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ACCEPTABLE RESOURCES FOR CONTEMPORARY RESEARCH: PROS AND CONS

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Introduction Materials. In contemporary research, selecting credible resources is essential to maintain accuracy, rigor, and relevance. The rapid expansion of digital platforms has given rise to diverse resource types, including AI-driven content, blogs, forums, podcasts and more traditional resources like peer-reviewed journals, monographs etc. While these resources offer varied perspectives and insights, they also require careful evaluation to ensure they meet the standards of scholarly rigor. Understanding the advantages and limitations of different resource types will help maintain the quality and credibility of research outcomes.

Results. Study demonstrates the diversity of acceptable resources and the growing reliance on digital and AI-driven platforms for information. As modern research increasingly integrates AI, podcasts, blogs, online communities etc. understanding their role in academia becomes essential. The analysis identified several key types of resources in contemporary research, each with unique benefits and drawbacks: more “classical” – peer-reviewed journals, academic books and monographs, open-access journals; more innovative – AI-generated content, social media, blogs, podcasts, video content etc.

Conclusion. Peer-reviewed journals offer high credibility through rigorous peer review, ensuring that data and analyses are reliable. On the other hand, the publishing timelines can delay the dissemination of current information. The more popular in Ukrainian research field are the open-access journals which promoting wider dissemination, but some open-access publishers may lack rigorous

editorial standards, leading to credibility concerns. The academic books and monographs provide comprehensive, in-depth analysis and theoretical perspectives, particularly useful for foundational research, but often tend to be less current than journal articles. Innovative sources such as AI-generated content, blogs, podcasts and online forums etc. offer unique insights but require critical assessment to ensure validity. Researchers should prioritize peer-reviewed resources when possible and apply rigorous evaluation to newer, digital sources.

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