

A note to our authors: *Histochemistry and Cell Biology* implements guidelines for the use of large language models (including ChatGPT)

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The release of the AI chatbot ChatGPT by OpenAI in San Francisco, California, has brought the capabilities of tools known as large language models (LLMs) to new heights. *Nature*, along with all Springer Nature journals, has formulated the following two principles about using LLMs ethically:

- First, no LLM tool will be accepted as a credited author on a research paper. That is because any attribution of authorship carries with it accountability for the work, and AI tools cannot take such responsibility.
- Second, authors using LLM tools must declare and document this use in the Methods or Statements and Declarations sections of the manuscript.

Both principles will be effective immediately for authors submitting a manuscript to *Histochemistry and Cell Biology*.

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