

3.3.1 Code of ethic to check malpractice and plagiarism in Research

Duties of Authors

- **Reporting standards**

Authors of original research should present an accurate account of the work performed and the results, followed by an objective discussion of the significance of the work. The manuscript should contain sufficient detail and references to permit others to replicate the work. Review articles should be accurate, objective and comprehensive, while editorial 'opinion' or perspective pieces should be clearly identified as such. Fraudulent or knowingly inaccurate statements constitute unethical behavior.

- **Originality and plagiarism**

Authors should ensure that they have to write and submit only entirely original works, and if they have used the work and/or words of others, that it has been appropriately cited. Publications that have been influential in determining the nature of the work reported in the manuscript should also be cited. Plagiarism takes many forms, from "passing off" another's paper as the author's own, to copying or paraphrasing substantial parts of another's paper (without attribution), to claim results from research conducted by others. Plagiarism in all its forms constitutes unethical publishing behavior. Plagiarism is checked through Turnitin version software-Turnitin (25 % plagiarism is acceptable for Student research Projects)

Papers describing essentially the same research should not be published in more than one journal or primary publication. Hence, authors should not submit for consideration a manuscript that has already been published in another journal. Submission of a manuscript concurrently in more than one journal is unethical.

Handling of unethical publishing behavior

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