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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's works without citation or acknowledgment.

Self-Plagiarism: Also known as auto-plagiarism, happens when an author reuses significant portions of previously published work without attribution or citing the initial source.

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. It is also known as "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 standards 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 10% of the text), the author(s) will be given an opportunity to make the necessary corrections. When the piracy is extensive (greater than 10% of the text) the author(s) will be provided a chance to explain within two weeks. If no response is received 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

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