

# **Can We Trust AI Output? A Trustworthy AI Perspective for HEOR and RWE**

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# Outline

- The promise of generative AI and emerging HEOR applications
- The limitations of generative AI
- NICE Position statement on AI
- Existing frameworks for evaluating trustworthy AI
- Considerations for an evaluation framework in the context of HEOR

# The Promise of Generative AI

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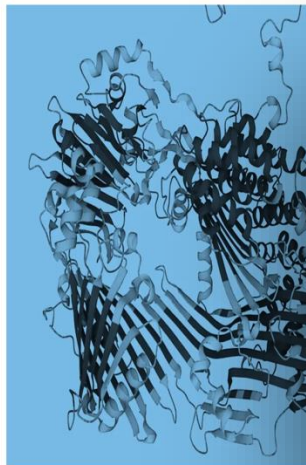


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# Emerging Applications in HEOR

- Systematic Literature Reviews
- Health Economic Modeling
- Real World Evidence Generation
- Dossier Development

## **Generative AI for Health Technology Assessment: Opportunities, Challenges, and Policy Considerations**

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## **Generative AI in Health Economics and Outcomes Research: A Taxonomy of Key Definitions and Emerging Applications – an ISPOR Working Group Report**

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# EXAMPLE !

Abstract  
screening

## Automating abstract screening

- **Aim:** Study investigated the sensitivity and specificity of GPT-3.5 Turbo as a single reviewer, for title and abstract screening in systematic reviews.
- **Results:** Sensitivities ranged from **81.1% to 96.5%** and specificities ranged from **25.8% to 80.4%**.
- **Conclusion:** GPT-3.5 Turbo model may be used as a **second reviewer** for title and abstract screening

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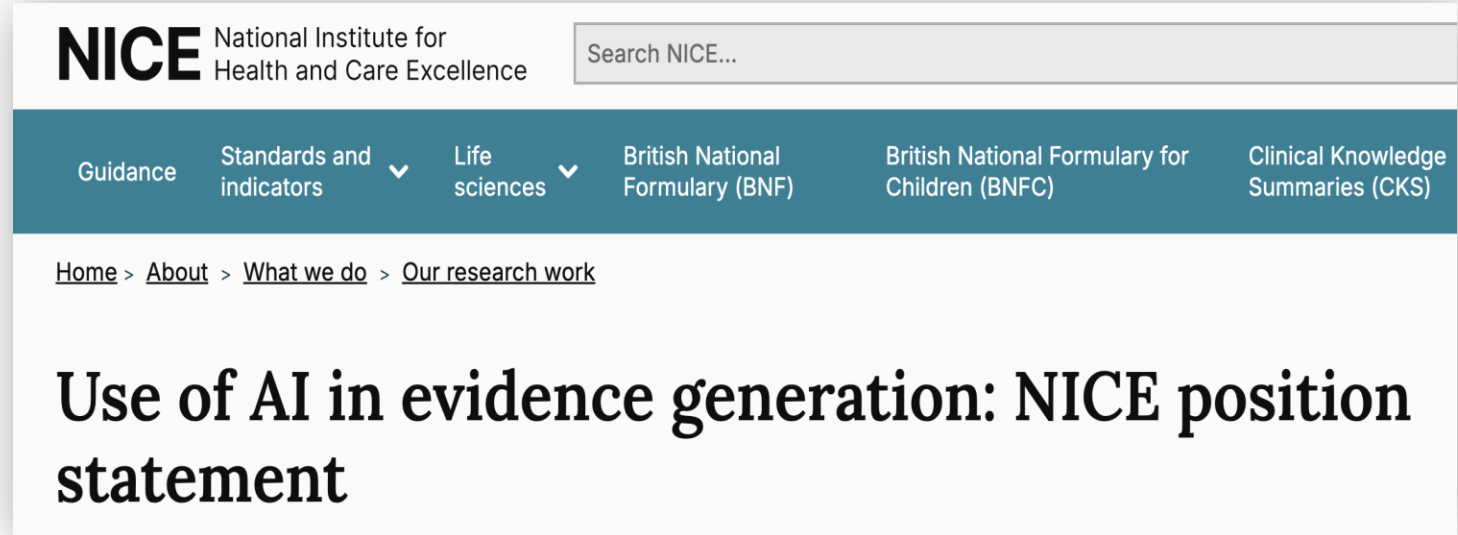
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# Some Limitations of Foundation Models and LLMs

- **Accuracy Concerns:** LLMs can produce errors in tasks such as abstract classification and data extraction. There's also the risk of hallucinations (e.g. non-existent citations).
- **Human Oversight is Essential:** While some studies suggest that LLMs can achieve accuracy levels comparable to human efforts, this isn't always consistent. Continuous human oversight and validation are crucial to ensure quality and reliability.
- **Reproducibility Issues:** Different LLMs (and even different prompts) may yield varying results, complicating efforts to replicate studies and findings.
- **Potential for Bias:** Models trained on datasets with inherent biases, can inadvertently skew results.
- **Data Privacy Risks:** Using patient-level data (e.g. in meta-analyses) raises significant privacy and security concerns, necessitating stringent safeguards.
- **Explainability** refers to how well the internal mechanics of a system can be described in human terms. Generative AI models are often seen as "black boxes" due to their complex structures and large data sets, making explainability and interpretability difficult to represent.

# NICE Position Statement: Generative AI for SLRs and Evidence Synthesis

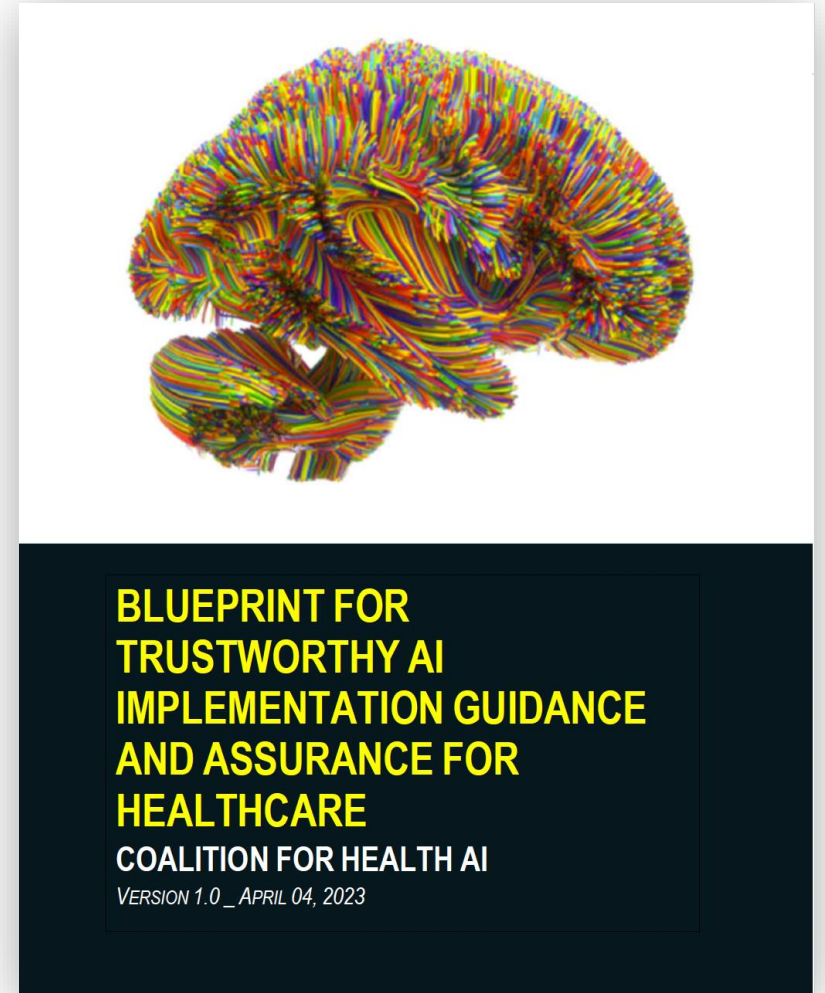
- AI can automate **key stages** of systematic reviews and meta-analyses improving **efficiency**, though **validation** is ongoing.
- Ensuring **transparency and explainability** in AI-driven processes is critical to maintain **trust** and **accountability**.
- Methodological rigor must be upheld by applying **established frameworks** (e.g., Cochrane, PALISADE) to **minimize bias** and **validate** AI outputs in evidence synthesis.



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# Frameworks for Trustworthy AI: Coalition for Health AI (CHAI)

- Transparency & Accountability:
- Bias Management
- Safety & Reliability
- Security & Privacy
- Continuous Monitoring



Reference: Blueprint for trustworthy AI implementation guidance and assurance for healthcare ([CHAI, 2023](#))



# Frameworks for Trustworthy AI: National Academies of Medicine

- Engagement and Inclusiveness
- Safety and Accountability
- Equity and Fairness
- Transparency and Explainability
- Sustainability and Efficiency

**Artificial Intelligence in Health, Health Care, and Biomedical Science: An AI Code of Conduct Principles and Commitments Discussion Draft**

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# Possible Domains for an HEOR Evaluation Framework for Trustworthy AI

## LLM Characteristics Description

**Model Identification and Versioning**

**Training Data Sources and Scope**

**Training Methodology and Resources**

## LLM Output Evaluation

**Accuracy**

**Completeness**

**Factuality**

**Fairness, Bias, Toxicity**

**Deployment Metrics**

**Calibration and Uncertainty**

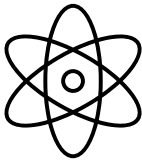
# Conclusions



Early applications of Generative AI in HEOR show **promise**, but human involvement remains essential



Future outlook: as **user expertise** and **model performance** improve, LLMs are likely to augment SLRs.



Evaluation frameworks for trustworthy AI in HEOR are needed: There are **no shortcuts** to high quality science.