

This policy ensures the academic integrity and originality of all submissions by establishing clear rules regarding plagiarism, similarity limits, and the ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI) in manuscript preparation.

All submitted manuscripts are screened using trusted plagiarism detection software such as **Turnitin** to assess originality and proper citation.

Similarity Thresholds:

1. The overall similarity rate, including the reference list must not exceed 20%.
2. The core similarity rate excluding the reference list, must not exceed 15%.
3. Similarity between 16%–25% (excluding references) triggers editorial review and may result in a revision request.
4. Similarity above 20% (excluding references) will generally lead to rejection, unless a compelling explanation is provided.
5. Single-source matches over 5% are subject to individual examination, even if the total similarity is within limits.

Unacceptable Practices:

1. Plagiarism in any form, including copy-pasting text, data, or ideas without citation.
2. Self-plagiarism, defined as reusing more than 10% of one's own previously published content without proper reference.
3. Improper paraphrasing or excessive dependence on existing literature.
4. Fabrication or manipulation of data, tables, or images.

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The use of AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, GrammarlyGO, Jasper) is permitted only under specific, limited conditions and must be transparently disclosed by authors.

Permitted AI Use:

- Grammar correction, spelling, and syntax enhancement.
- Improving sentence structure and clarity.
- Formatting citations and references.
- Code generation or visualizations (with author validation).
- Abstract drafting (if manually verified by the author).

Prohibited AI Use:

- Generating core content, including introductions, literature reviews, discussions, or conclusions.
- Rewriting or paraphrasing text to avoid plagiarism detection.
- Creating or fabricating citations and references.
- Using AI for conceptual development, interpretation, or argumentation.

Disclosure Requirement:

- Authors must include a clear AI Disclosure Statement in the manuscript if AI tools were used.
- Example:
“This manuscript was language-edited using ChatGPT. All intellectual content, analysis, and conclusions are the original work of the authors.”

Undisclosed AI Use is a breach of publication ethics and may lead to:

- Immediate rejection or post-publication retraction.
- Notification of the authors’ institution in serious cases.
- A temporary submission ban (typically 12 months) for confirmed misconduct.

AI Detection Thresholds

To ensure transparency and academic rigor, all manuscripts may be screened using Turnitin or similar AI-detection tools.

Accepted Detection Rates:

- *Up to 10% AI-generated content is acceptable, especially if limited to language assistance.*
- *11–20% AI detection may be conditionally accepted, provided:*
 - The content does not include intellectual contributions.
 - A full disclosure statement is included.
 - The editorial team confirms originality and integrity.
- *Above 20% AI detection is considered excessive and will result in:*
 - A revision request with full justification.
 - Possible rejection if content includes AI-generated reasoning or conceptual work.

Editorial Procedure for Violations

1. All flagged manuscripts are reviewed by the editorial board.
2. Authors are contacted for clarification or requested revisions if needed.
3. Minor issues may be resolved through revision and resubmission.
4. Serious breaches (e.g., excessive similarity, unethical AI use, falsification) lead to rejection or retraction.
5. Repeat or intentional violations may result in a one-year submission ban.