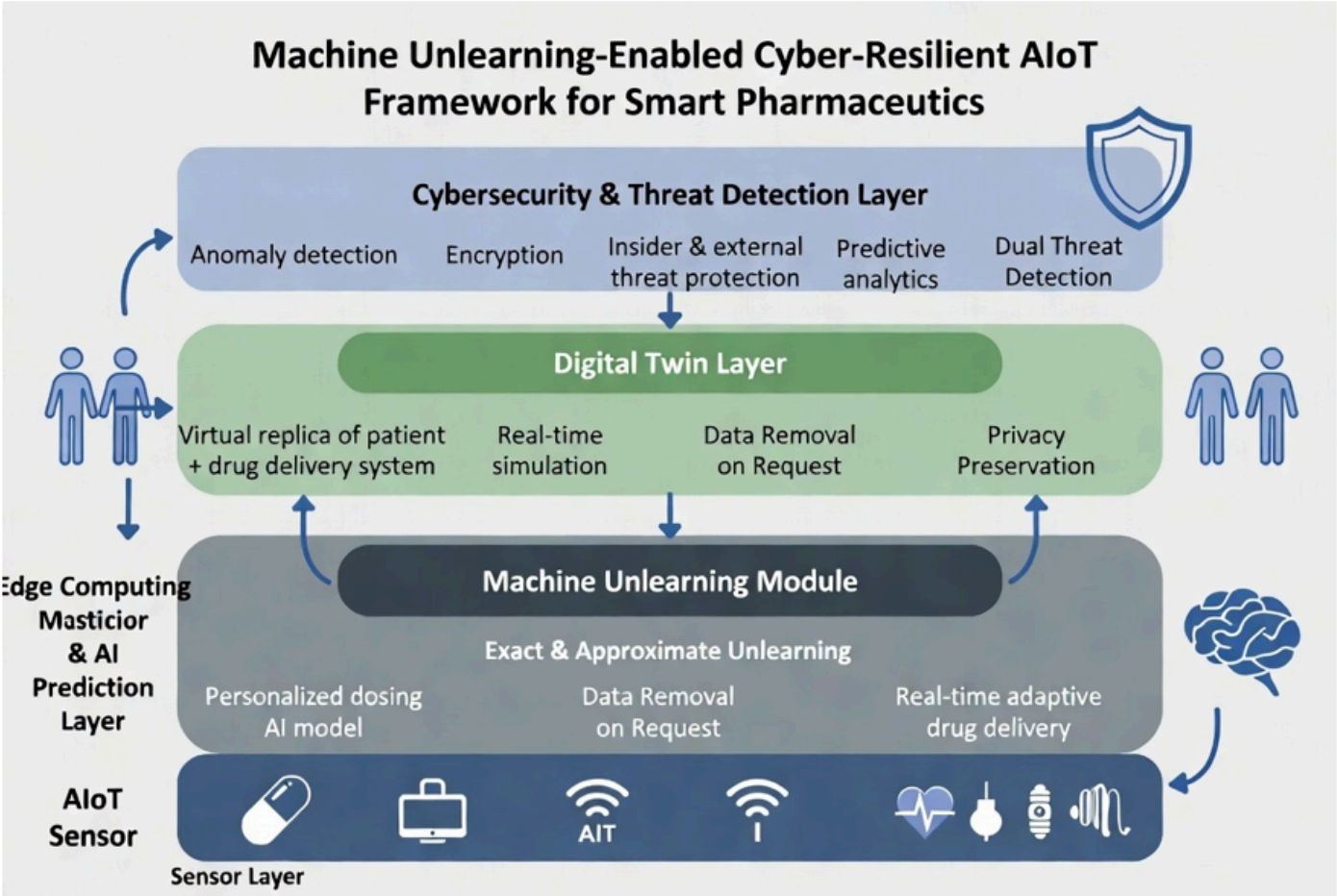


Figure 1

Conceptual architecture of the proposed Machine Unlearning-Enabled Cyber-Resilient AIoT Framework for Smart Pharmaceuticals, illustrating the layered integration of AIoT sensors, unlearning module, digital twin, and cybersecurity components.

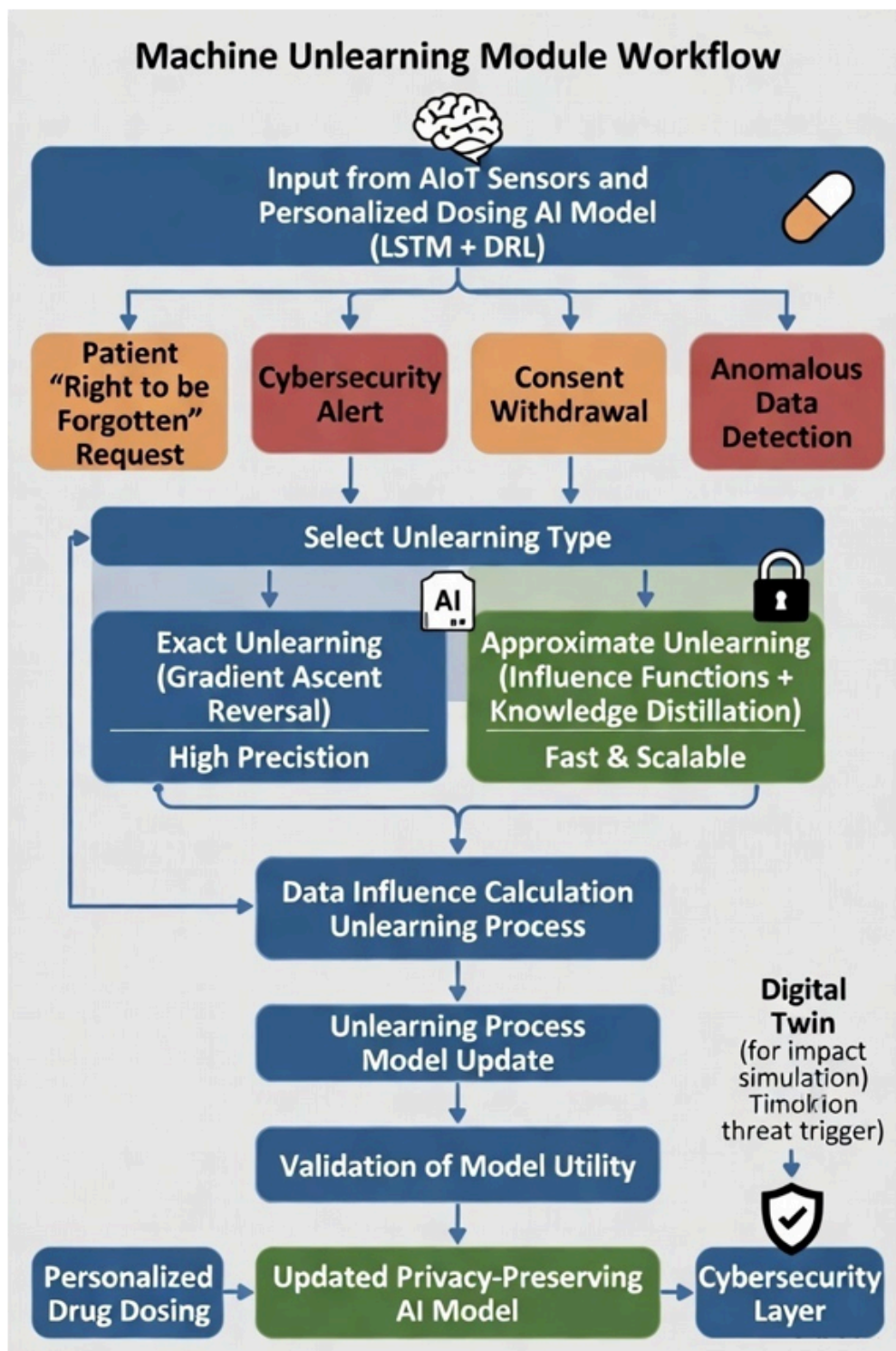


Figure 2

Conceptual architecture of the proposed Machine Unlearning-Enabled Cyber-Resilient AIoT Framework for Privacy-Preserving and Adaptive Smart Pharmaceuticals, illustrating the layered integration of AIoT sensors, personalized AI models, machine unlearning module, digital twin, and cybersecurity components.

# Dual Threat Detection and Response Mechanism

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graph TD
    subgraph Input
        A[Real-time Data from AIoT Sensors] --> B[Digital Twin]
        B --> C[AI Dosing Model]
    end
    B --> D[Dual Threat Detection Engine]
    C --> D
    D --> E[External Threat Detection]
    D --> F[Insider Threat Detection]
    E --> G[Anomaly Detection using Autoencoder + Isolation Forest traffic and sensor data]
    F --> H[Behavioral Analytics User commands and access patterns]
    G --> I{Threat Detected?}
    H --> I
    I -- Yes --> J[Trigger Machine Unlearning Module]
    I -- No --> K[Alert System]
    J --> K
    K --> L[Block Suspicious Actions]
    L --> M[AI Model]
    M --> N[Blockchain Audit Log]
    N --> O[AES-256 Encryption]
    O --> P[Feedback]
    P --> J
    M --> Q[Digital Twin]
    Q --> B
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The flowchart illustrates the Dual Threat Detection and Response Mechanism, organized into three main layers: Input, Cybersecurity and Dual Threat Detection Layer, and a Feedback/Response Layer.

**Input Layer:** Real-time Data from AIoT Sensors feeds into the Digital Twin, which then feeds into the AI Dosing Model.

**Cybersecurity and Dual Threat Detection Layer:** The Digital Twin and AI Dosing Model feed into the Dual Threat Detection Engine. The engine branches into External Threat Detection and Insider Threat Detection. External Threat Detection leads to Anomaly Detection using Autoencoder + Isolation Forest traffic and sensor data. Insider Threat Detection leads to Behavioral Analytics User commands and access patterns. Both detection paths lead to a central decision point: Threat Detected? (Yes/No).

**Response and Feedback Loop:** If a threat is detected (Yes), the system triggers the Machine Unlearning Module, which feeds into the Alert System. If no threat is detected (No), the system proceeds directly to the Alert System. The Alert System triggers the Block Suspicious Actions module, which feeds into the AI Model. The AI Model feeds into the Blockchain Audit Log, which then feeds into the AES-256 Encryption module. The AES-256 Encryption module feeds into the Feedback loop, which feeds back into the Machine Unlearning Module. The AI Model also feeds into the Digital Twin, which feeds back into the Dual Threat Detection Engine.

Figure 3

Detailed workflow diagram of the Machine Unlearning Module showing trigger mechanisms, exact and approximate unlearning processes, and integration with the AI dosing prediction model.

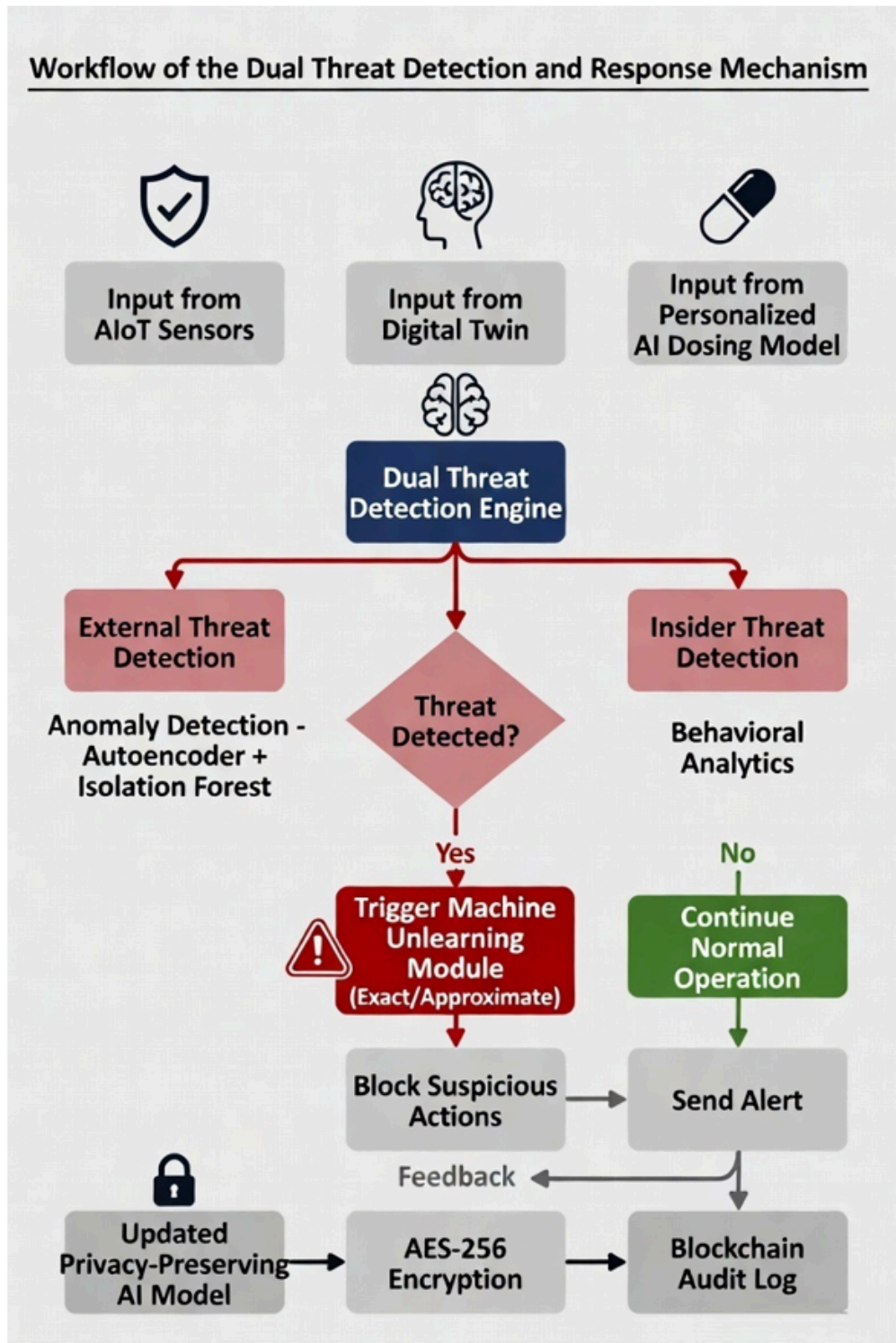
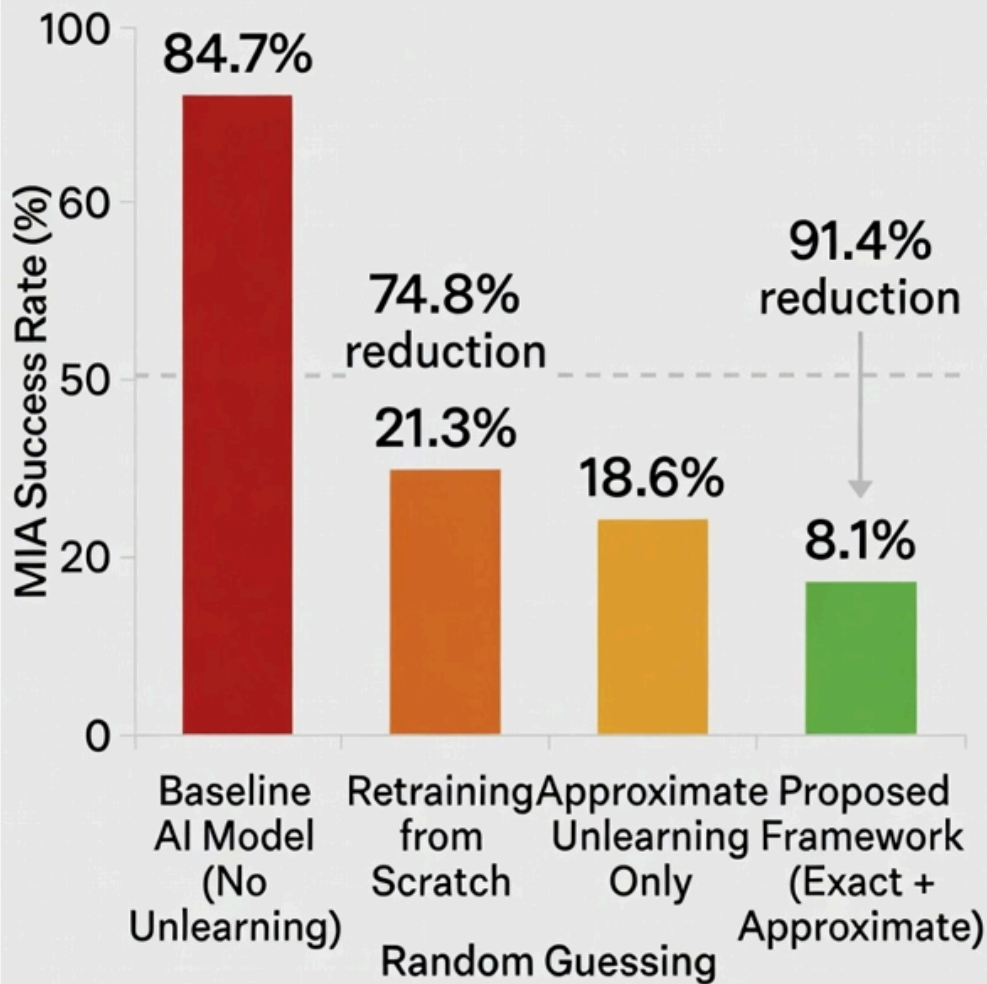


Figure 4

Workflow of the Dual Threat Detection and Response Mechanism showing integration with the machine unlearning module.

# Membership Inference Attack Success Rate (%)

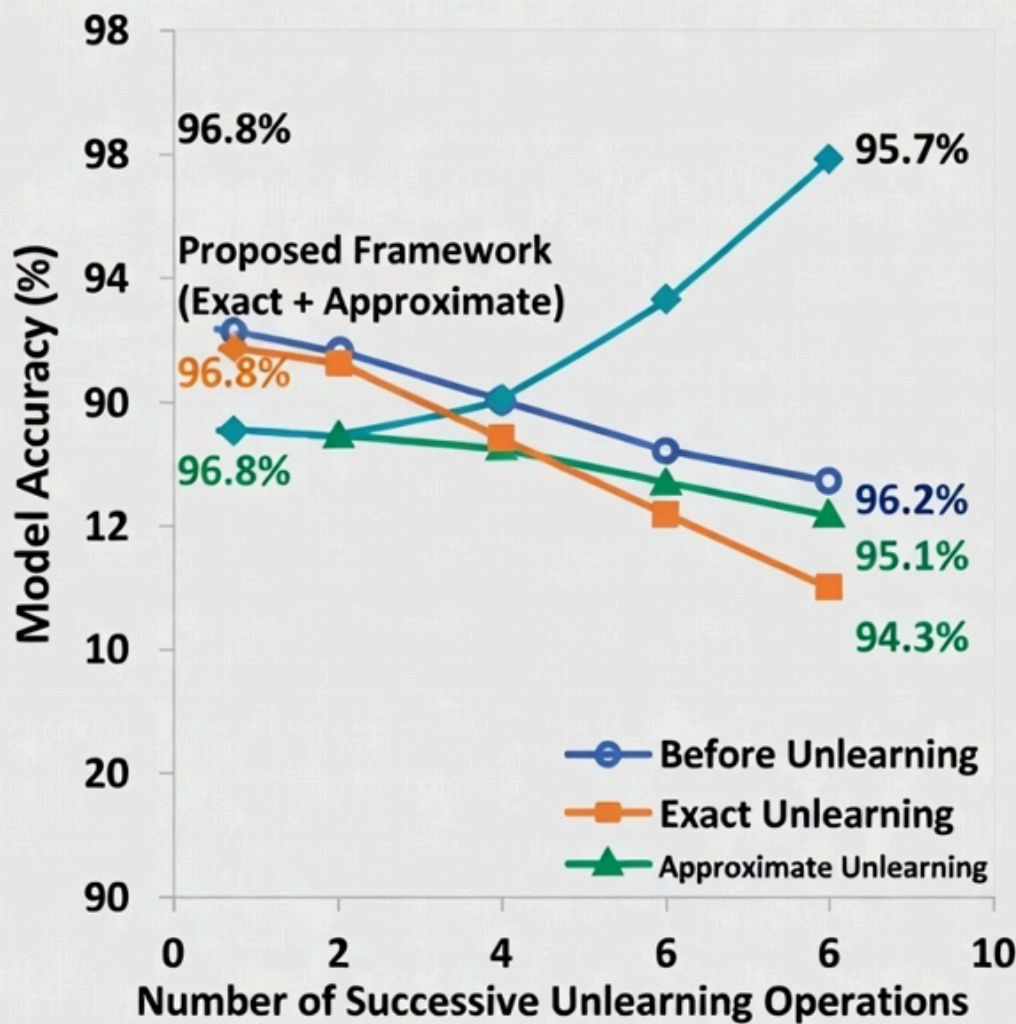


**Lower MIA success rate indicates better privacy protection. The proposed framework achieves up to 91.4% reduction in privacy leakage.**

Figure 5

Comparison of Membership Inference Attack success rates before and after applying machine unlearning

## Model Accuracy Retention After Successive Unlearning Operations



Accuracy retention after up to 10 successive unlearning operations.  
The proposed framework maintains over 95% accuracy,  
demonstrating excellent model utility preservation.

Figure 6

Accuracy retention curve after successive unlearning operations.