# Medical Record Information Storage Scheme based on Blockchain and Attribute Role-Based Access Control

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**Abstract.** The integration of the Internet with the healthcare industry has ushered in a transformative revolution in the medical field, where efficient and prompt electronic medical records can save precious resources. However, incomplete or tampered electronic medical records have serious implications on patient. Ensuring the complete, accurate storage of medical record information is an urgent problem that needs to be addressed. Therefore, this paper proposes a blockchain-based solution for secure storage and sharing of medical record information, combining the role-based access control (RBAC) with the attribute-based access control (ABAC). Firstly, by utilizing RBAC and ABAC, dynamic fine-grained access control for medical information is achieved based on role differences. Then, the medical record information is stored in the blockchain through chaincode .In addition, Advanced Encryption Standard and Feature-Aware Stateful Routing technology is applied to further enhance security and storage efficiency of the scheme. Experimental results demonstrate that the proposed solution ensures the security and integrity of medical record, while providing efficient information storage and access.

**Keywords:** Medical record, blockchain, role-based access control (RBAC), attributebased access control (ABAC), Feature-Aware Stateful Routing (FASR).

# 1. Introduction

Medical record information is a valuable treasure.Medical records store all the medical records of patients. These medical records are not only convenient for them to grasp their basic physical conditions, but also for doctors to understand the patient's past medical history, so that they can make further treatment plans according to the actual situation of the patient. With the rapid development of the Internet industry, the medical industry is also moving towards informatization, and medical record information has also been digitized, thus evolving into electronic medical record[1],[2].

Compared with traditional paper medical records, electronic medical records are more convenient to store and query, but the current information storage technology still cannot ensure the security of information, so there are still risks in the transmission process of medical records information. More and more medical institutions use centralized storage to ensure the security of medical record information[3]. However, centralized access storage is easy to cause data theft and loss because it stores data in a central location. If there

is a single point of failure in the centralized storage system, all the medical records in the system will be affected, which is likely to lead to the collapse of the medical system, causing immeasurable losses[4]. Another problem with centralized access storage is the inability to share information between different medical institutions. Depending on the hospital, the patient's medical record information is stored in separate storage servers, which are usually only accessible to people with specific permissions internally, and thus do not have any form of interoperability[5]. Most healthcare organizations use security policies to restrict access to and sharing of medical record information. There is a lack of safe and effective medical record information sharing mechanism among institutions[6],[7]. Obviously, this management mode lacks the necessary flexibility and efficiency, which can neither guarantee the security and reliability of medical record information, nor realize the sharing and utilization of medical record information. In fact, medical record information is not only a treasure, but also an important material to understand the patient's physical condition. In order to facilitate the transfer of electronic medical records between systems, most medical institutions adopt different methods to reduce the redundancy of data.

Fortunately, the development of blockchain technology has brought new solutions to address the security storage issue in medical data management[8].However, most of the projects are still in the conceptual stage. To address this issue, according to the characteristics of the information supply chain, this paper uses ABAC and RBAC to divide the access roles in a fine granularity, and combines FASR de-duplication technology to propose a security storage scheme of medical record information based on the blockchain of ABAC, RBAC and Hyperledger Fabric consortium blockchain[9],[10].

The main contributions of this paper are as follows:

- ABAC, RBAC, and blockchain enables dynamic fine-grained access control for medical information based on role differences. Medical record information is stored in blockchain blocks, and its security is ensured through the formulation of different smart contracts[11].
- 2) Selecting the appropriate encryption technology to encrypt the medical record information further improves the security of data.
- FASR deduplication technology is employed to eliminate duplicate medical record information, reducing data redundancy and improving storage efficiency.
- 4) Simulation experiment results demonstrate that the proposed solution not only ensures the security and data integrity in the processes of medical record storage and sharing, but also improves the efficiency of information storage and access.

The remaining sections of this paper are organized as follows. In Section 2, we summarize the literature related to the program.In Section 3, we provide the necessary background knowledge. In Section 4, we describe the main architecture of the proposed solution and its functional design.And we present the results of the simulation experiments and analyze them in detail in Section 5. Finally, in Section 6, we make concluding remarks on the overall solution and suggest future directions for improvement.

# 2. Related Work

With the advent of the digital era, the traditional centralized system has been difficult to meet people's needs, and distributed ledger technology, as a decentralized emerging technology, is gradually recognized and applied by people. The emergence of blockchain technology has allowed people to see the future of decentralization and new opportunities in the digital economy. Blockchain is used in many fields and is a trusted data storage technology[12]. Due to its decentralized and tamper-proof characteristics, this technology is often used for information security storage and information traceability. For this reason, a lot of research is currently being done into this technology. In addition, the technology is expanding into more and more applications[13],[14].

Blockchain is essentially a highly scalable distributed database and its tamper-resistant nature can prevent data from being tampered with, deleted or leaked, etc., thus ensuring the security of medical data. Blockchain has been applied in various fields and is a trusted data storage technology[15],[16]. In terms of copyright information, Wang et al.[17]proposed the use of blockchain to prevent the loss of image data. Han et al.[18] designed a blockchain-based copyright certificate storage and transaction system. Jing et al. [19] presented a blockchain-based code copyright management system. Garilli et al.[20] analyzed the pros and cons of using blockchain and smart contracts in a copyright context. Xiao et al.[21] proposed a blockchain-based algorithm for intellectual property copyright protection.

In the supply chain field,Gao and Tan et al.[22,23] explored the application of blockchain technology in logistics supply chain.Musamih et al.[24] achieved efficient product traceability in healthcare supply chains using smart contracts and decentralization. Saberi et al.[25]discussed the potential applications of blockchain technology and smart contracts in supply chain management, providing insights to overcome obstacles in supply chain management.

In the education field, Chen et al.[26] discussed the prospects of blockchain technology in education. Bhaskar et al.[27] summarized the applications of blockchain technology in the education field. Rii et al.[28] constructed a system using blockchain methods to collect information through digital observation and questionnaire surveys.Li et al.[29] proposed a blockchain-based education record storage and sharing solution called EduRSS.

Blockchain has expanded its application scenarios and produced unexpected effects in the medical field. Radanović and Chen et al.[30,31] provided insights into the application of blockchain in the healthcare domain. Li et al.[10] applied blockchain to the supply chain of medical devices and combine RBAC and ABAC for access control management. Qu et al. [32]proposed a blockchain-based medical information system solution. Liu et al.[33] presented a mechanism for sharing medical resources under the conditions of blockchain technology.Bakro et al.[34]analyzed the security aspects of data stored in the cloud through hybrid security system enabled with blockchain technology using cryptographic algorithms ECC and AES. Yassine et al.[35] discussed a new approach that will allow a smart deletion of data stored in the file system as well as its reference in the Blockchain.

However, in the medical field, most of the above projects are still in the conceptual stage. In this paper, we describe the study of this scheme in detail.

## 3. Preliminaries

In this section, we provide an introduction to several essential concepts, including Hyperledger Fabric, *ABAC* and *RBAC* models, *AES* encryption algorithm, and *FASR*.

### 3.1. Hyperledger Fabric

Compared to traditional databases, data in a blockchain is stored across multiple nodes in the entire network, with each node holding a complete copy of the ledger[36]. Hyperledger Fabric is a consortium blockchain that allows only authorized users to join the network[37]. Additionally, Hyperledger Fabric utilizes a channel mechanism, where users with the same channel can access each other's account ledgers, thus ensuring the privacy of sensitive information for those users[38]. Fig.1 illustrates the operational architecture of Hyperledger Fabric.



Fig. 1. Hyperledger Fabric's Operational Architecture Diagram

# 3.2. ABAC and RBAC Models

# ABAC

ABAC is an attribute-based access control model that uses attributes to determine whether a user has the right to access resources [39]. Unlike traditional access control models such as Discretionary Access Control (DAC) and Mandatory Access Control (MAC), ABAC emphasizes defining and enforcing policies based on attributes rather than just user identity or resource classification. It utilizes multiple attributes to determine access permissions, making access control more flexible and fine-grained. In healthcare, ABAC can simplify the management of medical records by defining and managing access control policies in a unified location, reducing administrative workload and the chance of errors. In order to achieve dynamic management of medical records, this paper instantiates the *ABAC* model as an access control policy called Policy, composed of *AS*, *AO*, *AP*, *andAE*. Table 1 below compares *ABAC* with *MAC* and *DAC*.

Table 1. Comparison of ABAC with MAC and DAC Access Control Models

Categories	Flexibility	Security	Extensibility
ABAC	higher	higher	higher
MAC	lower	higher	lower
DAC	higher	lower	lower

### RBAC

In *RBAC*, permissions are granted to specific roles and users are then assigned to corresponding roles. This allows for more precise management of access rights, ensuring that users can only access resources within the scope of their job functions. *RBAC* offers several advantages compared to other access control models. Firstly, *RBAC* is more flexible and can better adapt to different organizational structures and security requirements. Secondly, *RBAC* simplifies the process of managing permissions, making it easier and more secure to allocate and modify access rights. Besides, it enhances system security and scalability[40].

# 3.3. AES

*AES* is a symmetric encryption algorithm widely used in data protection and security domains[41],[42]. It is currently recognized as one of the most secure encryption algorithms and is also adopted as one of the confidentiality standards by the U.S. government[43].*AES* encryption and decryption operations are both performed based on blocks, offering high security and efficiency[44].

The AES algorithm's encryption and decryption operations involve the following four steps:

- 1) SubBytes: uses a substitution table called the S-Box to replace each byte in the input block with its corresponding S-Box value.
- 2) ShiftRows: cyclically shifts each row to the left, where the number of shifts depends on the block size and the row number.
- 3) MixColumns:maps each input column vector in the block to an output column vector, enhancing data irregularity and interactivity.
- 4) AddRoundKey:performs bitwise XOR between the round key used in the encryption process and the current state matrix.

AES algorithm offers advantages in both security and efficiency and finds extensive applications in various fields such as network communication, data storage, financial transactions, etc. Its key benefits include high security, efficiency, and reliability.

# 3.4. FASR

FASR is a novel Feature-Aware Stateful Routing method designed to reduce system overhead in distributed environments and maintain a high deduplication rate[45]. The FASR system primarily consists of three working nodes, Client, Master, and Data nodes. The Client is responsible for receiving data streams and sending requests for deduplication and recovery. The Master node maintains the mapping between data blocks and file fingerprints to provide the metadata required for deduplication and recovery. While the Data nodes primarily handle data retrieval and storage.

# 4. System Model Design

This section mainly introduces the architecture of the medical record information management system based on blockchain and access control. Section 4.1 presents the fundamental framework of the system, while Section 4.2 provides a detailed description of the system design process. The proposed solution's system flow is illustrated in Section 4.3.

# 4.1. Basic Architecture



Fig. 2. System Architecture Diagram

The system architecture consists of three essential components, users, the blockchain network, and FASR nodes. After completing identity authentication, each user is issued a digital certificate by the Certificate Authority (CA). Only users with digital certificates have access privileges to the blockchain system, which assures the fundamental security of the blockchain. After receiving a user's access information, the blockchain utilizes smart contracts to determine the legitimacy of the access information and checks if the user has

the necessary permissions to execute the operation. And then it transmits a corresponding feedback to the user. The detailed architecture of the system is illustrated in Figure 2.

The system users mainly consist of backend institutions, administrators, doctors, and patients. Different users have different access privileges. Backend institutions undertakes to package and upload medical record information. Additionally, they play a supervisory role to prevent malicious attacks or illegal operations by users. Administrators are only in charge of creating doctor and patient accounts, and the access permissions for doctor and patient users are system-defined and independent of the administrators. Doctors have permissions to view medical records, add patient information and medical record details, and upload modifications to medical records. As for patients, they can only access their own medical records. Each role has its own responsibilities and cannot exceed their authorized boundaries.

The blockchain network is built on Hyperledger Fabric and primarily implements the following functionalities.

- 1) The CA issues digital certificates to participating nodes in the blockchain network for identity authentication and communication encryption.
- Smart contracts automatically upload data to the database after each operation and supervise user access requests based on access control rules.

In this paper, FASR is used to compress medical record data in a lean format and store them in the blockchain database, so as to reduce redundant operations on duplicate data during interactions with the blockchain system.

### 4.2. Access Control Model Design

In the supply chain of medical record information, a finer-grained distinction of role permissions and dynamic management of different access rights are required. Therefore, in this paper, we adopt the ABAC model as the overall system architecture and define User Attribute (UA), Medical Record Attribute (MA), Permission Attribute (PA), and Environment Attribute (EA) separately. Considering the potential overlapping operations among different users in UA, we introduce the RBAC policy to bundle all relevant operations into Roles and take Role as an attribute in the ABAC model. This design not only achieves dynamic fine-grained access to complex permissions in the traceability supply chain but also resolves the problem of redundant policy storage by utilizing the RBAC model.

### **RBAC Design**

This subsection primarily introduces all user entities in the system. Three identity roles, Administrator, Doctor, and Patient, are designed. Table2 displays the access control permissions for different users.

 The Administrator is the manager of the entire system, and every user who wants to access the system needs to be granted different user roles by the Administrator. Therefore, the Administrator can assign new users either the Doctor role or the Patient role and provide each user with a unique identification ID.

Table 2. Access Control Permissions for Different Users

	FindByDid	CreDoc	CrePat	AddUit	AddAit	AddTit
Owner		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			
Doctor	$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Patient	$\checkmark$					

- 2) The Doctor plays a crucial and pivotal role in the entire system, as only doctors have the authority to modify and add patient information. Doctors diagnose patients' conditions, determine their medical record information, and promptly upload the medical records to the system.
- 3) The Patient is a vital component of the entire system. Patients can access the system and inquire about their medical record information using their own ID information. To ensure system security, doctors can only operate on medical records with the patient's permission, using the medical record identification number.

#### **ABAC Design**

Based on the actual application scenario of the medical traceability system, we define each attribute UA, MA, EA, and PA in the ABAC model as follows.

UA denotes the attributes of user entities and its specific attributes are shown in Table3. UserId serves as the unique identifier for each user, and a user has only one UserId. Role represents the user's role, which can be Administrator, Doctor, or Patient. Different user roles correspond to different system access permissions. The definition of roles has been elaborated in the RBAC section.

Table 3. UA Attribute Definition Table	ab.	le
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Name	Definition
UserId	Unique number for each user
Role	Identification of user identity
Group	The group to which the user belongs

MA represents the entity attributes of medical record information and its detailed attributes are shown in Table4. Did serves as the unique identifier for each medical record and a medical record has only one Did. Disease represents the medical record form in which specific information about the patient's medical history, medication, etc., is recorded.

EA is the environmental information. In our paper, EA's attribute denotes AllowedTime, a reasonable amount of time for temporary users to access. If the requested time by a temporary user exceeds the validity period of the permission, the user's operation will be denied.

#### Table 4. MA Attribute Definition Table

Name	Definition	
Did	Unique number for each medical record	
OwnerId	Patients with medical records	
Name	The patient's name	
Age	The patient's age	
Disease	medical records	
HisUpdate	A list of medical record modifications	
HisAdd	A list of medical records is added	

PA represents the system's access control policy. If it is true, access is allowed; otherwise, access is denied. Eq1precisely describes the access permission.

$$PA = \begin{cases} true & allow\\ false & deny \end{cases}$$
(1)

ASAO shows the mapping relationship between users and medical records. To achieve fine-grained permission allocation, we utilize ASAO as the index for storing access control policies in the blockchain. ASAO is comprised of AS.UserID, AS.Role, and AO.Did, and establishes a one-to-one correspondence between different user identities and medical records. Furthermore, the AES algorithm is employed to encrypt ASAO and the encrypted index is stored in the blockchain as the index for access control policies, so as to achieve the uniqueness of the index. ASAO is calculated based on eq2.

$$index \stackrel{AES}{\leftarrow} ASAO \leftarrow \{UA.UserId, MA.Did, MA.UserRole\}$$
(2)

The access control policy, Policy, consists of four main components: UA, MA, PA, and EA.

$$Policy = \{UA, MA, PA, EA\}$$
(3)

To enhance the efficiency of access control queries and validations, Policy is stored in the blockchain ledger in the form of  $\langle Index, Policy \rangle$ .

#### FASR Design

FASR technology is employed to perform deduplication on data that needs to be stored in the blockchain, reducing the storage burden on the blockchain, minimizing data redundancy, and improving storage efficiency. FASR mainly comprises three working nodes, namely the *Client*, the *Master node*, and the *Data nodes*. The primary workflow in this paper includes the following steps.

1) The *Client* transfers data to the *Master node*.

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$$Client \xrightarrow{aata} Master \longrightarrow node \ feature \ list \tag{4}$$

2) The *Master node* filters out nodes that do not contain the same type of data, based on the node feature table, and selects the node with the highest data type storage capacity.

$$Master \xrightarrow{node \ feature \ list} Nodes \tag{5}$$

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- 3) *FASR* calculates the similarity between the data and the selected node. Based on the similarity and node storage capacity, the target node is chosen.

$$Nodes \xrightarrow{similarity} Target Node \tag{6}$$

4) Using data similarity and locality, local duplicate data removal is performed, and the processed data is stored in the blockchain.

$$Target Node \xrightarrow{deduplicate} Data \longrightarrow Blockchain \tag{7}$$

# **Smart Contract Design**

In addition to implementing access control, smart contracts are also related to the storage of medical record information. To achieve a medical record traceability system based on access control, three types of smart contracts, Access Contract (AC), Device Contract (DC), and Policy Contract (PC), are formulated.

 AC: It implements access control for user requests within the blockchain network. AC verifies user permissions based on the requests submitted by users and their roles. AC serves as an interface for user access. Upon receiving users' request, it performs the necessary authentication and then calls other relevant contracts for specific operations. The AC mainly includes the following methods.

CheckAccess(): This method is the core function of AC, responsible for validating the access information sent by users and executing corresponding operations based on specific requests. CheckAccess() can be divided into three steps, confirming input parameters, authenticating access control policies, and executing operation instructions. Firstly, users input the access parameters to submit the operation request to the blockchain. As shown in eq8, AccessAvg is composed of ASAO, Operation and OperationContent. and are name and content of the operation, respectively.

$$AccessAvg \leftarrow (ASAO, Operation, OperationContent)$$
 (8)

Among them, there are six types of operation, namely *FindByDid*, *CrePat*, *CreDoc*, *AddTit*, *AddUit*, and *AddAit*, representing the operations to find medical record information, create a patient user, create a doctor user, add medical record details, add medical record modification information, and add medical record additional information, respectively.

$$AccessAvg \leftarrow (ASAO, FindByDid) \tag{9}$$

$$AccessAvg \leftarrow (ASAO, Credoc, UseId)$$
(10)

$$AccessAvg \leftarrow (ASAO, AddUit, Iid, Result)$$
 (11)

$$AccessAvg \leftarrow (ASAO, AddTit, Iid, Disease, Medicine)$$
(12)

Require: Args	
Ensure: Response or Error	
1: if $Operations == FindByDid$ then	
2: <b>if</b> $len(Args)! = 2$ <b>then</b>	
3: return Error : Args Invalid	
4: end if	
5: <b>if</b> AS.Role $\notin \langle Docter, Patient \rangle$ <b>then</b>	
6: return Error : Identity Invalid	
7: end if	
8: $MaDid \leftarrow InvokeChaincode(DC, FindByDid, AO.Did)$	
9: $\langle Resp, Error \rangle \leftarrow UnMamarshal(MaDid)$	
10: <b>if</b> $Did == NullorError! = Null$ <b>then</b>	
11: <b>return</b> Error : NofindDid	
12: <b>end if</b>	
13: return Did.HisAdd	
14: end if	
15: if $Operations == CreDoc$ then	
16: <b>if</b> $len(Args)! = 3$ <b>then</b>	
17: return Error : Args Invalid	
18: end if	
19: <b>if</b> $AS.Role! = Owner$ <b>then</b>	
20: return Error : Identity Invalid	
21: end if	
22: $NewABACPolicy \leftarrow \langle NewAS, AO, AP, AE \rangle$	
23: $Reponse \leftarrow InvokeChaincode(PC, AddPolicy, NewABACPolicy)$	
24: <b>return</b> Reponse	
25: end if	
26: <b>if</b> Operations == AddTit <b>then</b>	
27: <b>if</b> len(Args)!=5 <b>then</b>	
28: return Error:Args Invalid	
29: end if	
30: <b>if</b> $AS.Role \notin \langle Docter \rangle$ <b>then</b>	
31: <b>return</b> Error: Identity Invalid	
32: end if	
33: $Reponse \leftarrow InvokeChaincode(DC, AddMedicalRe, AO.Did, ArgsAdd)$	
34: return Reponse	
35: end if	

Algorithm 1 Part of CheckAccess(): The Specific Process of Handling User Operations

As showen in Eq 9,10,11,12, the number of parameters in AccessAvg during the user request process can only be 2, 3, 4, or 5. Therefore, before validating the access request policy, it is essential to check the number of parameters in AccessAvg and reject access with invalid parameters, which significantly improves the execution speed of AC policies.

Next, the value of AP in the AC policy needs to be determined. If it is 1, access is permitted; otherwise, access is denied.

$$Policy.PA = \begin{cases} 1 & allow \\ 0 & deny \end{cases}$$
(13)

In the blockchain, different operation permissions are assigned to different roles. After the user are verified, the system further validates the remaining ABAC attributes based on the user's identity and the operation for request. Upon successful verification, the relevant smart contract is automatically invoked to execute the corresponding operations. Different operations require different ABAC attribute to validate and different methods to invoke. The detailed smart contract design is shown in Algorithm 1.

2) DC: It primarily handles the management of medical record information on the blockchain. Its main functionalities include uploading medical record information and adding medical record entries. DC does not directly open operations to patient or doctor users. AC verifies users' queries or modification requests to devices based on the access control rules and then automatically calls DC to update or return the modified data. According to the main functions of the data center, the following methods are designed for it:

*FindByDid*(): The main function of this method is to query medical record information through the unique index, Did, and return detailed data of the medical record. *AddMedRecord*(): Adding medical record information, including the patient's condition, medication, etc.

AddUitem(): Adding modifications to the medical record, including the reason for the modification and the modified record entries.

3) PC: It takes charge of managing the entire system's access control policies. When users employ AC to initiate operations on devices, the system automatically calls PCto query and return the user's access control policies for AC authentication. Besides, when users perform AC-related functions, PC is invoked to update the access control policies if any changes occur in the access control policies. Similar to DC, PC is not directly accessible to users, but only provides interfaces for communication between users.

# Algorithm 2 Part of AddU():Add Policy

### Require: Args

Ensure: True or Error 1:  $\langle AS, AO, AE, AP \rangle \leftarrow \text{Args}$ 2:  $Policyld \leftarrow AES(AS.Userd + AO.Did + AS.Role)$ 3:  $ExistPolicy \leftarrow InvokeChaincode(Pc, QueryPolicy, Policyld)$ 4: **if** *ExistPolicy*! = *False* **then** 5: **return** Error : Policy HaveAlreadyExisted 6: end if 7:  $\langle MaPolicy, err \rangle \leftarrow Marshal(AS, AO, AP, AE)$ 8: if err! = True then 9. return Error 10: end if 11:  $resp \leftarrow APIstub.PutState(Policyld, MaPolicy)$ 12: if err! = True then **return** Error : Failed To Add Policy 13:

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14: end if
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15: return true
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*AddPolicy*(): It aims to upload permission policy information. The policy is stored on the blockchain with the index being the hashed value of encrypted ASAO. When uploading a policy, the blockchain is first queried for the existence of the policy index. If it already exists, the policy cannot be added. Algorithm 2outlines the detailed process of *AddPolicy*().

QueryPolicy(): Before performing any operation in the system, users must undergo permission verification. This function returns the user's access policy on the blockchain for AC to verify the user's access permissions. Based on the input policy index, it searches the blockchain and returns the corresponding search result.

UpdatePolicy(): This method does not support nor provide interfaces for external client invocation. When some of the users' operations involve changes to their access control policies, the smart contract automatically calls this method to update and maintain the access control policy ledger on the blockchain.

## 4.3. Execution Steps

As illustrated in Figure 3, the specific workflow of this proposed solution mainly consists of four parts. The symbols used are shown in Table 5.

Notations	Definition
CA	Certificate Authority
Cert	Certificate file
Key	Key in Hyperledger Fabric
Ledger	Ledger in Hyperledger Fabric
CC	Chaincode in Hyperledger Fabric
Channel	Passage in Hyperledger Fabric
$f_x$	Functions defined in source code
Ledger	Ledger in Hyperledger Fabric
SDB	State Database in Hyperledger Fabric
ABAC	Attribute based Access Control
ABAC	Feature-aware de-duplication
Cli	Blockchain system client

Table 5. Used Symbols

**Part 1**: This process involves building the blockchain network and deploying the chaincode. These fundamental steps are carried out by the backend institution. Part 1 is further divided into the following steps.

Step 1: CA tools are used to generate certificates and keys for identity authentication and encryption within the Fabric network.

$$CA = \{Cert, Key\} \tag{14}$$

Step 2: Using configt gen and *PeerChannel* tools to create channels and join peer nodes.

$$\{blockchain, ledger\} \xrightarrow{jion} Channel \tag{15}$$



Fig. 3. System Architecture Diagram

Step 3: Deploy and execute smart contract using *Chaincode* tool

$$ChainCode(f_x) \longrightarrow CC$$
 (16)

**Part 2**: After creating the policies, the administrator needs to save them to the blockchain. Step 1: The administrator and users set access control policies based on *UA*, *MA*, *PA*, and *EA*.

$$Set(UA, MA, PA, EA) \longrightarrow ABAC$$
 (17)

Step 2: The administrator uploads the developed access control policies to the blockchain network.

$$deploy (ABAC) \longrightarrow Constract \tag{18}$$

Step 3:The administrator runs PC to execute operations such as adding and modifying policies, and saves the final policy values to SDB and the *ledger*.

$$PC(ABAC) \longrightarrow \{SDB, Ledger\}$$
 (19)

**Part 3**:In this part, users' access requests are first uploaded to FASR to reduce data redundancy before storing the processed data in the blockchain. Step 1: Users upload medical record information to FASR.

$$upload (MedicalRecords) \longrightarrow FASR$$
 (20)

Step 2: FASR deduplicates the medical record information and stores it in the blockchain.

$$FASR(MedicalRecords) \longrightarrow blockchain$$
 (21)

**Part 4**: This part is the process of accessing medical information based on attribute-based access control and can be divided into four specific steps. Step 1: The user initiates a request to access medical data.

$$Request \longrightarrow blockchain \tag{22}$$

Step 2: Upon receiving the user's request, AC policies are invoked to verify if the user can access the data.

$$AC(request) \longrightarrow \begin{cases} 1 & allow \\ 0 & deny \end{cases}$$
(23)

Step 3: The user's request is stored after deduplication through FASR.

$$blockchain(Request) \longrightarrow FASR$$
 (24)

Step 4: The result of the user's request is returned.

$$Response (MedicialRecord) \longrightarrow Cli$$
<sup>(25)</sup>

# 5. Experimental Results and Analysis

This section mainly describes the entire experimental process. In Section5.1, the results of the simulation experiment are presented, and in Section5.2, we analyze the experimental data. To highlight the innovation of this solution, we conducted a comparison with relevant literature in Section5.3. The simulation experiment environment for this solution is presented in Table6.

Table 6. Experimental Environment

Experimental environment			
CPU	Intel core i5-7300		
Memory	8 GB		
Docker	v19.03.2		
Docker-compose	v1.24.1		
Node	v12.12.0		
Hyperledger Fabric	v1.4.3		
Golang	v1.13.5		

#### 5.1. Experimental Results

To validate the data security, decentralization of permission management, dynamic nature of permission updates, and the immutability of permission transfer records in the proposed system, three users are designed for the experiment, namely Owner, Doctor, and Patient, with IDs "20001123", "19991123", and "20001028", respectively. A medical record information P1 with a unique index Did of "P100010001" is used. Firstly, the medical institution adds the policies to the blockchain network and the experimental results for policy upload are shown in Figure4. The main purpose of uploading policies is to configure the administrator's basic information on the blockchain network.

In addition to uploading administrator information, the medical institution's backend also needs to package and upload P1 to the blockchain system. In this experiment, a set of medical record information is simulated. Figure 5 shows the process of of requesting the upload of medical record information and returning parameters.

root@yjzhu-ubuntu:/home/gopath/src/github.com/bian-fabric/network# ./cc.sh invoke pc 1.0 go/pc AddPolicy ''{\"AS\":{\"userI
d\":\"20001123\",\"role\":\"0wner\",\"group\":\"gl\"},\"A0\":{\"Did\ <del>":\"P100010001\",\"ownerId\":\"20001028\"},\"AP\":1}"</del>
<pre>invoke pc:1.0 github.com/newham/fabric-iot/chaincode/go/pc AddPolicy "{\"AS\":{\"userId\":\"20001123\",\"role\":\"0wner\",\</pre>
"group\":\"g1\"},\"A0\":{\"Did\":\"P100010001\",\"ownerId\":\"20001028\"},\"AP\":1}"
Submitting transaction:AddPolicy to smart contract on iot-channel
ARGS:{"function":"AddPolicy","Args":["{\"AS\":{\"userId\":\"20001123\",\"role\":\"0wner\",\"group\":\"gl\"},\"A0\":{\"Did\"
:\"P100010001\",\"ownerId\":\"20001028\"},\"AP\":1}"]}
The transaction is sent to all of the peers so that chaincode is built before receiving the following requests
2023-04-18 01:53:51.142 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INF0 001 txid [682bf83c7bd5636914a05b23d27272113fb587b37d162f84102
78fd0c346368d] committed with status (VALID) at peer0.org1.fabric-iot.edu:7051
2023-04-18 01:53:51.191 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 003 txid [682bf83c7bd5636914a05b23d27272113fb587b37d162f84102
[78fd0c346368d] committed with status (VALID) at peerl.org2.fabric-iot.edu:10051
2023-04-18 01:53:51.191 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 002 txid [682bf83c7bd5636914a05b23d27272113fb587b37d162f84102
[78fd0c346368d] committed with status (VALID) at peerl.orgl.fabric-iot.edu:8051
2023-04-18 01:53:51.224 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 004 txid [682bf83c7bd5636914a05b23d27272113fb587b37d162f84102
[78fd0c346368d] committed with status (VALID) at peer0.org2.fabric-iot.edu:9051
2023-04-18 01:53:51.224 UTC [chaincodeCmd] chaincodeInvokeOrQuery -> INFO 005 Chaincode invoke successful. result: status:2
00 payload:"ok"
done

### Fig. 4. Upload Policy

In the system design presented in Section 4, we have provided a detailed overview of the access control permissions for each role. The medical institution is only required to upload blockchain policies and package medical record information. Subsequent simulated operations are carried out by the administrator, patient, and doctor. The Owner creates Doctor and Patient users by calling CheckAccess() from AC, the system automatically verifies the access control permissions using QueryPolicy() from PC. After successful verification, the AddUser() is invoked, as shown in Figure 6. In Figure 7, the Owner creates the Patient role.

root@yjzhu-ubuntu:/home/gopath/src/github.com/bian-fabric/network# ./cc.sh invoke dc 1.0 go/dc AddDP '"{\"docTy pe\":\"APL\",\"did\":\"P100010001\",\"name\":\"Bian\",\"age\":\"2L\",\"ownerId\":\"20001028\"}"' invoke dc:1.0 github.com/newham/fabric-iot/chaincode/go/dc AddDP '{\"docType\":\"APL\",\"did\":\"P100010001\",\ "name\":\"Bian\",\"age\":\"2l\",\"ownerId\":\"20001028\"}" Submitting transaction:AddDP to smart contract on iot-channel ARGS:{"function":"AddDP","Args":[\*(\"docType\":\"APL\",\"did\":\"P100010001\,\"name\":\"Bian\",\"age\":\"2l\", \"ownerId\":\"20001028\"]"} The transaction is sent to all of the peers so that chaincode is built before receiving the following requests 2023-04-19 01:19:02.065 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 001 twid [Fdd35e517f8ed35a49d1ef967b077d8724fd6c1 dage875Mae606ad/2eel1c comitted with status (VI ID) at negree oral fabric-iot edwir7851 2023-04-19 01:19:02.065 UTC [chaincodecmd] ClientWait -> INF0 001 txid [f9d35e517f8e433a49dlef967b077d8724fd6c1 daa9a875bd7ee060544ad26e1] committed with status (VALD) at peer0.org2.fabric-iot.edu:7051 2023-04-19 01:19:02.065 UTC [chaincodecmd] ClientWait -> INF0 002 txid [f9d35e517f8e43Sa49dlef967b077d8724fd6c1 daa9a875bd7ee060544ad26e1] committed with status (VALD) at peer1.org2.fabric-iot.edu:10051 2023-04-19 01:19:02.091 UTC [chaincodecmd] ClientWait -> INF0 003 txid [f9d35e517f8e43Sa49dlef967b077d8724fd6c1 daa9a875bd7ee060544ad26e1] committed with status (VALD) at peer1.org1.fabric-iot.edu:8051 2023-04-19 01:19:02.108 UTC [chaincodecmd] ClientWait -> INF0 004 txid [f9d35e517f8e43Sa49dlef967b077d8724fd6c1 daa9a875bd7ee060544ad26e1] committed with status (VALD) at peer0.org2.fabric-iot.edu:8051 2023-04-19 01:19:02.108 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INF0 004 txid [f9d35e517f8e43Sa49dlef967b077d8724fd6c1 daa9a875bd7ee060544ad26e1] committed with status (VALD) at peer0.org2.fabric-iot.edu:8051 2023-04-19 01:19:02.109 UTC [chaincodeCmd] chaincodeInvokeOrQuery -> INF0 005 Chaincode invoke successful. resu lt: status:200 payload:"ok"

### Fig. 5. Upload Medical Record Information

root@yjzhu-ubuntu:/home/gopath/src/github.com/bian-fabric/network# ./cc.sh invoke ac 1.0 go/ac CheckAccess '"{\"AS\":{\"use rId\":\"20001123\",\"role\":\"0wner\"},\"A0\":{\"did\":\"P100010001\"}}","CreDoc","19991123" invoke ac:1.0 github.com/newham/fabric-iot/chaincode/go/ac CheckAccess "{\"AS\":{\"userId\":\"20001123\",\"role\":\"0wner\" },\"A0\":{\"did\":\"100011001\"}","CreDoc","19991123" Submitting transaction:CheckAccess to smart contract on iot-channel AR65:{ffunction":CheckAccess","Args":["{\"AS\":{\"userId\":\"20001123\",\"role\":\"0wner\"},\"A0\":{\"did\":\"P100010001\" }","CreDoc","19991123"} ARG5:["function":"CheckAccess"."Args":["{"AS\":(\"useId\":\"20001123\",\"role\":\"0wner\"},\"AO\":{\"du\":\"P100010001\" }}","Creboc","19991123"] The transaction is sent to all of the peers so that chaincode is built before receiving the following requests 2023-04-18 01:56:06.284 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 001 txid [6fb8798d013411b64efe9a836a5fff87f9ce4fb0c3c3af8e96 035cf9577d5c8] committed with status (VALID) at peerl.org2.fabric.iot.edu:10051 2023-04-18 01:56:06.318 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 002 txid [6fb8798d0154f1b64efe9a836a5fff87f9ce4fb0c3c3af8e96 035cf9577d5c8] committed with status (VALID) at peerl.org2.fabric.iot.edu:30651 2023-04-18 01:56:06.318 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 003 txid [6fb8798d0154f1b64efe9a836a5fff87f9ce4fb0c3c3af8e96 035cf9577d5c8] committed with status (VALID) at peerl.org1.fabric.iot.edu:30651 2023-04-18 01:56:06.341 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 004 txid [6fb8798d0154f1b64efe9a836a5fff87f9ce4fb0c3c3af8e96 035cf9577d5c8] committed with status (VALID) at peerl.org1.fabric.iot.edu:3051 2023-04-18 01:56:06.341 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 004 txid [6fb8798d0154f1b64efe9a836a5fff87f9ce4fb0c3c3af8e96 035cf9577d5c8] committed with status (VALID) at peerl.org1.fabric.iot.edu:3051 2023-04-18 01:56:06.341 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 005 Chaincode invoke successful. result: status:2 006 payload:"ok"

#### Fig. 6. Create Doctor User

root@yjzhu-ubuntu:/home/gopath/src/github.com/bian-fabric/network# ./cc.sh invoke ac 1.0 go/ac CheckAccess '"{\
 "A5\":{\"userId\":\"20001123\",\"role\":\"0wner\"}.\"A0\":{\"did\":\"P100010001\"}","CrePat","20001028"'
invoke ac:1.0 github.com/newham/fabric-iot/chaincode/go/ac CheckAccess "{\"AS\":{\"userId\":\"20001123\",\"role\":\"20001028"'
invoke ac:1.0 github.com/newham/fabric-iot/chaincode/go/ac CheckAccess "{\"AS\":{\"userId\":\"20001123\",\"role\":\"20001123\",\"ro 2023-04-19 01:20:57.780 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWalt -> INFO 002 txld [80d371c350c8910d3716250d8040843026705320 a6016a27dd29c9844f0bb104] committed with status (VALID) at peer0.org2.fabric-iot.edu:9051 2023-04-19 01:20:57.780 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWalt -> INFO 003 txld [80d35fca366c8910d87162bead8043b26705320 a6016a27dd29c9844f0bb1104] committed with status (VALID) at peer1.org1.fabric-iot.edu:8051 2023-04-19 01:20:57.800 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWalt -> INFO 004 txid [80d35fca366c8910d87162bead8043b26705320 a6016a27dd29c9844f0bb1104] committed with status (VALID) at peer1.org2.fabric-iot.edu:10051 2023-04-19 01:20:57.800 UTC [chaincodeCmd] clientWalt -> INFO 005 <u>Chaincode invoke successful. resu</u> lt: status:200 pavload:"0x" lt: status:200 payload:"ok" done

#### Fig. 7. Create Patient User

root@yjzhu-ubuntu:/home/gopath/src/github.com/bian-fabric/network# \_/cc.sh invoke ac 1.0 go/ac CheckAccess '"{\"AS\":{\"use rId\":\'19991123\",\'role\":\"Docter\"},\"AO\":{\"did\":\'P100010001\"},"AddTit","I100010001","cold","Penicillin" invoke ac:1.0 github.com/newham/fabric-iot/chaincode/go/ac CheckAccess '"{\"AS\":{\"use '\,\"AO\":{\"did\":\"P100010001","},"addTit","I100010001","cold","Penicillin" '",\"AO\":{\"did\":\"P100010001","},"addTit","I100010001","cold","Penicillin" AGGS;["function":"CheckAccess to smart contract on iot-channel ARGS;["function":"CheckAccess, to smart contract on iot-channel AGGS;["function":"CheckAccess, to smart contract on iot-channel AGGS;["function":"CheckAccess, to smart contract on iot-channel BedGeGGS] committed with status (VALID) at peer org].fabric.iot.edu:7051 [2023-04-19 01:25:28.004 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 001 txid [5110dda560447562a9cc88b1d75a90ed11ff90e744df2570e85 9faa5966ca665] committed with status (VALID) at peer org].fabric.iot.edu:7051 [2023-04-19 01:25:28.040 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 002 txid [5110dda560447562a9cc88b1d75a90ed11ff90e744df2570e85 9faa5966ca665] committed with status (VALID) at peer org].fabric.iot.edu:8051 [2023-04-19 01:25:28.040 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 003 txid [5110dda560447562a9cc88b1d75a90ed11ff90e744df2570e85 9faa5966ca665] committed with status (VALID) at peer org].fabric.iot.edu:8051 [2023-04-19 01:25:28.061 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 004 txid [5110dda560447562a9cc88b1d75a90ed11ff90e74df2570e85 9faa5966ca665] committed with status (VALID) at peer org].fabric.iot.edu:8051 [2023-04-19 01:25:28.061 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 004 txid [5110dda560447562a9cc88b1d75a90ed11ff90e74df2570e85 9faa5966ca665] committed with status (VALID) at peer org].fabric.iot.edu:8051 [2023-04-19 01:25:28.061 UTC [chaincodeCmd] clientWait -> INFO 004 txid [5110dda560447562a9cc88b1d75a90ed11ff90e74df2570e85 9faa5966ca665] committed with status (VALID) at peer org].fabric.iot.edu:8051 [2023-04-19 01:2

Fig. 8. Add Medical Record Information

root@yjzhu-ubuntu:/home/gopath/src/github.com/bian-fabric/network# ./cc.sh invoke ac 1.0 go/ac CheckAccess ``{\`AS\`:{\"as\`:{\"use rId``:\"19991123\",\'role\``,\"Docter\`},\"A0\":{\"did\`:\"100010001\"}","AddUit" "T100010001\"}","AddUit" "T100010001\" invoke ac:1.0 github.com/newham/fabric-iot/chaincode/go/ac CheckAccess "{\"As\':{\"userId\':\"19991123\",\"role\':\"1990123\","role\':\"Docter\' },\"A0\':{\"did\':\"100010001\"}},"AddUit","T100010001\","Derate" Submitting transaction:CheckAccess to smart contract on iot-channel ARGS:{Tunction:"CheckAcccess", "AfS\':{\"userId\':\"19991123\",\"role\':\"Docter\'},\"A0\':{\"did\':\"P100010001\ '}}`,"AddUit","100010001\","operate"] The transaction is sent to all of the peers so that chaincode is built before receiving the following requests Error: endorsement failure during invoke. response: status:500 message:"no llnessid" "rot@yjzhu-ubuntu:/home/gopath/src/github.com/han-fabric/network# ./cc.sh invoke dc 1.0 go/dc AddAitem "P100010001","Chen ","Anhui" Submitting transaction:addAitem 'srg;:"[P1000001","Chen","Anhui" Submitting transaction is sent to all of the peers so that chaincode is built before receiving the following requests 2023-04-19 01:26:37.77 UTC [chaincodeCmG] ClientWait -> INF0 001 txid [C448be19ba112044363c7f6d602a11e8758048c3063316c67da 3d651c3b604Ab] committed with status (VALID) at peer0.org1.fabric-iot.edu:0951 2023-04-19 01:26:37.37 UTC [chaincodeCmG] ClientWait -> INF0 005 txid [C448be19ba112044363c7f6d602a11e8758048c3063316c67da 3d631c3b604Ab] committed with status (VALID) at peer0.org2.fabric-iot.edu:0851 2023-04-19 01:26:37.887 UTC [chaincodeCmG] ClientWait -> INF0 005 Chaincode invoke successful. result: status:2 06 payload:"0K" done

Fig. 9. Add Medical Record Modification Information

<pre>root@yjzhu-ubuntu:/home/gopath/src/github.com/bian-fabric/network# ./cc.sh invoke ac 1.0 go/ac CheckAccess '"{\"AS\":{</pre>
\"userId\":\"19991123\",\"role\":\"Docter\"},\"AO\":{\"did\":\"P100010001\"}}","FindByDid"'
<pre>invoke ac:1.0 github.com/newham/fabric-iot/chaincode/go/ac CheckAccess "{\"AS\":{\"userId\":\"19991123\",\"role\":\"Do</pre>
cter\"},\"A0\":{\"did\":\"P100010001\"}}","FindByDid"
Submitting transaction:CheckAccess to smart contract on iot-channel
ARGS:{"function":"CheckAccess","Args":["{\"AS\":{\"userId\":\"19991123\",\"role\":\"Docter\"},\"A0\":{\"did\":\"P10001
0001\"}}","FindByDid"]}
The transaction is sent to all of the peers so that chaincode is built before receiving the following requests
2023-04-19 01:27:21.121 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INF0 001 txid [791b149af36d41dfbe3dc36226228e602e0b6f45916d17
12d5e0calc60770a94] committed with status (VALID) at peer0.org1.fabric-iot.edu:7051
2023-04-19 01:27:21.163 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INFO 002 txid [791b149af36d41dfbe3dc36226228e602e0b6f45916d17
12d5e0calc60770a94] committed with status (VALID) at peer1.org2.fabric-iot.edu:10051
2023-04-19 01:27:21.180 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INF0 004 txid [791b149af36d41dfbe3dc36226228e602e0b6f45916d17
12d5e0calc60770a94] committed with status (VALID) at peerl.org1.fabric-iot.edu:8051
2023-04-19 01:27:21.180 UTC [chaincodeCmd] ClientWait -> INF0 003 txid [791b149af36d41dfbe3dc36226228e602e0b6f45916d17
12d5e0calc60770a94] committed with status (VALID) at peer0.org2.fabric-iot.edu:9051
2023-04-19 01:27:21.181 UTC [chaincodeCmd] chaincodeInvokeOrQuery -> INFO 005 Chaincode invoke successful. result: sta
<pre>tus:200 payload:"Disease is :{\"Illness\":\"cold\",\"IllnessId\":\"I100010001\",\"Medicine\":\"Penicillin\",\"NowTime\</pre>
":1681867525}\nHisAdd is :{\"DocterName\":\"Chen\",\"Local\":\"AnHui\"}\nHisUpdate is :{\"IllnessId\":\"I100010001\",\
"Result\":\"operate\"}"
done

Fig. 10. Query Medical Record Information

The Doctor adds medical record information P1. Here, the Doctor user uses Check-Access(). However, when the system uses CheckAccess(), it also automatically calls QueryPolicy() from PC and AddMedRecords() from DC to perform access control authorization verification and medical record information addition, respectively. As shown in Figure8, the Doctor user successfully adds the medical record information.

For adding modification and additional information to the medical record, as shown in Figure9, the Doctor user adds modification information. The process of adding additional information is similar and also utilizes CheckAccess(). Similarly, the blockchain system will call the QueryPolicy() method from PC and the FindByDid() and AddUitem() methods from DC. After adding the information, the Doctor can query the complete medical record information, as shown in Figure10.

### 5.2. Performance Testing

To validate the actual performance of the proposed system, three sets of simulated experiments are conducted. In the first and second sets of experiments, the number of virtual concurrent clients is set to 100, 200, 400, 600, 800, and 1000, and the time consumption and throughput of PC and AC are measured, as shown in Figs.11 and 12, respectively. In the second set of experiments, the number of virtual concurrent clients is set to 100, 200, and the time consumption and throughput of DC are measured, as shown in Figs.11 and 12, respectively. In the second set of experiments, the number of virtual concurrent clients is set to 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 800, and 1000, and the time consumption and throughput of DC are measured, as shown in Fig.13.



Fig. 11. Throughput of PC under different concurrent requests.



Fig. 12. Throughput of AC under different concurrent requests.



Fig. 13. Throughput of DC under different concurrent requests.

Based on the above experimental results, the following conclusions can be drawn. The throughput of adding and updating operations is lower than that of querying and deleting operations. When the number of concurrent requests reaches a certain value, the throughput does not significantly decrease. This is because when the number of connections in the blockchain network's connection pool reaches its limit, the system's throughput tends to stabilize.

We compare the throughput of the AC method by setting different numbers of nodes, ranging from 100 to 1000. We observe that the throughput of FindByDid() is significantly lower than the other three methods.

The throughput of operations in AC is generally lower than that of operations in DC and PC. In fact, operations in AC often require calling operations in DC and PC, making the complexity of operations in AC higher than in DC and PC.

#### 5.3. Comparison with Existing Works

To highlight the innovation of our proposed system, we compare it with other relevant systems, as shown in Table7. In terms of data security, protecting privacy information requires enhanced data security measures. But Literature[46] overlooks data security issues. Literatures[47]and[48] utilize consortium blockchain to store private data, which indeed improves data security to some extent. However, solely relying on blockchain features is not sufficient to ensure data security. Storing data in the blockchain does not necessarily achieve dynamic and fine-grained access to medical records. Compared to the method in[47], the work in[48] proposes a blockchain-based medical information sharing platform, enabling medical information to be stored, shared, and trusted across distributed networks. Regarding decentralized access control, accessing medical records is often closely related to user roles in practical applications. Literatures[46],[47],and [48]merely store medical records in the blockchain without distinguishing fine-grained access to medical information. To overcome the limitations mentioned above, we combine the strengths of ABAC and RBAC models and utilize the features of AES algorithm to achieve finegrained and dynamic permission management, and use FASR deduplication technology to reduce data redundancy. And the access control model is implemented on the basis of smart contracts, ensuring real-time monitoring of on-chain data and enhancing the overall system's security.

Paper	[46]	[47]	[48]	Ours
Access control	ABAC	No	ABAC	ABACandRBAC
Security	No	No	No	AES
Smart contract	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Blockchain platform	No	Hyperledger Fabric	Hyperledger Fabric	Hyperledger Fabric
Storage strategy	No	No	No	FASR

**Table 7.** Comparison with Existing Solutions

# 6. Conclusions

This paper combines blockchain technology with ABAC and RBAC models to effectively break the information silos in medical data, and ensure the security of medical records while enabling data sharing. The FASR technology is used to handle medical records, reducing data redundancy and alleviating blockchain storage pressure. Moreover, the proposed solution utilizes a distributed architecture to achieve dynamic and fine-grained role division, integrating blockchain with real-world applications for efficient medical record management. The deployment and invocation process of chaincode are described in detail, and the feasibility of the system is demonstrated through experiments.

This model is expected to be applied to practical medical scenarios, and with the rise of the concept of meta-universe, traditional medical treatment should also keep pace with The Times. Led by relevant authorities, the medical record information is uploaded to the blockchain network, and everyone can access the record through an account with specific permissions. Of course, there are still many problems to be solved.

Future work can focus on the following areas for further improvements. Our experiments can be performed on clusters instead of a single PC to optimize the performance of the distributed system. Addressing data storage issues at the fundamental level in blockchain rather than relying solely on FASR technology to mitigate storage pressure. Besides, additional features should be introduced into the framework, such as supporting external institutions to access medical records securely and implementing encrypted retrieval.

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