

# African Journal of Reproductive Health (AJRH)

## Plagiarism and Code of Publishing Conduct Policies

### Plagiarism Policy

#### Definition

Plagiarism is the intentional use of other people's work or words without giving them credit.

#### Types

*Direct Plagiarism:* Word-for-word copying of a portion of another person works without citation or acknowledgment.

*Self-Plagiarism:* aka auto-plagiarism, happens when an author reuses significant portions of previously published work without attribution or citing the initial source. Or a student provides the same assignment in different classes without the permission of earlier professors.

*Mosaic Plagiarism:* When an author uses statements from a source without using quotation marks or finds synonyms to replace the source statement while maintaining the general sentence structure. Aka "patchwriting,"

*Accidental Plagiarism:* Occurs when an author fails to cite their sources or misquotes or unintentionally paraphrases their origin by using the same words or groups of words, and sentence structure without citation.

#### Policy and Implementation

The AJRH expects all authors submitting manuscripts to abide by ethical standard and refrain from plagiarism, in any form.

Our Editors will investigate every suspected case of plagiarism before and after the publication of the manuscript.

When the text plagiarized is minor (less than 25% of the text), the author(s) will be given an opportunity to make the necessary corrections.

When the piracy is extensive (greater than 25% of the text) the author(s) will be provided a chance to explain within two weeks. If no response from the author(s) after the deadline period, the manuscript will be rejected, and **the authors will be barred for three years from submitting a manuscript to the journal.**

When an already published manuscript is found to be plagiarized, the article will be retracted from the AJRH and any third party websites where the paper is listed and indexed.

### Code of Publishing Conduct Policy

The AJRH has adopted the best practice guidelines on the Code of Conduct for Journal Editors recommended by the Committee on Publication Ethics and published at the following link:

[https://publicationethics.org/files/Code\\_of\\_conduct\\_for\\_journal\\_editors\\_Mar11.pdf](https://publicationethics.org/files/Code_of_conduct_for_journal_editors_Mar11.pdf)

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