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PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript is significant for the scientific community as it provides a comprehensive review of the role of machine learning in enhancing cybersecurity. It offers valuable insights into how machine learning techniques can be leveraged to detect, analyze, and respond to evolving cyber threats, addressing the limitations of traditional security approaches. By categorizing and evaluating various machine learning applications in cybersecurity, the study contributes to a deeper understanding of their effectiveness and potential improvements. Furthermore, it identifies current challenges and future research directions, encouraging further advancements in the field to develop more robust and adaptive security frameworks.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The current title of the article, "A Review of Machine Learning's Roles in Enhancing Cybersecurity," is suitable as it clearly conveys the core focus of the study – the application of machine learning in cybersecurity. However, to make the title more precise and appealing to a broader scientific audience, an alternative title could be: "Enhancing Cybersecurity with Machine Learning: A Comprehensive Review of Applications, Challenges, and Future Directions" This revised title emphasizes the broad scope of the review while highlighting key aspects such as applications, challenges, and future opportunities in the field.	

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<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>The abstract of the article provides a broad overview of the importance of machine learning in cybersecurity, highlighting its benefits and potential future advancements. However, it could be improved by incorporating the following suggestions:</p> <p>Suggested Additions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specific Machine Learning Techniques: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mentioning specific ML techniques (e.g., supervised learning, unsupervised learning, deep learning) that are commonly used in cybersecurity would enhance the comprehensiveness of the abstract. 2. Challenges and Limitations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Including a brief mention of the challenges, such as false positives, adversarial attacks, and data privacy concerns, would present a balanced view of ML applications in cybersecurity. 3. Key Findings and Contributions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlighting major findings or contributions from the review, such as insights into the most effective ML methods or gaps in current research, would add value. 4. Future Research Directions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A brief mention of future research opportunities or areas that require more attention could provide a forward-looking perspective. <p>Suggested Deletions or Refinements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Redundant Phrases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some parts of the abstract repeat similar ideas (e.g., "the necessity of safeguarding sensitive information" and "protecting critical assets"). Consolidating these ideas could make the abstract more concise. 2. Clarification of the Void in the Field: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The phrase "a void exists in the field" could be refined to specify whether it refers to a lack of understanding, research, or practical implementation. <p>Suggested Revised Abstract: <i>"Machine learning (ML) has emerged as a crucial tool in enhancing cybersecurity by enabling efficient detection, analysis, and mitigation of cyber threats. This review provides a comprehensive analysis of ML applications in cybersecurity, covering techniques such as anomaly detection, malware identification, and threat intelligence integration. Despite its advantages over traditional methods, challenges such as data privacy, adversarial attacks, and the need for continuous adaptation remain significant. The study highlights key research contributions and identifies areas for future exploration to enhance the effectiveness and robustness of ML-driven cybersecurity frameworks."</i></p> <p>Implementing these suggestions would make the abstract more informative and aligned with the scientific community's expectations.</p> <p>4o</p>	
<p>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</p>	<p>The manuscript appears to be scientifically accurate, as it provides a thorough analysis of the role of machine learning (ML) in cybersecurity, supported by relevant literature and citations from credible sources. It outlines various applications of ML in cybersecurity, such as anomaly detection, malware identification, and threat intelligence integration, which are well-documented and widely recognized in the field. The discussion of ML techniques, including supervised and unsupervised learning, aligns with established cybersecurity methodologies.</p> <p>However, to ensure complete scientific accuracy, the following aspects should be reviewed and potentially improved:</p> <p>Citations and References:</p> <p>Verify that all claims and data points are appropriately cited from credible sources. Some statements could benefit from additional citations to strengthen their validity.</p> <p>Technical Depth:</p> <p>While the paper covers the topic comprehensively, providing more technical depth on ML algorithms and their specific implementation in cybersecurity scenarios could enhance scientific rigor.</p>	

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	<p>Comparative Analysis:</p> <p>A comparative discussion of different ML techniques with their strengths and weaknesses in cybersecurity applications could provide a more balanced scientific perspective.</p> <p>Clarity of Terminology:</p> <p>Ensure that all technical terms are well-defined and consistently used throughout the manuscript to prevent ambiguity.</p> <p>Experimental Validation:</p> <p>If applicable, incorporating empirical data or case studies demonstrating the real-world application and effectiveness of ML in cybersecurity could further validate the claims made.</p> <p>Overall, the manuscript is scientifically correct but could benefit from additional refinements to enhance its credibility and depth.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p>	<p>The references provided in the manuscript cover a broad range of sources, including peer-reviewed articles and conference papers, and they seem relevant to the study of machine learning applications in cybersecurity. However, the following observations and suggestions can help improve the quality and comprehensiveness of the reference list:</p> <p>Observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficiency of References: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The manuscript includes a substantial number of references (over 30), covering various aspects of cybersecurity and machine learning. The references span multiple databases, including IEEE, Scopus, and Hindawi, which adds credibility to the literature used. Recency of References: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A significant portion of the references are recent (2020–2023), which ensures the content reflects the latest advancements in machine learning applications for cybersecurity. However, a few older references (before 2020) may need to be reviewed to ensure their continued relevance to current cybersecurity challenges and solutions. Diversity of Sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the references include studies on different ML techniques and their applications, adding more sources that focus on emerging areas such as deep learning for cybersecurity, zero-trust architectures, and adversarial attacks could strengthen the discussion. <p>Suggestions for Additional References: To further enrich the manuscript, consider adding the following recent and relevant sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Deep Learning for Cybersecurity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H. Xu, Y. Qi, and B. Xu, "Deep Learning for Cybersecurity: Threats and Defense," <i>IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems</i>, 2023. M. Rigaki and S. Garcia, "Bringing a GAN to a Knife-fight: Adversarial Training for Network Security," <i>Proceedings of the 2021 ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security</i>. Adversarial Attacks and Defense Mechanisms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N. Carlini and D. Wagner, "Adversarial Examples Are Not Easily Detected," <i>IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy</i>, 2022. A. Kurakin et al., "Adversarial Machine Learning at Scale," <i>arXiv preprint arXiv:1611.01236</i>, 2021. AI-Based Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H. Hindy et al., "A Taxonomy of Network Threats and the Effect of Current Datasets on Intrusion Detection Systems," <i>IEEE Access</i>, 2022. Y. Meidan et al., "N-Balot: Network-Based Detection of IoT Botnet Attacks Using Deep Autoencoders," <i>IEEE Internet of Things Journal</i>, 2021. Future Trends in AI and Cybersecurity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> J. Pei et al., "A Survey of Deep Learning for Safe Autonomous Systems," <i>IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems</i>, 2023. K. Shaukat et al., "A Review of AI-Driven Approaches for Cyber Threat Intelligence and 	

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	<p><i>Detection," IEEE Access, 2022.</i></p> <p>Conclusion: The manuscript's references are generally sufficient and recent, but incorporating additional sources on deep learning, adversarial machine learning, and emerging cybersecurity threats would further enhance the depth and relevance of the literature review.</p>	
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<p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article are generally suitable for scholarly communications. The manuscript follows an academic tone, uses technical terminology relevant to cybersecurity and machine learning, and presents ideas in a structured manner. However, some areas could benefit from improvements to enhance clarity, readability, and professionalism.</p> <p>Strengths of the Language:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academic Tone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The article maintains a formal and scholarly tone appropriate for a research paper. ○ Terminology related to machine learning and cybersecurity is well-used. 2. Logical Flow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The manuscript follows a logical structure with well-defined sections (e.g., Introduction, Literature Review, Discussion, and Conclusion). 3. Technical Accuracy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The descriptions of machine learning applications are precise and align with standard academic discourse. <p>Areas for Improvement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grammar and Sentence Structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some sentences are overly long and complex, which may affect readability. Breaking them into shorter, more concise sentences would improve clarity. ○ Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original: <i>"Machine learning generally produces models and algorithms independent of explicit programming."</i> ▪ Suggested: <i>"Machine learning creates models and algorithms without the need for explicit programming instructions."</i> 2. Repetitive Phrasing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certain ideas, such as the benefits of machine learning in cybersecurity, are repeated multiple times throughout the manuscript. Streamlining redundant content could improve readability and focus. 3. Transitions Between Sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some sections could benefit from smoother transitions to enhance the coherence of the document and guide the reader through the discussion more effectively. 4. Use of Passive Voice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The paper occasionally overuses passive voice, which can make the text sound impersonal or less engaging. Converting some passive sentences to active voice would enhance readability. 5. Typographical and Formatting Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensure consistency in font styles, headings, and citation formatting to meet academic journal standards. <p>Suggested Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider a professional proofreading service or grammar-checking tools such as Grammarly to refine language quality. • Ensure the writing style adheres to the target journal's guidelines, particularly concerning formatting, terminology, and citation style. <p>Conclusion: While the language quality of the manuscript is generally adequate for scholarly communication, addressing minor grammar issues, improving sentence structure, and enhancing clarity will make the paper more compelling and professional.</p> <p>40</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>Optional/General Comments: Clarity and Focus:</p> <p>The manuscript provides a comprehensive overview of machine learning applications in cybersecurity, but certain sections could benefit from a clearer focus. Streamlining content and avoiding repetitive points will help maintain reader engagement and enhance readability.</p> <p>Figures and Tables:</p> <p>Consider adding more visual elements such as charts, diagrams, or flowcharts to illustrate key concepts, particularly related to ML algorithms, cybersecurity threats, and their mitigation.</p>	

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	<p>Existing tables could also be refined for better presentation and readability.</p> <p>Practical Implications:</p> <p>The paper could benefit from a dedicated discussion on the practical implementation challenges of machine learning in real-world cybersecurity scenarios, such as computational requirements, ethical concerns, and regulatory constraints.</p> <p>Comparative Analysis:</p> <p>A comparative discussion of different ML techniques and their effectiveness in cybersecurity (e.g., comparing deep learning with traditional ML methods) would enhance the depth of analysis.</p> <p>Future Research Directions:</p> <p>The manuscript briefly touches on future research but could provide more concrete suggestions regarding emerging trends, such as explainable AI (XAI), federated learning, or edge AI in cybersecurity.</p> <p>Consistency and Formatting:</p> <p>Ensure uniform formatting of headings, subheadings, citations, and references to align with academic journal standards. Consistency in citation style (APA, IEEE, etc.) should be verified.</p> <p>Engagement with Recent Work:</p> <p>Including more recent studies from high-impact journals could strengthen the manuscript's credibility and demonstrate engagement with the latest developments in the field.</p> <p>Abstract Refinement:</p> <p>Revising the abstract to better reflect key contributions and findings of the study concisely can increase the paper's impact and readability.</p> <p>By addressing these aspects, the manuscript can further enhance its contribution to the cybersecurity and machine learning research community.</p>	
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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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