

## The use of generative AI and AI-assisted technologies in writing for Imprint Academic books and journals

The aim of this policy is to head off any potential problems regarding authors' use of AI to enhance their submissions to Imprint Academic journals and books division. It will hopefully assist and inform authors, readers, and reviewers in relation to generative AI and AI-assisted technologies. This is a quickly developing field and the landscape is likely to change rapidly, so it is our intention monitor and refine this policy as and when necessary. Please note the policy only refers to the writing process, and not to the use of AI tools to analyse and draw insights from data as part of the research process.

Where authors use AI and AI-assisted technologies in the writing process, these technologies should only be used to improve readability and language of the work and not to create *content*, produce scientific (or other) insights, draw scientific or philosophical conclusions, or provide clinical recommendations. Applying the technology should be done with human oversight and control and all work should be reviewed and edited carefully, because AI can generate authoritative-sounding output that can be incorrect, incomplete, or biased. The authors are ultimately responsible and accountable for the contents of the work.

Authors should disclose in their manuscript the use of AI and AI-assisted technologies and a statement will appear in the published work (if accepted). Declaring the use of these technologies supports transparency and trust between authors, readers, and reviewers, and facilitates compliance with the terms of use of the relevant tool or technology.

The editors of Imprint Academic journals and books reserve the right to investigate any submissions they deem to be a candidate for having used AI technology. Their findings will be as clear and open as possible and all (co-)authors will be accountable for ensuring that any questions concerning AI use are appropriately addressed

Authors should not list AI and AI-assisted technologies as an author or co-author, nor cite AI as an author. Authorship implies responsibilities and tasks that can only be attributed to and performed by humans. Authors are responsible for ensuring that the work is original, that the stated authors qualify for authorship, and the work does not infringe third party rights, and should familiarize themselves with Imprint Academic's policies before they submit.

## The use of LLMs or AI tools in peer review

### Use of AI for editors

Editors should not to use AI software to triage manuscripts or create summaries. They should also not use these tools to summarize reviews and write decision letters.

There is no restriction on the use of AI-based tools to look for reviewers in a subject area, but all editors should verify the reviewer's identity before inviting them to review a submission. Reviewer verification should typically involve checking their publication record and/or institutional profiles using a basic google/internet search.

### Use of AI for reviewers

Reviewers should not generate review reports using language models or generative AI. Technology may be used to polish or enhance reports where necessary, but is not a substitute for a referee's expertise in and knowledge of a given topic. The general policies outlined above regarding authors' responsibilities also apply to journal reviewers.