

1. Introduction and Scope

The journal *Analele Universității din Oradea. Seria științe economice* is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity, originality, and transparency in scholarly publishing. This policy governs the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and AI-assisted technologies in the preparation, writing, and submission of manuscripts to this journal. This policy applies to **all authors, reviewers, and editors** involved in the publication process.

2. Definition of AI and AI-Assisted Tools

For the purposes of this policy, AI and AI-assisted tools refer to any software or technology that uses machine learning, large language models, or similar technologies to **generate, edit, summarize, translate, or paraphrase** text, images, data, or other content. This includes, but is not limited to:

- ChatGPT, Gemini, Copilot, Claude, and similar large language model (LLM) tools
 - AI-powered grammar and writing assistants (e.g., Grammarly Premium AI features)
 - AI-based literature review or summarization tools
 - AI image or figure generation tools
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3. Policy on AI Use in Manuscript Preparation

3.1 AI Tools Are NOT Accepted as Authors

AI tools and AI-generated systems **cannot be listed as authors** of any manuscript submitted to this journal. Authorship implies accountability, ethical responsibility, and the ability to consent — qualities that AI systems do not possess.

All listed authors must be human individuals who:

- Substantially contributed to the conception, design, analysis, or interpretation of the work
- Drafted or critically revised the manuscript
- Approved the final version for submission
- Agree to be accountable for all aspects of the work

3.2 Permitted Use of AI Tools

Authors **may** use AI tools for the following **assistive purposes**, provided full disclosure is made:

✔ Permitted Use	Description
Language editing	Improving grammar, syntax, and clarity of text written by the author
Translation assistance	Assisting in translating content, subject to author verification
Paraphrasing	Rephrasing author-generated content for clarity
Reference formatting	Organizing and formatting bibliographic entries
Spell-checking	Basic proofreading and spell-check functions

3.3 Prohibited Use of AI Tools

Authors **must NOT** use AI tools for the following purposes:

✖ Prohibited Use	Description
Content generation	Generating original research ideas, arguments, or conclusions
Data fabrication	Using AI to generate, simulate, or fabricate research data

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Literature review automation	Fully delegating the literature review process to AI without human critical analysis
Peer review	Using AI to conduct, write, or significantly assist in peer review evaluations
Plagiarism evasion	Using AI to paraphrase or disguise plagiarized content

4. Transparency and Disclosure Requirements

4.1 Mandatory Disclosure

Authors who have used AI tools **in any capacity** during manuscript preparation must provide a clear disclosure statement in the manuscript. This statement must be included in a dedicated section titled:

"AI Use Disclosure"

placed **after the Acknowledgements section** and **before the References section**.

4.2 Suggested Disclosure Statement Format

"During the preparation of this manuscript, the author(s) used [Name of AI Tool] for the purpose of [specific use, e.g., language editing and grammar checking]. The author(s) have reviewed, edited, and verified all AI-assisted content and take full responsibility for the accuracy, integrity, and originality of the published work."

If no AI tools were used, authors may optionally include:

"The author(s) declare that no AI-assisted technologies were used in the preparation of this manuscript."

5. Responsibilities of Authors

By submitting a manuscript to this journal, authors confirm that:

1. They take **full responsibility** for all content, including any portions assisted by AI tools.
2. All AI-generated or AI-assisted content has been **critically reviewed, verified, and edited** by the authors.
3. The use of AI tools has **not compromised** the originality, accuracy, or integrity of the research.
4. They have **not used AI** to generate research data or fabricate results
5. All disclosures regarding AI tool use are **complete and accurate**.

6. Responsibilities of Reviewers

Peer reviewers must:

- **Not use AI tools** to generate, complete, or substantially assist in writing their review reports, as this would violate confidentiality obligations and compromise the integrity of the peer review process.
- Ensure that any information shared with AI platforms during the review process does not breach the **confidentiality** of the submitted manuscript.
- Contact the editorial board if they are uncertain about the appropriate use of AI during the review process.

7. Responsibilities of Editors

Editors of the *Analele Universității din Oradea. Seria științe economice* are responsible for:

- Ensuring that all submitted manuscripts are screened using appropriate **AI-detection and plagiarism-detection tools** (e.g., iThenticate, Turnitin, sistemantiplagiat.ro).
 - Evaluating AI detection reports in **context**, recognizing that such tools are not infallible and should be used as one component of a broader integrity assessment.
 - Making final decisions regarding the acceptability of AI use on a **case-by-case basis**, in accordance with this policy.
 - Keeping this policy **up to date** in line with the evolving landscape of AI technology and international publishing standards.
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8. Detection and Verification

The editorial board reserves the right to:

- Use **AI-content detection tools** to screen manuscripts for undisclosed AI-generated content.
 - Request authors to **clarify or justify** any sections suspected of containing undisclosed AI-generated content.
 - **Reject manuscripts** where undisclosed or unauthorized AI use is identified prior to publication.
 - **Retract published articles** where undisclosed AI use is discovered post-publication, in accordance with the journal's retraction policy.
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9. Consequences of Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with this AI Policy may result in:

- **Immediate rejection** of the submitted manuscript
 - **Retraction** of published articles
 - **Notification** to the authors' affiliated institutions
 - **Prohibition** from submitting future manuscripts to this journal for a defined period
 - Referral to relevant professional or academic ethics bodies, where appropriate
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10. Alignment with International Standards

This policy is developed in alignment with the guidelines and recommendations issued by:

- **Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)**
 - **Elsevier, Springer Nature, and Wiley** AI use policies
 - **UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (2021)**
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11. Policy Review and Updates

Given the rapidly evolving nature of AI technology, this policy will be **reviewed annually** by the editorial board of the *Analele Universității din Oradea. Seria științe economice*. Updates will be published on the journal's official website and communicated to all registered authors and reviewers.

12. Contact and Inquiries

For questions regarding this policy or to report concerns about AI misuse in submissions, please contact:

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