The rapid advancement in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) has paved way for innovative applications in medical informatics. Also, AI holds extreme potential in the optimization of Body Area Networks (BAN) for medical informatics applications. AI-based optimization in Body Area Networks for medical informatics applications presents a transformative paradigm shift in healthcare. AI-based optimization in BANs involves the development and deployment of AI algorithms to streamline data acquisition, processing, and decision-making processes. It encompasses various AI techniques, such as machine learning, deep learning, natural language processing, and computer vision. The future of AI-based optimization in BAN holds transformative possibilities with the emergence of Edge Computing (to reduce latency, enhance real-time data processing, and minimize the load on centralized systems), Interoperability (to enable seamless data exchange among different BAN devices), and Explainable AI (to gain the trust of medical professionals and patients). It can assist in developing personalized treatment plans and interventions, thereby improving patient outcomes and reducing the burden on healthcare resources. Nonetheless, several challenges are yet to be overcome. Data security and privacy are among the most significant issues. The sensitive nature of the data collected by BAN necessitates robust security measures to prevent breaches and ensure privacy. AI algorithms can both pose and solve these issues, with advancements in secure, privacy-preserving AI offering potential solutions. Furthermore, energy efficiency is another challenge, as wearable devices require longevity in power. AI-based power management systems can optimize energy consumption, thus extending the device's life. Overall, AI-based optimization in BAN for medical informatics applications presents a transformative paradigm shift in healthcare. With continued research, collaboration, and innovation, AI-optimized BANs hold the potential to revolutionize healthcare and positively impact the lives of millions around the world. The aim of this Special Issue is to explore and highlight innovative research that combines AI and BAN in medical informatics.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The use of AI-optimized BANs for advanced health data analysis in medical informatics.
- Novel wearable devices for health monitoring and their integration with BANs.
- Privacy-preserving AI techniques for secure data management in BANs.
- Application of AI-optimized BANs in clinical informatics for personalized patient care.
- Theoretical advancements in AI algorithms for BANs.
- Real-world applications of AI-optimized BANs in medical informatics.
- Comparative studies on different AI techniques for BAN optimization.
- Telemedicine and remote health services enabled by AI-optimized BANs in medical informatics.
- Robustness of AI-optimized BANs in diverse environmental conditions.
- AI-optimized BANs in telemedicine and remote patient monitoring.
- Ethical considerations in the application of AI-optimized BANs.
- Future trends and directions in the use of AI for BAN optimization in medical informatics.

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