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Large Language Models Across the Lifecycle of Scholarly Publishing

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue examines how large language models are being integrated into the preparation, review and editorial handling of scholarly manuscripts. Rather than treating large language models solely as tools of authorship, the focus is on their broader influence on writing practices, peer review and editorial judgment within contemporary journal publishing. As generative artificial intelligence becomes embedded across the manuscript lifecycle, the central challenge has shifted from simple questions of authorship attribution to more complex issues of disclosure, acceptable use and responsibility. Most journals now state that authors remain fully accountable for content produced with AI assistance, yet practical questions remain unresolved. These include how the extent of large language models use should be disclosed, which uses are considered acceptable or unacceptable and how editors and reviewers should respond when manuscripts or review reports exhibit strong indicators of artificial intelligence-generated language. This Special Issue invites contributions that engage directly with these unresolved editorial and ethical tensions...

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