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Title: Plagiarising Plagiarism

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Abstract:

Plagiarism is presenting someone else's work as your own. This can take many forms, such as reproducing written passages or figures without permission. While the former requires citation, the latter may also require copyright permission. Here we answer some questions on plagiarism while plagiarizing plagiarism information.

What is self-plagiarism?

Text recycling, also known as self-plagiarism, is when sections of the same text appear in more than one of an author's own publications. Editors should consider each case of text recycling on an individual basis as the most appropriate course of action will depend on a number of factors.

Can you plagiarise images?

Any original creation may be plagiarised. Although most discussions focus on text (and this type of copying is the easiest to detect using software) it is important to recognise that ideas, images, creative works (eg musical compositions or choreographies), and data can also be plagiarised. Copyright defines who is allowed to use your work and how they are allowed to use it Some publishers may require the user to submit an application or pay a fee to reproduce content. This information can usually be found on the publisher's website.

How is plagiarism detected?

More recently, publishers tend to run detailed checks on plagiarism or duplication as a result of more data-bases and stronger web-search engines, but this may fail to reveal duplicate submissions. Therefore, although there has been an increase in the level of verification by publishers in the first step, it is still far from being a fail-safe system. At Frontiers all manuscripts are checked for potential verbatim plagiarism using a software called iThenticate to detect plagiarism. Each and every manuscript we receive is scanned with this program and the resulting report is checked by a dedicated team to make sure everything is in order. iThenticate identifies material that matches text from documents found in our extensive database. Highlighted text will include text that has been properly quoted and cited so it is not necessarily plagiarized.

What happens if plagiarism is found?

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