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EDITORIAL DECISIONS IN CASES OF SUSPECTED PLAGIARISM

Reviewer, inform editor about suspected plagiarism.

Thank the reviewer and tell him that you will investigate. Get full documentary evidence through text comparison Softwares[1] and checking degree of copying.

Clear plagiarism

The author didn't include the citation/reference of large portions of text and/or data presented as if they were by the plagiarist.

Plagiarism wasn't identified

Report the reviewer

Minor copying

The author didn't include the citation/reference of small portions of text and/or data, e.g. in discussion of research paper from non-native language speaker or copying from author's own work.

Contact author, explaining the journal´s position and ask him to rephrase the text and/or include the appropriate references.

Contact author, explaining the journal´s position and informing that a suspected plagiarism has been identified.

Author replied

Author did not reply

Contact author´s institution, informing about what happened and attaching the collected evidence.

Unsatisfactory explanation/ admission of guilt

Satisfactory explanation (honest error)

Consider informing author's institution and/or potential victim, attaching the documentary evidence.

Write to author rejecting submission, explaining the journal´s decision and the expected practice for future submissions.

[1] For example: Plagium; Farejador de Plágio; Plagius etc.

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