

AI Policy

PPP recognises the value of artificial intelligence (AI), when used responsibly, to help authors in the research and writing process. Despite the potential of AI and AI-assisted technologies, these tools must never be used as a substitute for human thinking and expertise. Authors are ultimately responsible for the content of their work.

Understanding the different tools

- **Assistive AI:** These tools refine your own work without creating new content. For example, tools like Microsoft Word will flag spelling and grammar errors, make suggestions for the next word/phrase and suggest better phrasing for increased clarity.
- **Generative AI:** These tools create new content (text, ideas, images, code) in response to a prompt, for example, tools such as ChatGPT, DALL-E and Copilot. It is important to note that even if you made significant changes to the content, if the AI tool was the primary creator, it would still be AI-generated.

It is important to be aware of the tool you are using because some contain both Assistive and Generative features. You are responsible for knowing which feature you are using and be sure to adhere to PPP policy.

For Authors

- **AI assistance:** AI tools that make suggestions to improve or enhance your own work, such as tools to improve language, grammar or structure do not require disclosure by authors or reviewers.
- **Generative AI:**
 - It is important that you do not use AI to generate an article and then submit it as your own work.
 - We do not permit the use of AI to create or alter images in any submissions (this does not include adjustments to things like brightness and contrast as long as the original information is presented).
 - Authors must state how AI has been used if it has been used in any way in the preparation of their paper (see Disclosure heading).
 - You should never acknowledge AI as a co-author, because AI cannot meet the requirements for authorship or take responsibility for the work.

Disclosure

If Generative AI has been used in the preparation of the paper, a separate AI declaration statement should be included within your manuscript upon submission. This should include the name of the AI tool used and the purpose of the use. This should be clearly described to ensure transparency and referenced appropriately.

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