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Subject: Re: Decision on Nature Machine Intelligence manuscript NATMACHINTELL-A25062481
Date: 3 June 2025 at 05:52
To: machineintelligence@nature.com



Dear Dr. Venema,

Thank you for your timely and thoughtful response regarding *Lex Incipit: Immutable Ethics for Autonomous AI*. While I of course hoped for a different outcome, I want to express genuine appreciation for the work you and your editorial team do at Nature Machine Intelligence.

I understand the challenge of weighing a high volume of quality submissions against limited space. That said, I'm still encouraged to have had the opportunity to submit to a journal I deeply respect.

To be honest, I never set out to “break the mold.” I simply couldn’t, in good conscience, continue developing autonomous AI systems without first tethering them to a verifiable, immutable ethics framework. What emerged was this architecture, and it wasn’t planned as a disruption. It was a necessity. A technical reflection of a moral line I didn’t feel comfortable crossing without constraint in place.

Lex Incipit is more than a paper to me, it's an invitation. Not just to publish, but to collaborate. To open a discussion around enforceable ethics in AI systems, particularly those deployed in sovereign and critical environments where oversight cannot be assumed.

Even though this submission may not have found its home at *NMI*, I hope to stay in touch and continue contributing to the vital work your journal leads. If future work is more closely aligned with your editorial direction, I'd welcome the opportunity to revisit this conversation.

With appreciation,
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Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Jun 2025, at 20:37, machineintelligence@nature.com wrote:

Dear Mr Mazzocchetti

Thank you for submitting "Lex Incipit: Immutable Ethics for Autonomous AI" to *Nature Machine Intelligence*. Regrettfully, we cannot offer to publish it.

We receive many more papers than we can publish, which means we must decline a substantial proportion of manuscripts without sending them to referees, so that they may be sent elsewhere without delay. Decisions of this kind are made by the editorial staff when it appears that papers, even when technically correct, are unlikely to succeed in the competition for limited space.

In this case, while we recognize that your findings are of inherent interest, I regret that we are unable to conclude that the paper provides the sort of clear and compelling advance in scientific understanding that would be of immediate interest to our readership of researchers in artificial intelligence and machine learning. We feel that the present manuscript would be better suited to another journal than *Nature Machine Intelligence*.

I am sorry that we cannot respond more positively but hope you will rapidly receive a more favourable response elsewhere.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Liesbeth Venema
Chief Editor
Nature Machine Intel

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