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[1] This table draws from the STM "Recommendations for a Classification of AI Use in Academic Manuscript Preparation."