

IJMTS Plagiarism Policy

Introduction

Plagiarism is the unethical act of copying someone else's prior ideas, processes, results or words without explicit acknowledgement of the original author and source. Self-plagiarism occurs when an author utilizes large part of his/her own previously published work without using appropriate references. This can range from getting the same manuscript published in multiple journals to modifying a previously published manuscript with some new data.

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2. **Partial Plagiarism:** If content is a mixture from multiple different sources, where the author has extensively rephrased text, then it is known as partial plagiarism.
3. **Self-Plagiarism:** When an author reuses complete or portions of their pre-published research, then it is known as self-plagiarism. Complete self-plagiarism is a case when an author republishes their own previously published work in a new journal.

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