

AAP Policy on the Use of Artificial Intelligence

With the proliferation of AI technologies, AAP feels the need to provide guidance to editors and authors on the use of such tools. AAP welcomes these new tools for enhancing your work but they should be used with discretion and transparency.

Authors and editors must ensure that all material in their work submitted to AAP is not created with any artificial intelligence (AI) tools, such as AI paraphrasing tools (also known as a rephraser or rewording tools), AI-generating text tools, or AI-created figures. Note that AAP currently does not allow the use of AI in the creation and manipulation of images, graphics, and figures, or original research data for use in our publications. (By “images, graphics, and figures,” we include photographs, charts, tables, medical images, snippets of images, computer code, and formulas. The term “manipulation” encompasses any augmentation, concealment, repositioning, removal, or addition of specific features in an image.)

AI tools may be used for certain purposes, such as

- to analyze and draw insights from data as part of the research process
- to improve readability and language of the work, such as for spelling and grammar
- to improve text in a non-native language
- for literature classification
- for coding assistance

Authors and editors bear full responsibility for the originality, accuracy, and integrity of their work. When using AI tools, they must do so ethically, transparently, and with appropriate judgment. Authors remain accountable for ensuring that all submitted work satisfies rigorous standards of scientific and scholarly evaluation, including proper research, validation, and authorship.

Authors must notify the Publisher of their intent to use AI tools at the earliest possible stage, preferably in their initial book proposal, along with how they plan to employ AI. If the Publisher approves the intended use, the book editor or author must then note this in the book’s preface or introduction. For individual chapters, the chapter authors must alert the book’s editors of their intended AI use. This level of transparency is necessary to retain the integrity of the author/editor, the publisher, and the work itself.