

Hello Samuel,

Including disclaimers or contractual agreements is a strong approach to preventing the misuse of Abi's analyses. While disclaimers provide clarity on the intended scope and limitations of the work, contractual agreements take ethical safeguards further by legally binding all parties to specific responsibilities and standards.

The idea of a contractual agreement is particularly compelling, as it helps establish clear obligations, manage relationships, and promote ethical accountability between involved parties (Beck & Purcell, 2023). Such agreements align with the principles of the ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct and the BCS Code of Conduct, which emphasize the importance of avoiding harm and acting in the public interest.

For Abi, including ethical clauses in a contract could explicitly define acceptable uses of the analyses and specify consequences for misuse. This approach not only deters potential harm but also reflects a proactive commitment to transparency and trust. By integrating these measures, Abi would ensure their work aligns with professional and societal values, strengthening accountability and reinforcing ethical standards in their practice.

References:

Beck, D. and Purcell, R., 2023. Towards a community-based ethical contract. *Community Development Journal*, 58(1), pp.79-95.