

Plagiarism Policy

Definition of Plagiarism: Plagiarism involves presenting someone else's work, ideas, or intellectual property as one's own without proper acknowledgement or permission. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Copying and pasting text
- Paraphrasing without proper citation
- Submitting work previously published by others

Plagiarism is a serious violation of academic ethics.

MedPulse Spectrum's Commitment: MedPulse Spectrum is dedicated to maintaining the **highest standards of academic integrity and ethical conduct in scholarly publishing**. Plagiarism undermines the credibility of academic work and compromises the integrity of the scientific community. To address this, we have established a comprehensive plagiarism policy.

Plagiarism Detection:

Manuscript Submission: All manuscripts undergo a **thorough plagiarism check using Turnitin software** upon submission.

- The similarity reports are meticulously reviewed by our editorial team for context and source evaluation.
- Manuscripts with a **similarity index of 18% or higher** are either **promptly rejected or returned to the corresponding author for major revision**.

AI-Generated Content: MedPulse Spectrum **actively screens for AI-generated content** using Turnitin's AI detection tools.

- The use of **AI tools for generating original content** is strictly prohibited.
- However, **AI tools used solely for language correction, improving clarity, grammar enhancement, and overall readability** are acceptable.
- Authors must transparently declare the use of AI-based tools in their manuscript preparation.

Author Responsibilities: Authors bear the responsibility of ensuring that their submitted work is both **original and properly cited**.

- Proper citation is mandatory for all sources, including **the author's own previously published work**.
- Explicit acknowledgement and permission must be obtained for any material that has been published elsewhere.

Policy Enforcement: If plagiarism is detected during the **initial review**, the manuscript is promptly rejected, and the authors are duly notified.

- If plagiarism is identified in a **published article**, a comprehensive investigation is initiated.
- Corrective actions may include article retraction, author sanctions, and notifications to relevant institutions.

Editorial Actions: The editorial team at MedPulse Spectrum takes plagiarism seriously. Depending on the **severity and extent of plagiarism**, actions may range from **manuscript rejection to post-publication retraction**, along with potential sanctions against the author(s).

Appeals: Authors have the right to appeal decisions related to plagiarism. Appeals are thoroughly reviewed by the editorial team, and additional expert opinions may be sought when necessary.

Educational Approach: MedPulse Spectrum adopts an **educational approach to promote ethical publishing practices**. This involves actively raising awareness among authors, reviewers, and the broader academic community about plagiarism and responsible authorship.

Our plagiarism policy reflects MedPulse Spectrum's **commitment to upholding the highest ethical standards, fostering a culture of honesty, and preserving the scientific integrity of health and allied sciences research**.