

Upper's (1974) Unsuccessful Self-treatment of a Case of "Writer's Block": Renewed Attempt Using Chat-based Large Language Models

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Abstract

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Dear Editor XXX,

I would be grateful to you for considering my manuscript, entitled “*Upper’s (1974) Unsuccessful Self-treatment of a Case of “Writer’s Block”: Renewed Attempt Using Chat-based Large Language Models*,” for publication in XXX. I am submitting this manuscript to XXX because I believe it will resonate with your diverse readership by addressing a topic fundamental to scientific research: the pervasive influence of “writer’s block.”

Last year marked the 50th anniversary of Upper’s (1974) (1) groundbreaking contribution. The enduring importance of Upper’s work is evident not only in its numerous citations, but also in the diverse follow-up treatments it has inspired across several disciplines (e.g., 2–9). These efforts have resulted in notable reviews and meta-analyses (10, 11) and have stimulated further academic discourse in other disciplines as well (e.g., 12).

My manuscript offers a timely, modern perspective on this topic, directly addressing the rapidly emerging potential of (chat-based) large language models to overcome the challenge that both new and seasoned writers are often confronted by. As I’m sure you know all too well, the universal relevance of LLMs to this subject is demonstrated not only by current public interest but also by their transformative impact on writing and publishing practices across academia and industry. For these reasons, I believe my manuscript will be of significant interest to the broad range of scientists who read XXX for the originality and impact of its articles. I also believe that your *Perspectives* article type provides an ideal platform for disseminating this work.

I hereby confirm that this manuscript is not currently under consideration by any other journal. Please note that I have not redacted personally identifying information from the manuscript and that I have not had prior discussion with a XXX editor about this work. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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