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Policy on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI)

1. Scope and Purpose

This policy establishes the journal's position on the acceptable use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) in the preparation, submission, review, and publication of scholarly manuscripts. It aims to ensure transparency, uphold academic integrity, and maintain the reliability of the scholarly record in accordance with international publishing ethics standards.

2. Definition

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) refers to computational systems capable of producing text, images, data, or other content (e.g., large language models such as ChatGPT, image generation tools, and automated data synthesis systems).

3. Author Responsibilities

Authors may use GenAI tools only under strict conditions:

- **Transparency and Disclosure:**
Any use of GenAI must be explicitly disclosed in the manuscript (e.g., in the Methods or Acknowledgment section), including the name of the tool, version (if applicable), and the nature of its use.
- **Accountability:**
Authors bear full responsibility for all content submitted. GenAI tools cannot be credited as authors or co-authors under any circumstances.
- **Originality and Integrity:**
Manuscripts must represent original scholarly work. Authors must ensure that GenAI-assisted outputs are accurate, verifiable, and properly referenced. Fabricated, hallucinated, or unverifiable content is strictly prohibited.
- **Permissible Use:**
Acceptable uses include language editing, grammar refinement, or limited assistance in structuring content. Substantive intellectual contributions (e.g., data interpretation, argument construction, conclusions) must remain the work of the authors.

- **Prohibited Use:**

The use of GenAI to generate entire manuscripts, falsify data, manipulate citations, or produce misleading scientific claims without critical human oversight is strictly prohibited.

4. Use of GenAI in Peer Review

Reviewers must not upload manuscripts, in whole or in part, to GenAI tools or any third-party systems that may compromise confidentiality, intellectual property, or data protection. The use of GenAI in the peer review process is prohibited unless explicitly authorized by the journal.

5. Editorial Oversight and Compliance

The editorial office implements the following measures:

- Screening of submissions for potential AI-generated content or undisclosed use of GenAI.
- Verification of disclosure statements and ethical compliance.
- Investigation of suspected breaches of this policy in accordance with established editorial procedures.

Failure to comply may result in **desk rejection, withdrawal, retraction, or notification of affiliated institutions.**

6. Alignment with International Standards

This policy is aligned with best practices and recommendations from recognized bodies, including the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) and leading academic publishers. The journal is committed to continuous policy updates in response to technological developments and evolving ethical standards.

7. Policy Updates

This policy will be periodically reviewed and updated to reflect emerging risks, regulatory requirements, and advancements in GenAI technologies.



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