

Guideline for Use of generative AI

The Druk Journal is exploring the Use of generative AI and its disclosure for Contributors.

The Druk Journal recognises the growing role of artificial intelligence tools in research, and the writing and editing process. We support the responsible use of these technologies while maintaining our commitment to original scholarship, authentic author's voice, and intellectual integrity. This broad guideline helps contributors understand when and how to disclose generative AI use.

Authorship implies accountability for content, accuracy, and ethical responsibility of contributors, and we typically do not consider generative AI tools as authors or co-authors. All work submitted to The Druk Journal should have identifiable human authors who stand responsible for their work. The Journal encourages original author's work in drafting substantial portions of the text to maintain and build trust amongst readers.

What Requires Disclosure

Contributors must disclose when generative AI tools have been used for:

- Idea generation and conceptual development – including brainstorming topics, developing arguments, or structuring content
- Drafting substantial portions of text
- Data analysis or interpretation – when AI tools analyse datasets or draw conclusions
- Visual content: generating figures or diagrams.
- Creating summaries or synthesising sources – when AI consolidates research materials
- When disclosing, please specify:
- Which Gen AI tool(s) were used (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini)
- What specific tasks the Generative AI performed
- The extent of AI contribution to the final work. TDJ encourages original author's work in drafting substantial portions of the text.

What Does Not Require Disclosure

- Following the examples of other journal and journalistic publications, the following uses of AI are permitted without disclosure:
- Grammar and spell checking
- Citation formatting and reference management
- Translation assistance
- Transcription of interviews or audio content
- Basic copy-editing functions

How to Disclose

Include a brief statement in your submission email or cover letter, such as:

"In preparing this article, I used [Generative AI tool name] to [specific purpose]. All ideas, arguments, and final text represent my own work and judgment. I have reviewed and take responsibility for content."

For articles/sections where Gen. AI played a substantial role in content generation, include a note in the article acknowledgments section.

In the manuscript

For research-based articles:

- Consider including disclosure in a Methods section
- For essays and commentary: Include disclosure in an Acknowledgements section or end note
- If neither section fits your format, a brief Generative AI use note works fine.

Include:

- Name and version of the Generative AI tool (e.g. ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini)
- What you used it for
- The general approach or prompts you used (if relevant).
- A note that you have reviewed the output.

Example: "I have used ChatGPT to help organise my initial research notes and to suggest relevant scholarly sources. All analysis, arguments, and conclusions are my own, and I have independently verified all references."

Limitations:

Sources and citations: Please cite human-authored , verifiable sources, AI-generated content should not appear in your reference list.

AI generated images: TDJ does not accept AI generated images or visual content at this time due to copyright and research integrity concerns. All figures used must be cited from verifiable publications. Please use original photography, illustrations, or properly licensed imagery.

Your Responsibility as a Contributor

Whether or not you use AI tools, you are responsible for:

- The accuracy of your content and claims
- Verifying facts, data, and citations
- The originality of ideas and proper attribution
- Meeting ethical standards
- The quality and integrity of your intellectual contribution

The Druk Journal's Commitment

All submissions undergo editorial review regardless of generative AI involvement. We evaluate contributions based on their intellectual merit, accuracy, originality, and alignment with our editorial standards. Disclosure of generative AI use helps us understand your process and maintain transparency with readers, but it does not affect our evaluation of your work.

The Druk Journal will update this guideline as technology and publishing norms evolve.

Disclosure: This policy was formulated with the help of Claude AI to research AI policies of various journals and publications and based on research of publications, such as:

- Generative AI policies for journals,

<https://www.elsevier.com/about/policies-and-standards/generative-ai-policies-for-journals>

- Research Guides at Princeton University,

- Disclosure on Use of AI in research manuscripts, Singapore Management University, smu.edu.sg and

- Disclosing artificial intelligence use in scientific research and publication: When should disclosure be mandatory, optional, or unnecessary? Taylor and Francis online,

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/08989621.2025.2481949>.

The content was verified through independent research on the websites and research into the publishing norms of academic institutions, publications, and independent journalism.