

Hello Samuel,

Thank you for your insightful comments and analysis. I appreciate how you've categorised the consequences of Abi's actions into ethical, legal, social, and professional dimensions, making it easier to understand the situation's complexity. Additionally, your focus on proactive solutions and recommendations demonstrates a clear commitment to addressing Abi's ethical challenges.

Your suggestion to include disclaimers and contractual agreements is particularly noteworthy. Furthermore, publishing in a peer-reviewed journal is another approach that piqued my interest. These strategies could indeed serve as safeguards to prevent misuse of Abi's analysis. However, I would like to expand on this idea.

For instance, a disclaimer could help protect against reputational harm, clarifying that the findings should not be used selectively. A contractual agreement gives Abi more control over the use of their findings by the manufacturer, ensuring that the results are used responsibly and ethically.

On the other hand, publishing research in an open-access format can enhance accessibility, aligning with the European Commission's Horizon 2020 Open Access policy. Making the findings openly available provides transparency. However, this also means that Abi would need to be cautious about how their work is interpreted or misused by others (European Commission, N.D.).

These approaches, when combined, can provide both transparency and protection for Abi's work, ensuring that their ethical and legal responsibilities are upheld.

Reference:

European Commission (n.d.) Open access. Available at: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/strategy/strategy-research-and-innovation/our-digital-future/open-science/open-access_en [Accessed: 21 December 2024].