Description

Imagine having to skim through and read mountains of research papers and books, only to realize that most of the literature wasn't what you were looking for! Sounds scary, doesn't it? Why not use summarization tools to save time and help you decide if a particular reference is worth referring to or not!

With the growing development in Artificial Intelligence (AI), summarization tools have emerged as an indispensable aid for researchers in retrieving information from the vast sea of data. By harnessing the power of natural language processing (NLP) and advanced algorithms, these cutting-edge tools distill lengthy texts into concise and comprehendible summaries. Although AI summarization tools are not merely technological novelties, researchers find themselves puzzled about choosing a right tool which helps them to ease their referencing journey.

What Are AI Summarization Tools

AI summarization tools are AI-powered technological aids that help in condensing complex information into a concise summary that covers all the major aspects and pertinent information from a reference. The generated summary can either be an entirely new text which conveys the key ideas of the text or extracts the main points of relevance from the text.

Here is an example of how an AI summarizer works.

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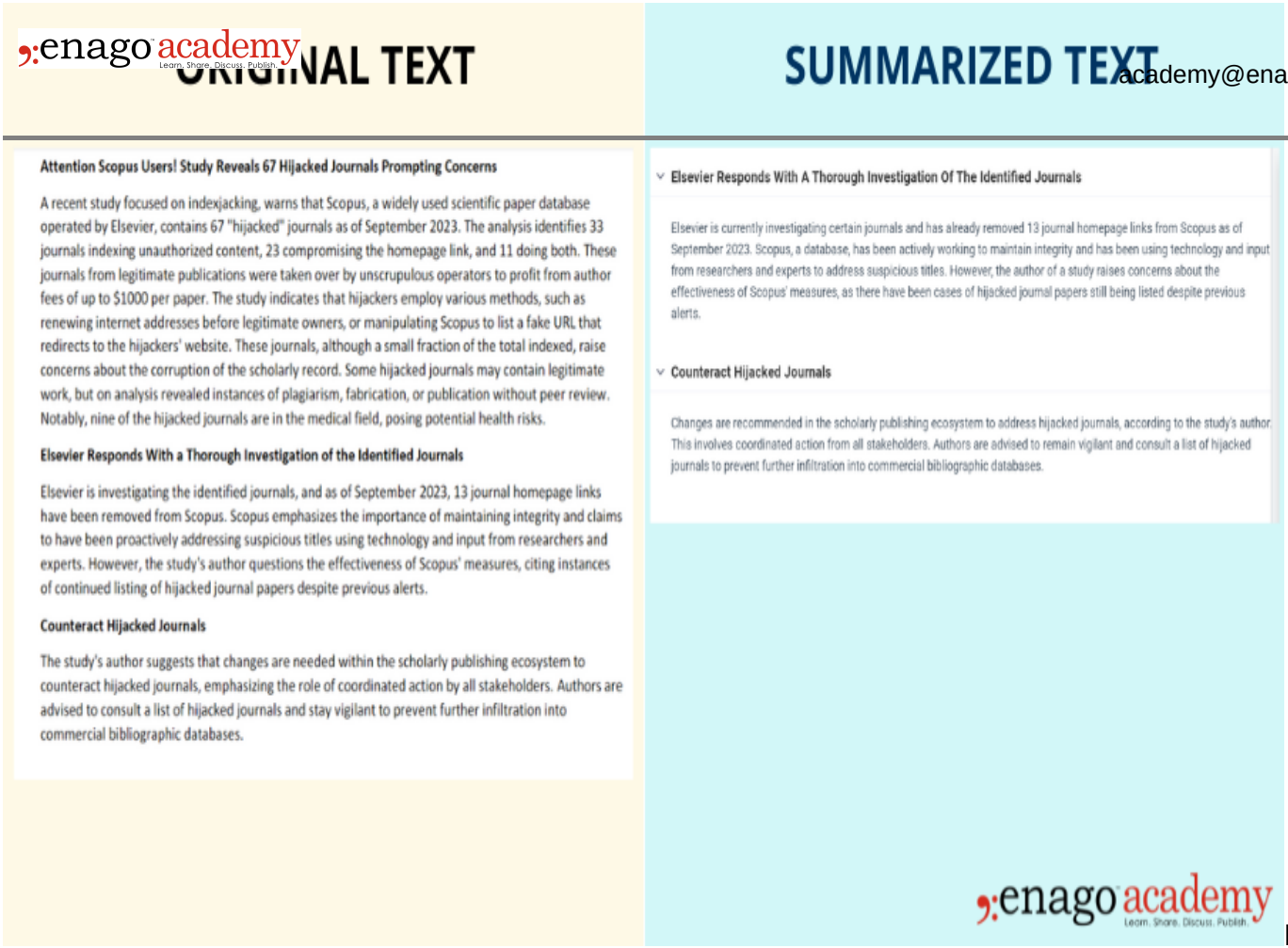

By collecting information from various sources, researchers can gain a holistic understanding of a topic, identify trends, and gather insights that may not be immediately apparent in individual documents.

Importance of AI Summarization Tools

AI summarization tools are versatile toolkits in managing the vast pool of information. Furthermore, they facilitate quick comprehension of diverse topics, thereby expediting the research process. Some benefits of using summarization tools in research are as follows:

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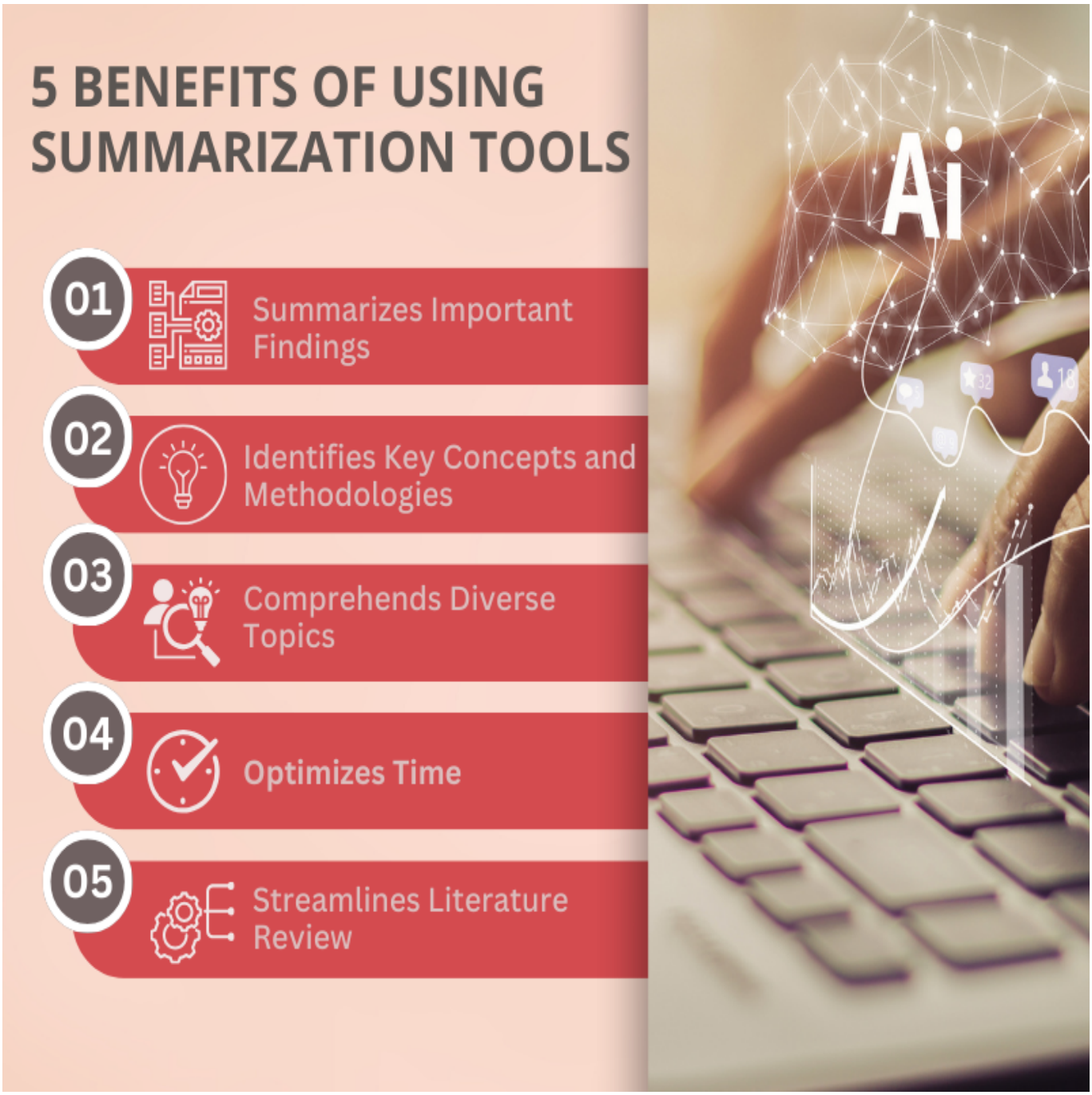

Therefore, using summarization tools not only helps in adding depth to your research but also enables drawing connections to derive meaningful conclusions.

However, with so many tools around, researchers find themselves stuck choosing the right tool that helps them to generate summaries, with minimal loss of useful data.

Comparative Analysis of 6 AI Tools for Summary Generation

With the growing amount of information, the quest for efficient and accurate summary generation tools has increased. The availability of diverse AI-driven solutions has sparked a need for researchers to

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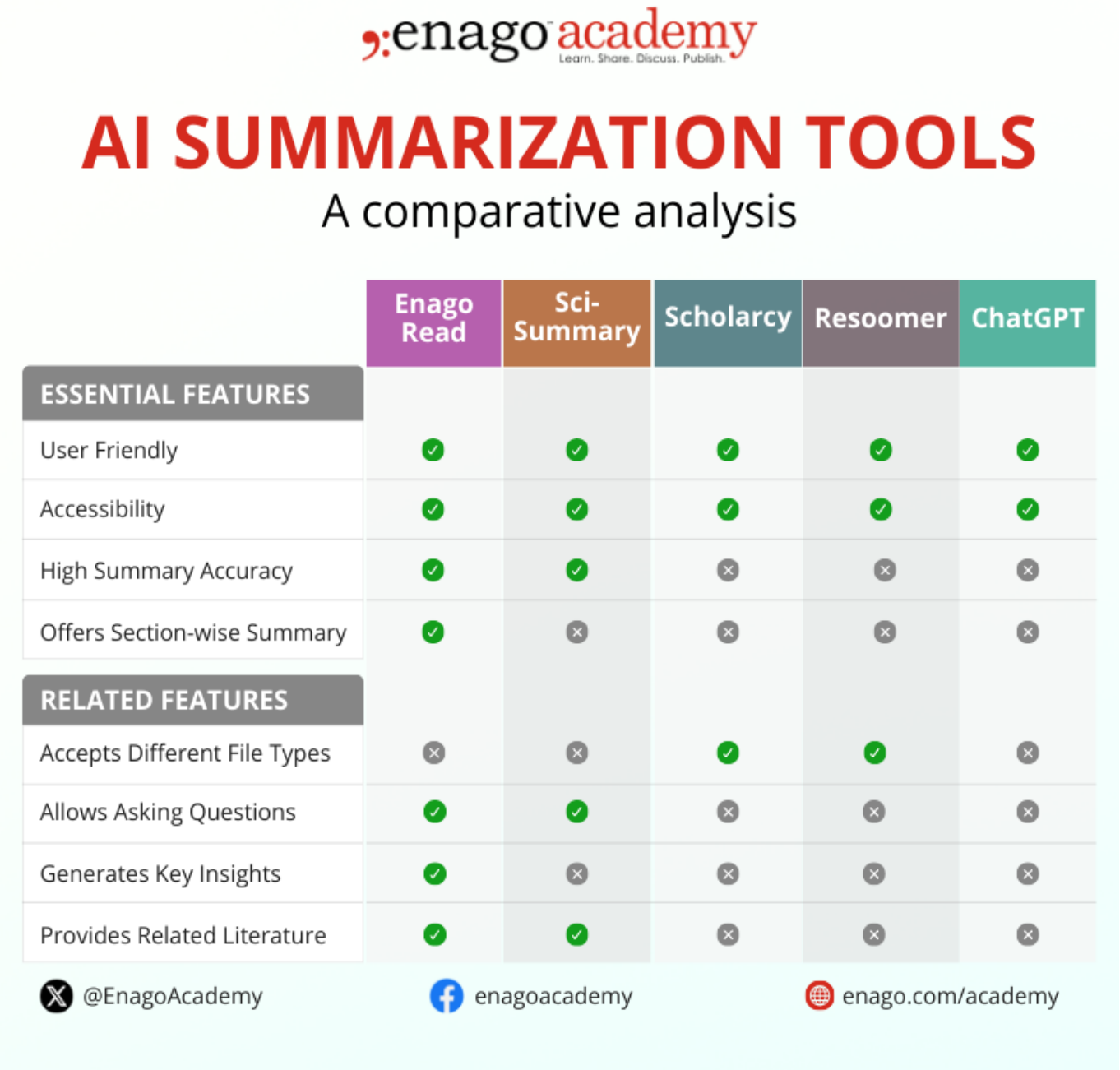
make an informed choice.

We did a comprehensive evaluation of 6 majorly used AI tools for summary generation by researchers. Based on the parameters such as affordability, user-friendliness, inclusion of diverse data sources (text, PDF, word documents, etc.), additional features, and the quality and accuracy of the summarized content, we analyzed these tools designed for summary generation.

Here is a comparative analysis of these tools to discern their effectiveness in summarizing information and facilitating a nuanced understanding of their respective strengths and limitations.



1. Enago Read

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Enago Read is an AI assistant which is specific for handling technical and specialized scientific content summarization and helps simplifying content from the literature. Furthermore, with the help of Copilot, it helps users to ask questions and simplify the process of literature analysis.

Recommended Users:

Researchers, Students, Marketing Analysts, Industry Stakeholders, Policy-makers

Price:

USD 0 to USD 4

Pros:

- Enables free use
- User-friendly
- Generates accurate and section-wise summary
- Provides supportive arguments and possible research opportunities
- Recommends related literature
- Facilitates asking questions about the literature
- Extracts tables and figures

Cons:

- Long processing time
- Accepts only PDF files/ URL

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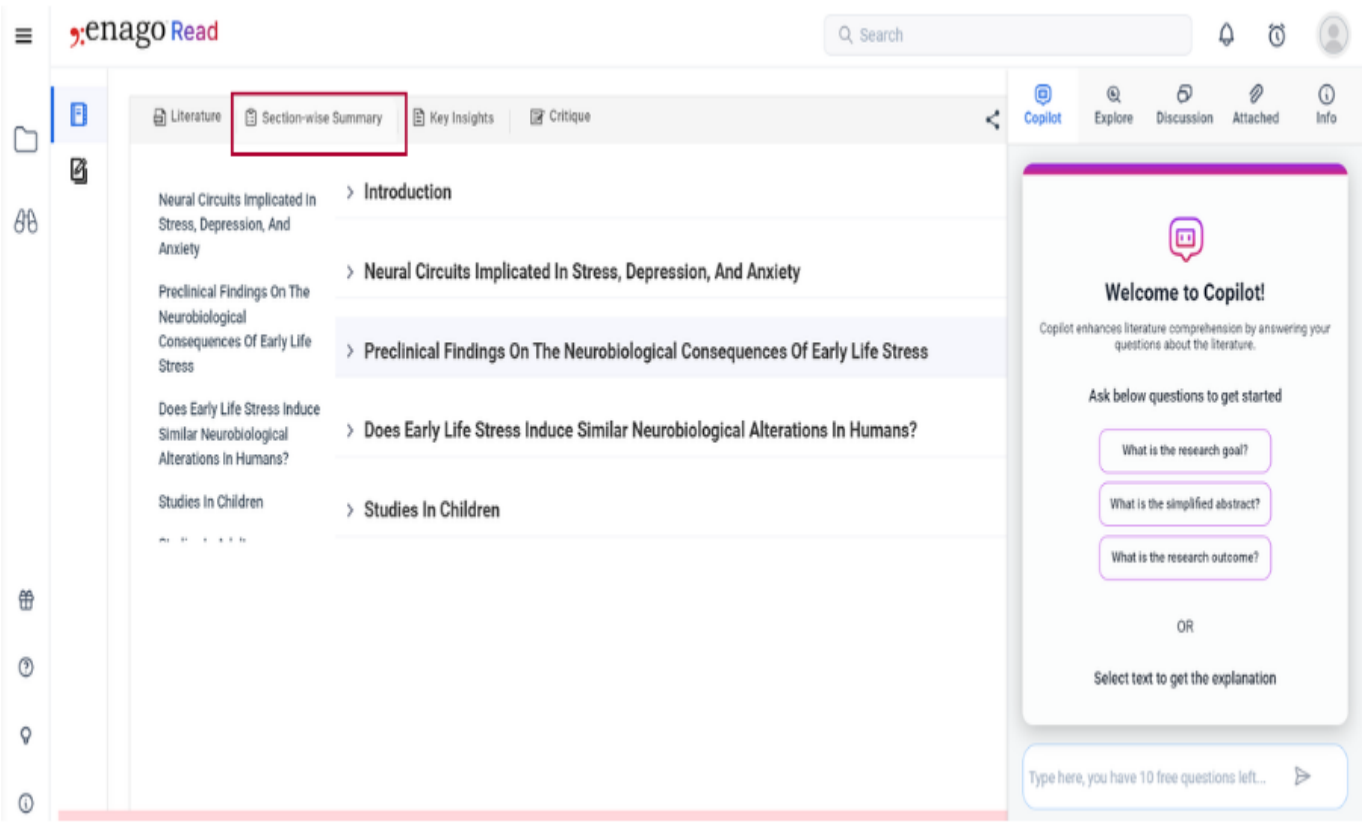

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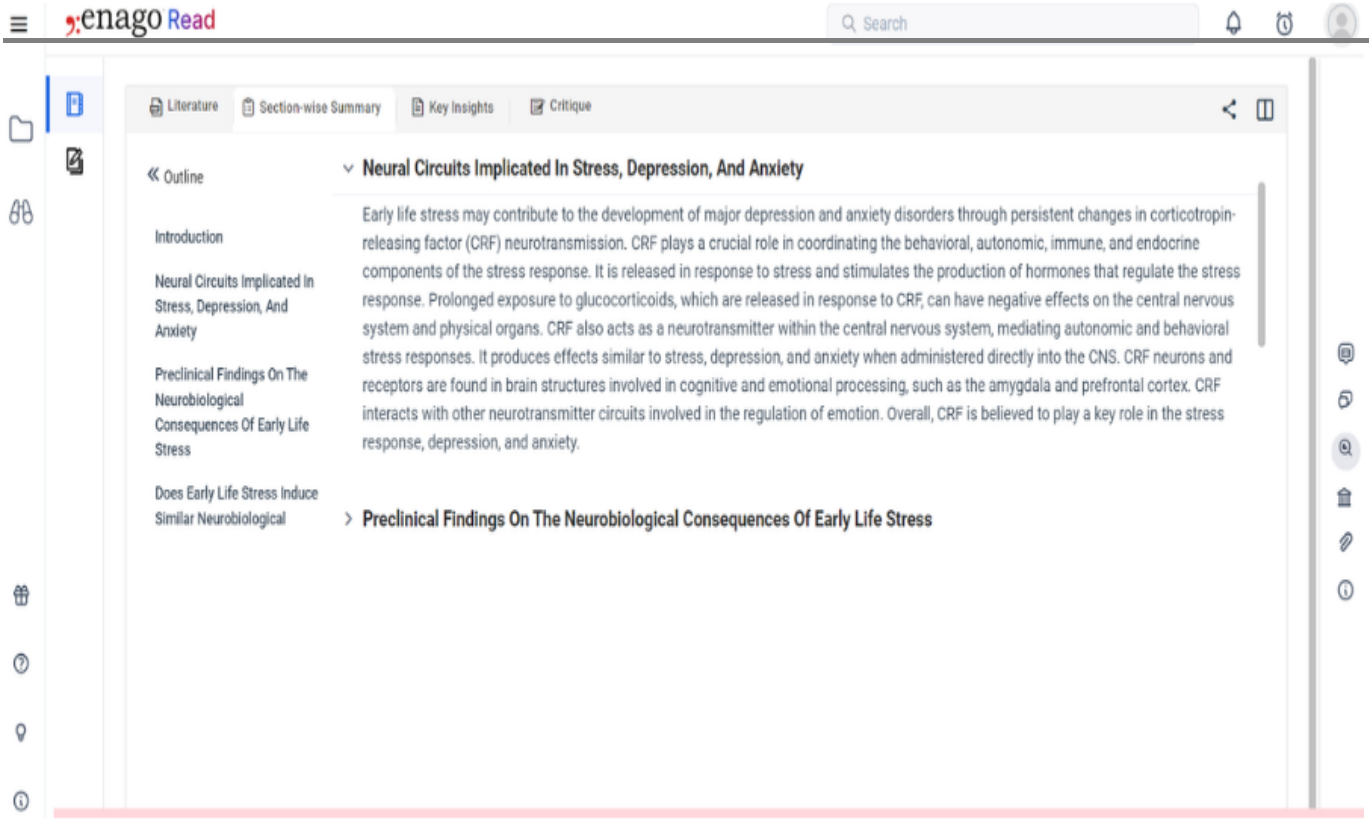

2.

SciSummary

SciSummary is an AI summarizer that help in summarizing single or multiple research papers. It combines and compares the summaries of the content from research papers, article links, etc.

Recommended Users:

Students, Researchers, Marketing Analysts, Industry Stakeholders, Policy-makers

Price:

USD 4.99 to USD 299.9

Pros:

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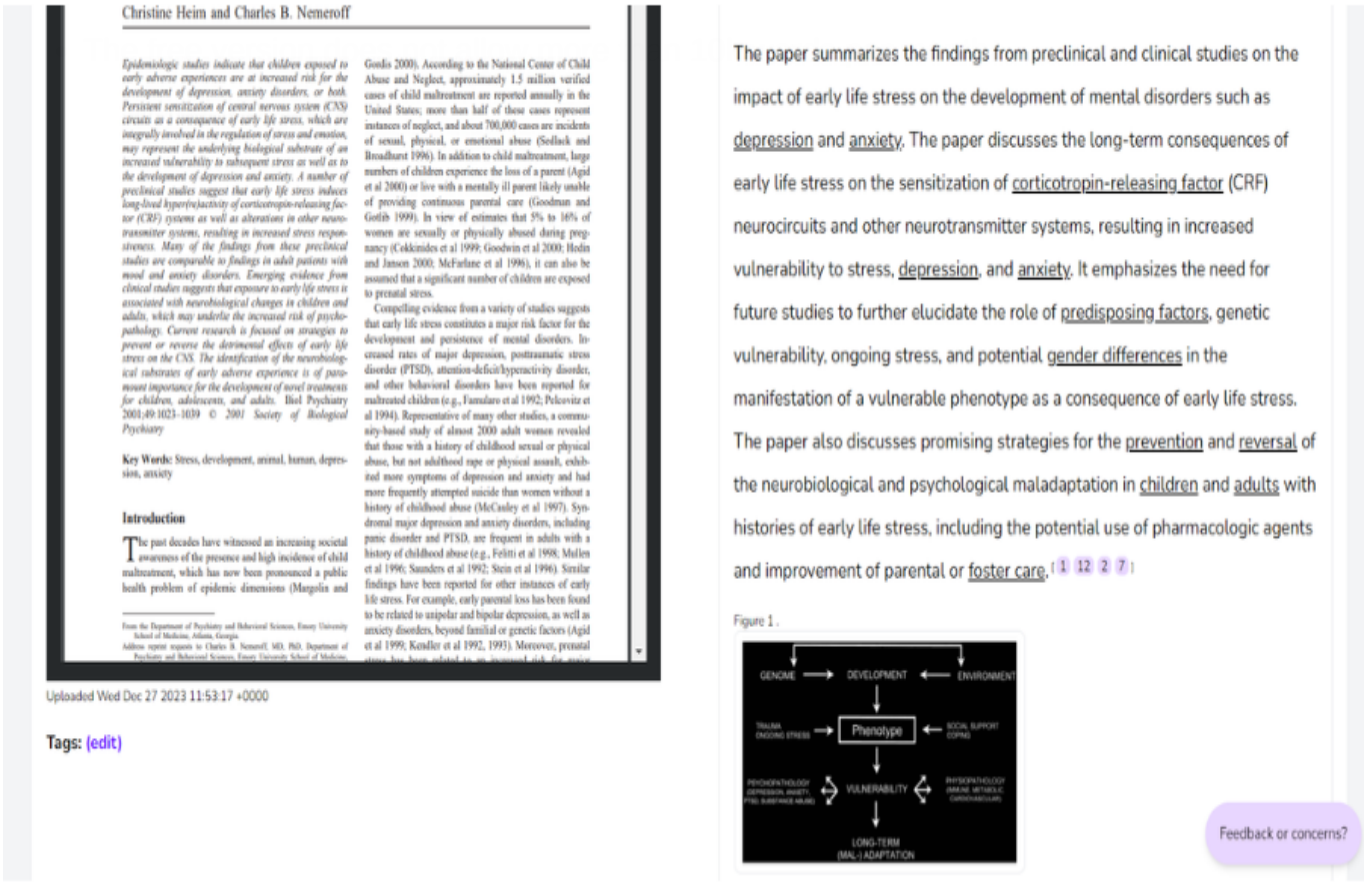
- Accepts article links
- Provides different types of summarization
- Simplifies the future area of research
- Allows adjusting the summary length
- Provides summary in different languages



3.

Scholarcy

Scholarcy is an online summarization tool that extracts the key highlights, figures, and data from the literature. However, it does not summarize the content from article links and can accept only text files or article DOI.

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Students, Researchers, Marketing Analysts, Industry Stakeholders, Policy-makers

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Price:

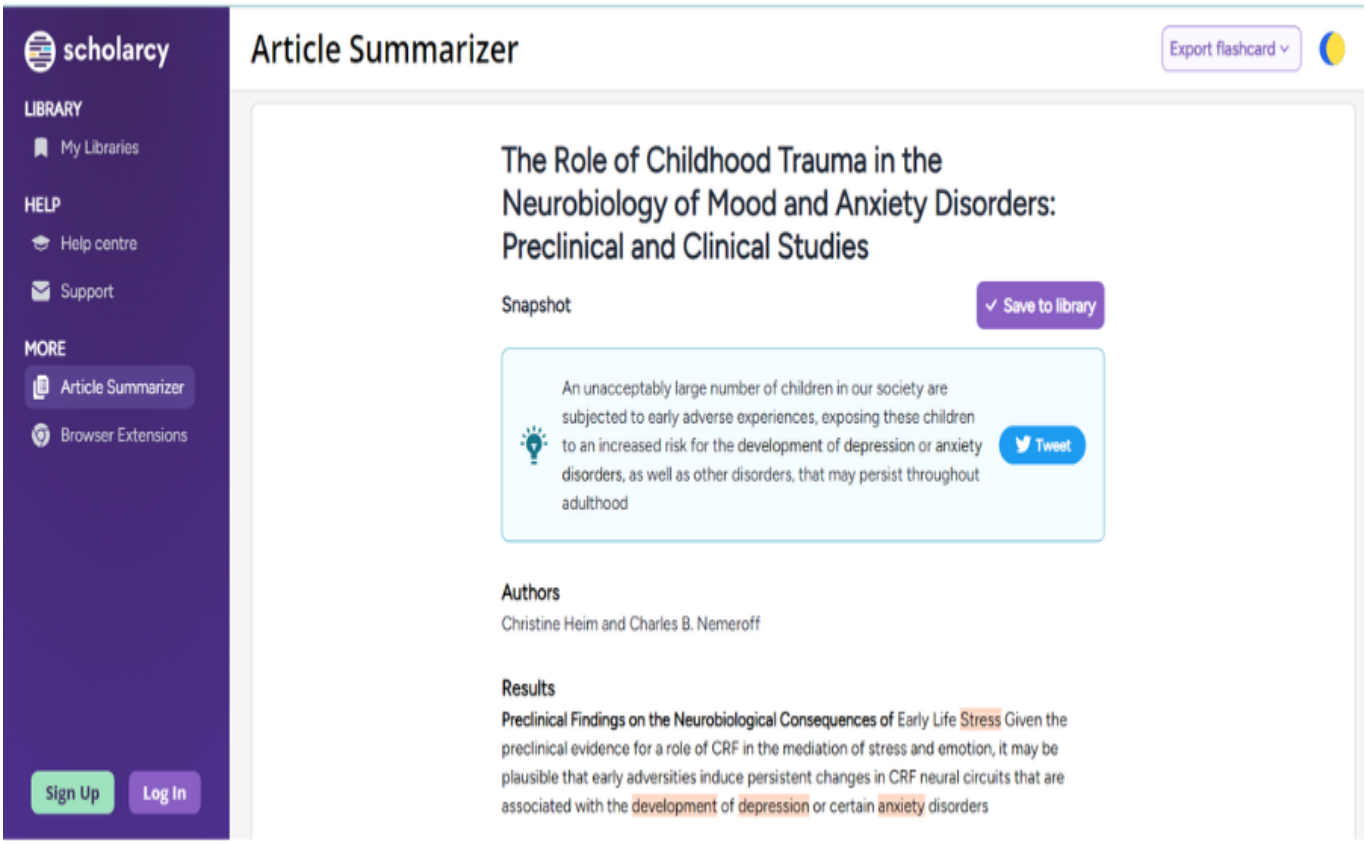
USD 0 to USD 410

Pros:

- Provides comparative analysis of the data
- Offers key highlights, abstract and synopsis of the input literature
- Provides a 3-4 lines snapshot of the entire content
- The generated summary can be downloaded

Cons:

- Does not accept article links
- Users with a free account can create only 3 summary flashcards per day



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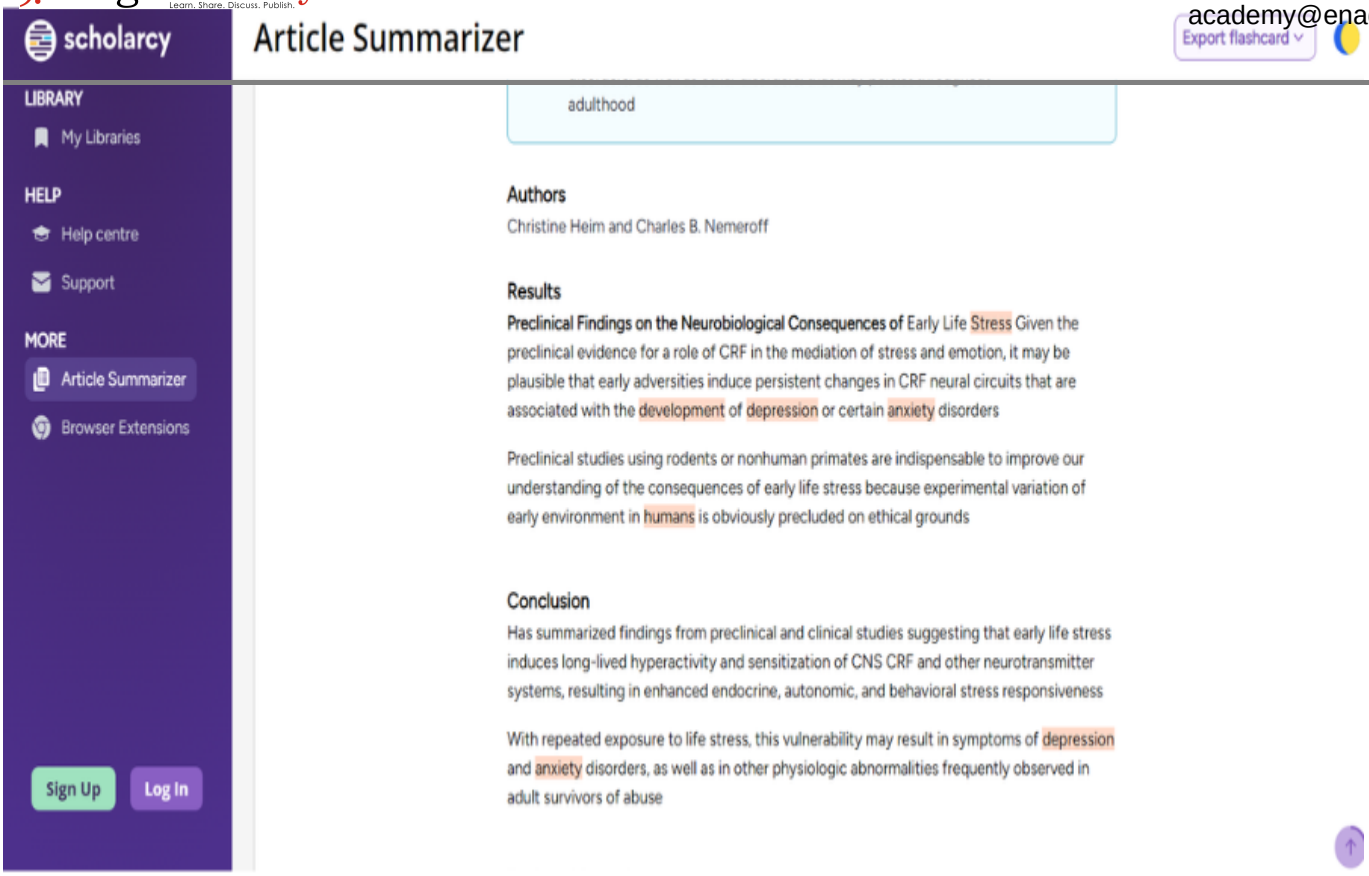

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Resoomer

Resoomer generates summaries and can be used to paraphrase content. It accepts multiple files and provides a summary of the text.

Recommended Users:

Students, Researchers and Marketing Analysts

Price:

Euro 0 to Euro 9.90

Pros:

- Provides different modes to generate summary
- Translates the summary to other languages
- Accepts links, multiple file types and YouTube videos
- Allows downloading the summarized text

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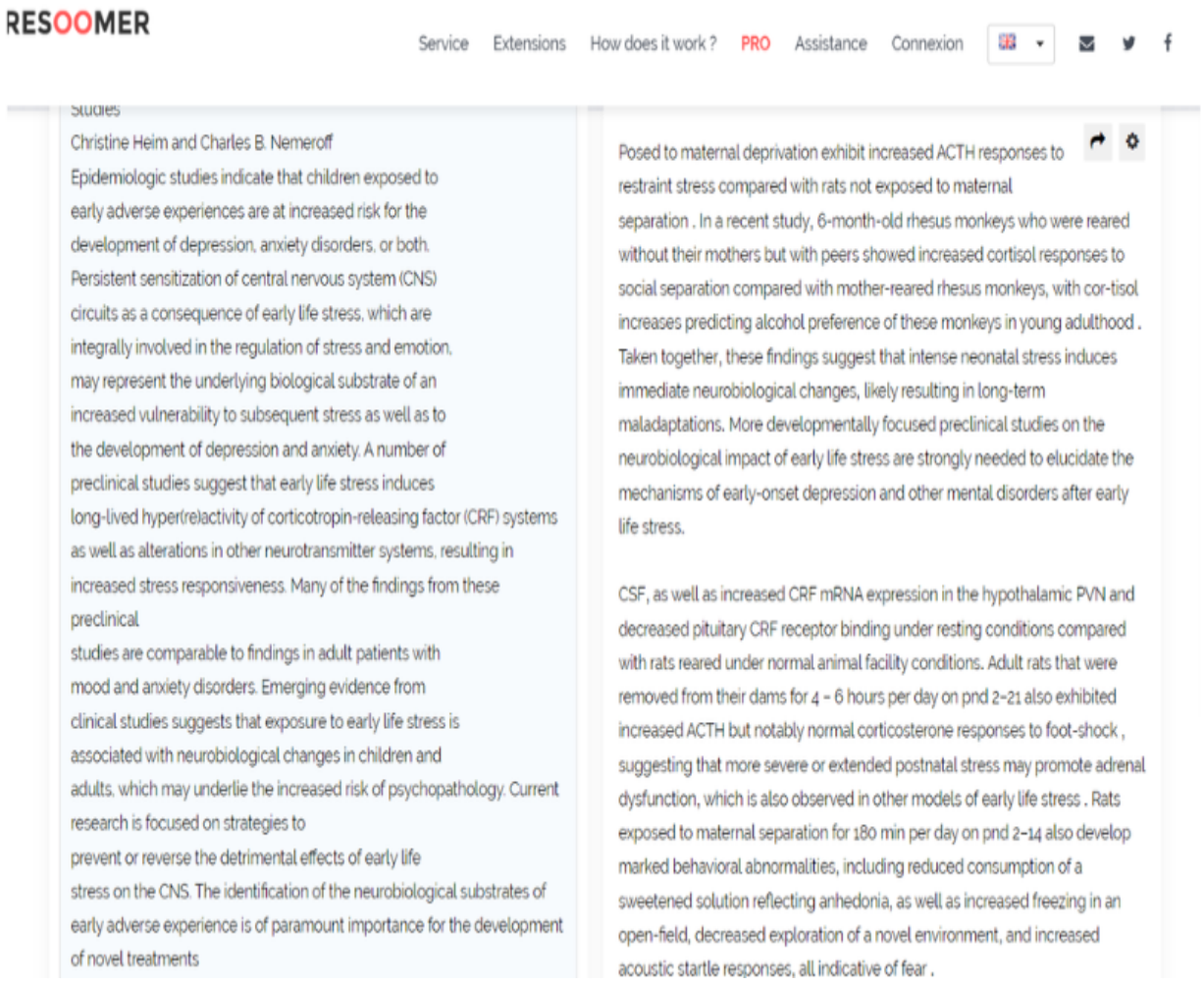
Cons

- Provides too long summary with unwanted details
- Does not provide the information from tables or figures



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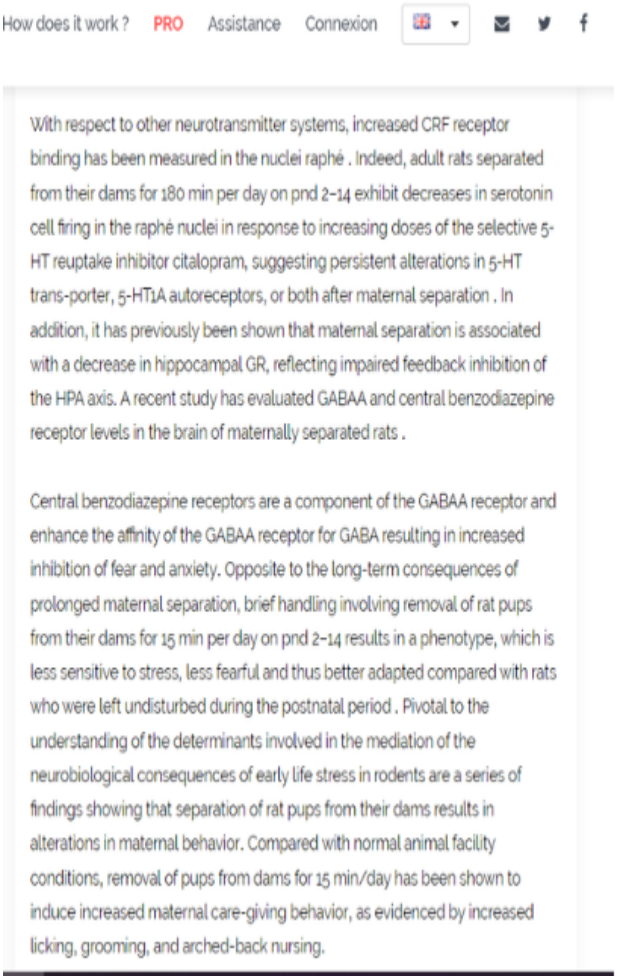

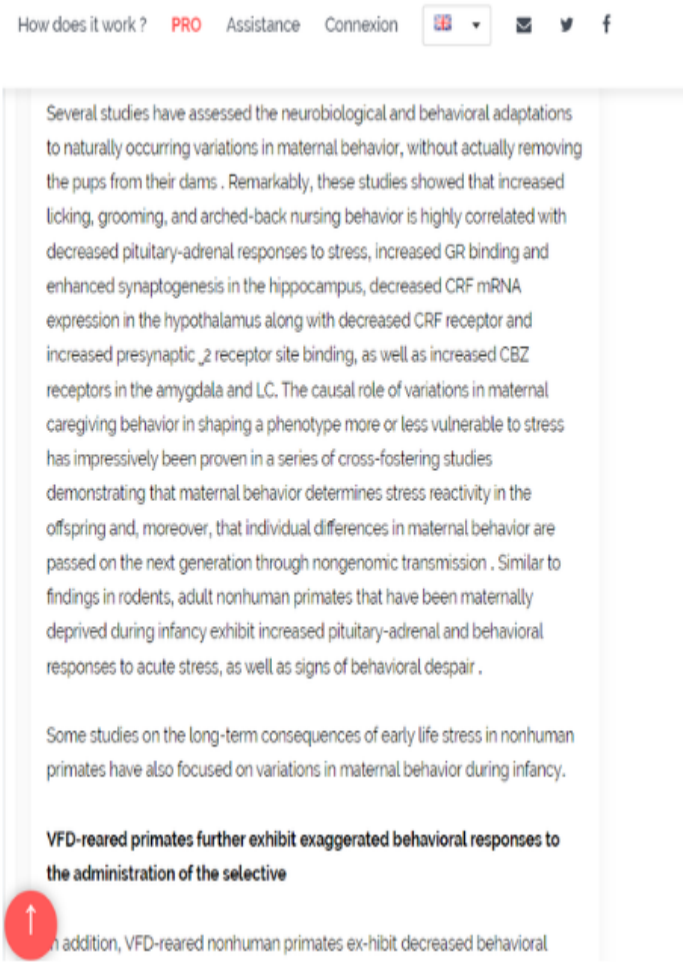

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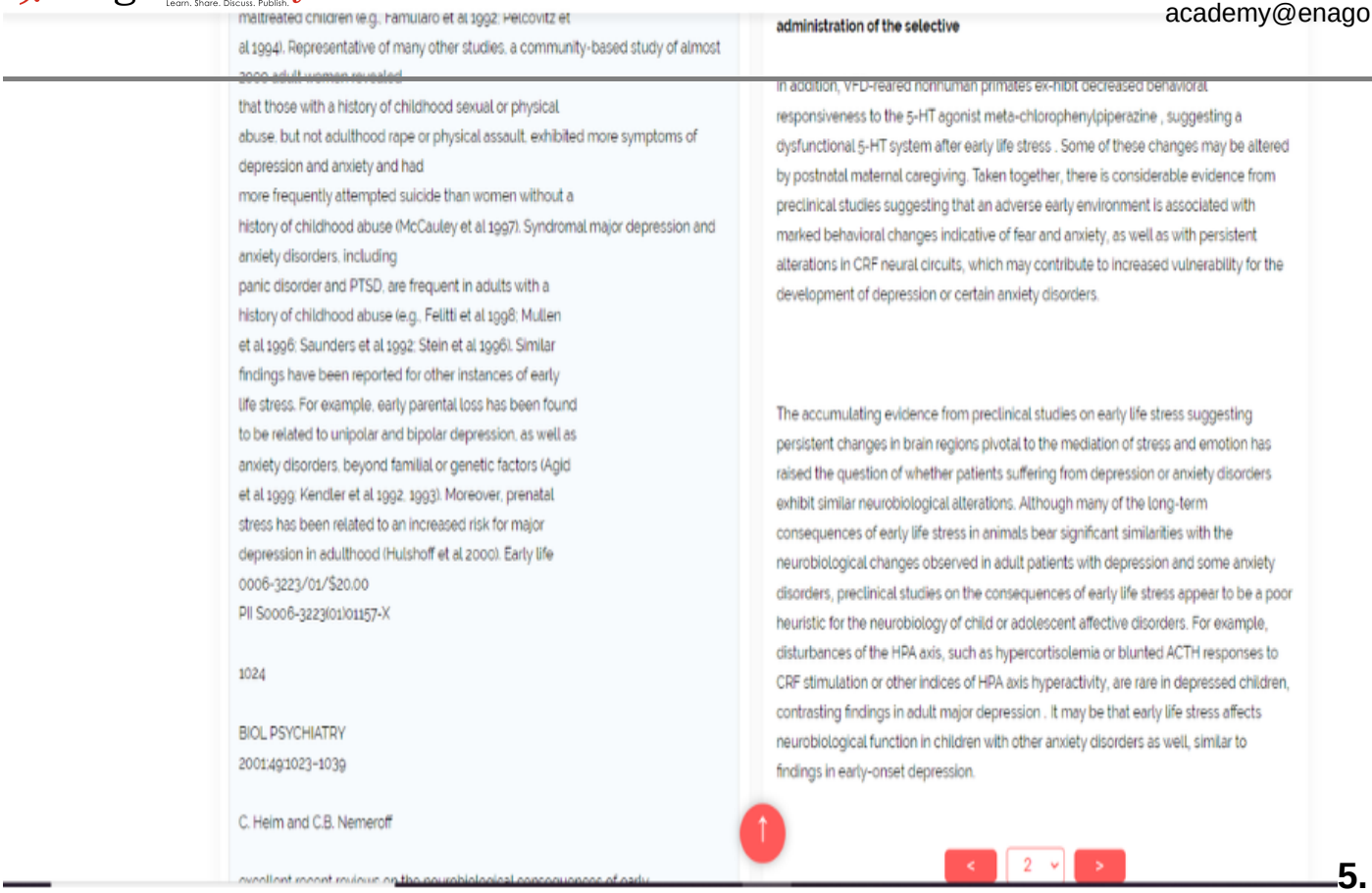
maltreated children (e.g., Famularo et al 1992; Pelcovitz et al 1994). Representative of many other studies, a community-based study of almost 3000 adult women revealed that those with a history of childhood sexual or physical abuse, but not adulthood rape or physical assault, exhibited more symptoms of depression and anxiety and had more frequently attempted suicide than women without a history of childhood abuse (McCauley et al 1997). Syndromal major depression and anxiety disorders, including panic disorder and PTSD, are frequent in adults with a history of childhood abuse (e.g., Felitti et al 1998; Mullen et al 1996; Saunders et al 1992; Stein et al 1996). Similar findings have been reported for other instances of early life stress. For example, early parental loss has been found to be related to unipolar and bipolar depression, as well as anxiety disorders, beyond familial or genetic factors (Agid et al 1999; Kendler et al 1992, 1993). Moreover, prenatal stress has been related to an increased risk for major depression in adulthood (Hulshoff et al 2000). Early life

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In addition, VPD-reared nonhuman primates exhibit decreased behavioral responsiveness to the 5-HT agonist meta-chlorophenylpiperazine , suggesting a dysfunctional 5-HT system after early life stress . Some of these changes may be altered by postnatal maternal caregiving. Taken together, there is considerable evidence from preclinical studies suggesting that an adverse early environment is associated with marked behavioral changes indicative of fear and anxiety, as well as with persistent alterations in CRF neural circuits, which may contribute to increased vulnerability for the development of depression or certain anxiety disorders.

The accumulating evidence from preclinical studies on early life stress suggesting persistent changes in brain regions pivotal to the mediation of stress and emotion has raised the question of whether patients suffering from depression or anxiety disorders exhibit similar neurobiological alterations. Although many of the long-term consequences of early life stress in animals bear significant similarities with the neurobiological changes observed in adult patients with depression and some anxiety disorders, preclinical studies on the consequences of early life stress appear to be a poor heuristic for the neurobiology of child or adolescent affective disorders. For example, disturbances of the HPA axis, such as hypercortisolemia or blunted ACTH responses to CRF stimulation or other indices of HPA axis hyperactivity, are rare in depressed children, contrasting findings in adult major depression . It may be that early life stress affects neurobiological function in children with other anxiety disorders as well, similar to findings in early-onset depression.

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ChatGPT

ChatGPT is a free generative AI tool that can perform wide range of activities, including literature summarization. However, it is not reliable as compared to other tools as it requires correct prompts to generate a proper response and the summarized data may include irrelevant details and miss on the important information.

Recommended Users:

Students and Marketing Analysts

Price:

Free

Pros:

- Free
- Easy to use
- Allows regenerating the summary multiple times

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Cons:

- Misses relevant points
- Does not accept links and files
- Requires proper prompts for better results
- Cannot summarize long literature

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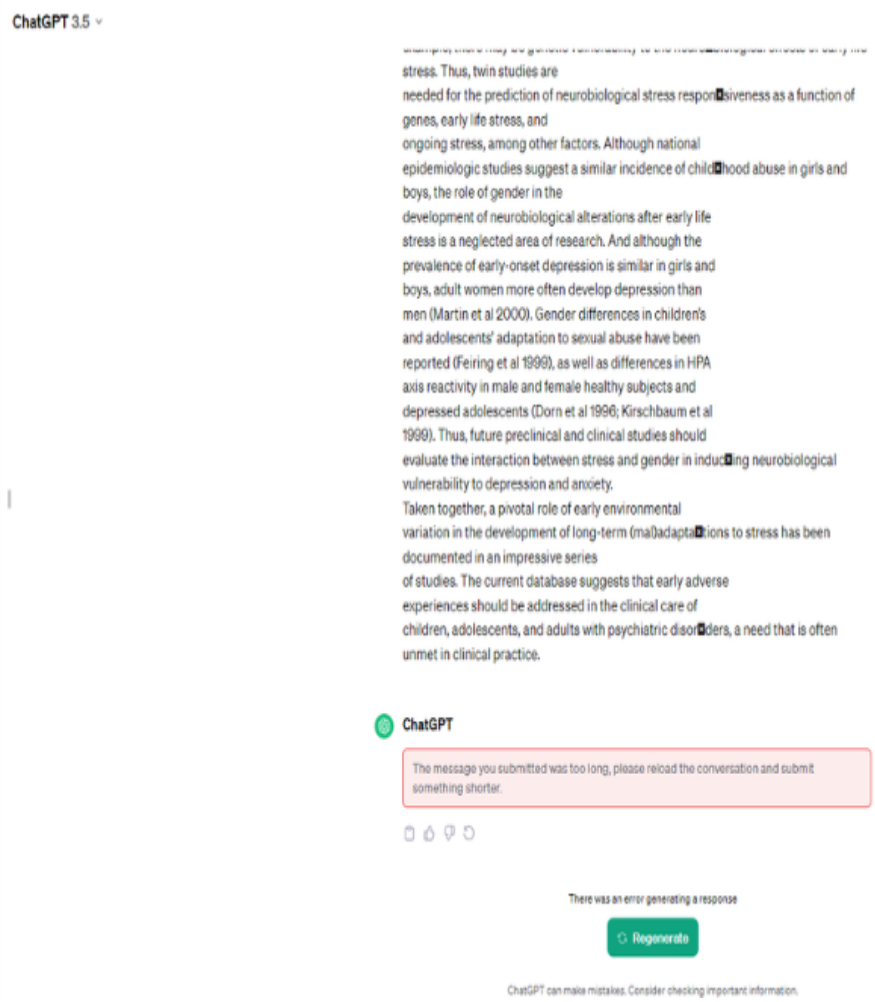

Although every tool has its own merits and demerits, using these tools in tandem can improve your experience. For example, a tool like Enago Read, which is highly trained for handling scientific content, can be used with tools like Scholarcy and Resoomer, which accepts data from diverse sources to improve your experience.

AI-summarization tools can revolutionize the research landscape by offering researchers unparalleled efficiency, speed, and versatility in information processing These tools can accelerate the pace of literature review by helping the researchers to wrap up the tedious task of reviewing lengthy literature. Although these tools offer several advantages that help researchers in streamlining their research process, one must learn to use these tools properly. Moreover, researchers should limit the use of these tools to identifying appropriate references and must read the short-listed references properly to avoid missing out on the important details.

Choosing a right literature review tool not only reduces the burden of tedious literature review but also catalyzes the rapid generation of innovative ideas across diverse domains. Researchers equipped with these powerful tools are better poised to unlock the full potential of abundant data that defines the digital age.

What are you waiting for? Choose your summarization tool wisely and be the ‘Super-researcher’ who effortlessly selects ‘the one’ from dozens of references in mere hours! The time is now — choose wisely and embark on a journey of accelerated knowledge acquisition!

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