



Process for suspected plagiarism

When we encounter any cases of suspected plagiarism in a manuscript, we provide relevant suggestions to the author, depending on the seriousness of the issue.



Editor suspects unintentional/intentional plagiarism in a paper.

Editor consults an in-house publication expert, if required, for confirmation.

Minor, unintentional plagiarism resulting from lack of awareness

e.g., if only a few scattered sentences are copied verbatim but the original sources have been cited



Editor indicates the part(s) needing author attention, suggests a revision in a comment, and proceeds to edit the rest of the paper.



Editing certificate is issued to the author for the paper.



Author requests and receives additional validation in the form of a thorough plagiarism check.



Author responds and makes relevant revisions.

e.g., by rewriting the problematic sections appropriately while acknowledging original sources



Editor edits the revised file.



Editing certificate is issued to the author for the assignment.

Serious case of plagiarism

e.g., large chunks of text have been copied verbatim from other papers without due attribution



Editor inserts a detailed note for the author highlighting problems and offers to run a thorough plagiarism check on the document for additional validation (at separate cost).



Author does not respond to editor's communication. OR
Author responds but does not want a thorough plagiarism check.



Editor corrects only basic language errors in the problematic sections without paraphrasing and inserts a detailed, cautionary comment.



Editing certificate is not issued in this case.