

Plagiarism: a serious issue in medical publication



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Dear Sir,

Publications are a routine part of any scientific work, and their quantity and citability plays an important role for the promotion of scientists. After publication, the article automatically moves in different repository, and become a source for references. Ethical guidelines should be followed by the journal properly. Although honesty and integrity is a part of scientific publication, but there are thousands of examples, where authors simply “copy and paste” from the published literatures violating the fundamental rules of “Evidence based Medicine”. Publication is an important criterion for the promotion and a number of other benefits observed in recent years [1]. As a result number of journals all over the world increased enormously to fulfill this demand. In this race, most of the time to minimize effort or due to time constraint issue, some of the authors are reluctant to write the article by own language [2]. So it is always challenging for a journal, how to identify the plagiarized manuscript? There are several ways to check plagiarism. For the medical literatures one of the most preferred one is iThenticate. After uploading in the website the output result shows the percentage of plagiarism, and the most interesting part is that it also shows the individual lines, from where it is copied. There are other plagiarism detection softwares available which should be used by the editors. Unfortunately several predatory journals does not follow the ethical standard and good practice in this filed. Plagiarism detection is costly, journals should charge for it. There are plenty of examples from different parts of this globe, where plagiarized articles withdrawn after publication [3]. So it should be mandatory criteria for the journals to do the plagiarism checking and critical editorial revisions are required before publication to stop this scientific misconduct and dishonesty.

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