

# SAGE AI Policy For Authors



## Generative AI:

- Requires disclosure
- Produces content that can be false
- Authors must verify the accuracy of all outputs and check the original sources.
- Appropriate uses reported within the methods or acknowledgements:
  - Assistance with literature review or compilation of relevant sources
  - Translation of materials as part of the research process
  - Using software or code generated by AI to undertake additional research
  - Assistance in research data visualization
  - Generation of representative illustrations or infographics
  - Code enhanced or checked for errors by AI assistance
  - Assistance with compilation of references

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- Generative AI tools must be disclosed (including which model was used and how).
- Clearly indicate which model was used for what purpose.
- Verify the accuracy, validity, and appropriateness of the generated content.
- Be conscious of potential for plagiarism.
- Be conscious of potential for fabrications.
- AI chatbots should NOT be listed as authors.

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## For Authors, Reviewers, & Editors



Inappropriate use of GenAI includes:

- Generation of incorrect text or content
- Generation of data or submission using a series of prompts
- Conducting interviews with GenAI tools in lieu of participants for qualitative research
- Analysis of experiences and themes
- Plagiarism or inappropriate attribution to prior sources
- Generated images that are presented as unique or novel research images
- Fabricated references or falsified claims
- Use of GenAI tools for editorial work or to conduct peer-review

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## For Reviewers and Editors



### 1. Writing Style Red Flags

- a) Repetitive Phrasing or Over-explanation
- b) Generic or Vague language
- c) Flawless, but empty, prose

### 2. Citation Red Flags

- a) Non-existent references; incorrect DOIs or Journal titles

### 3. Content/Logic Red Flags

- a) Contradictions within text
- b) Misuse of technical terms
- c) Overly uniform structure

### 4. Visual or Data Red Flags

- a) Fabricated or generic-looking data
- b) Misleading figure captions

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- Verify References
- Report suspicious articles to the Editor-in-Chief
- Request raw data or methodological clarification from authors
- Recommend careful revision or further clarification from authors
- Ask for a cover letter detailing the research process