



EDITORIAL

The algorithm for decision making during evaluation of the manuscripts for text similarity with the Antiplagiat software

According to the editorial policies, during preliminary review of a manuscript submitted to the Almanac of Clinical Medicine journal, the Editor screens manuscript for text similarity with previously published content (<https://www.almclinmed.ru/jour/about/editorialPolicies#custom-0>). We use Antiplagiat software to check for plagiarized content in submitted manuscripts and published articles.

Almost every day, I have to respond to the authors questions, such as:

- Why the editorial board of Almanac of Clinical Medicine journal would not accept any “no plagiarism certificates” from the authors?
- Which percentage of similarity index would be considered acceptable by the editorial board of Almanac of Clinical Medicine journal?
- How the check-up of manuscripts for plagiarism is performed in the editorial office of Almanac of Clinical Medicine journal?
- Why the results of your check-up are different from those obtained by a check-up in another journal?

Our authors are always given detailed answers to their question. In each and every case, an “Originality Report” created from Antiplagiat software is sent to the authors with explicit explanation.

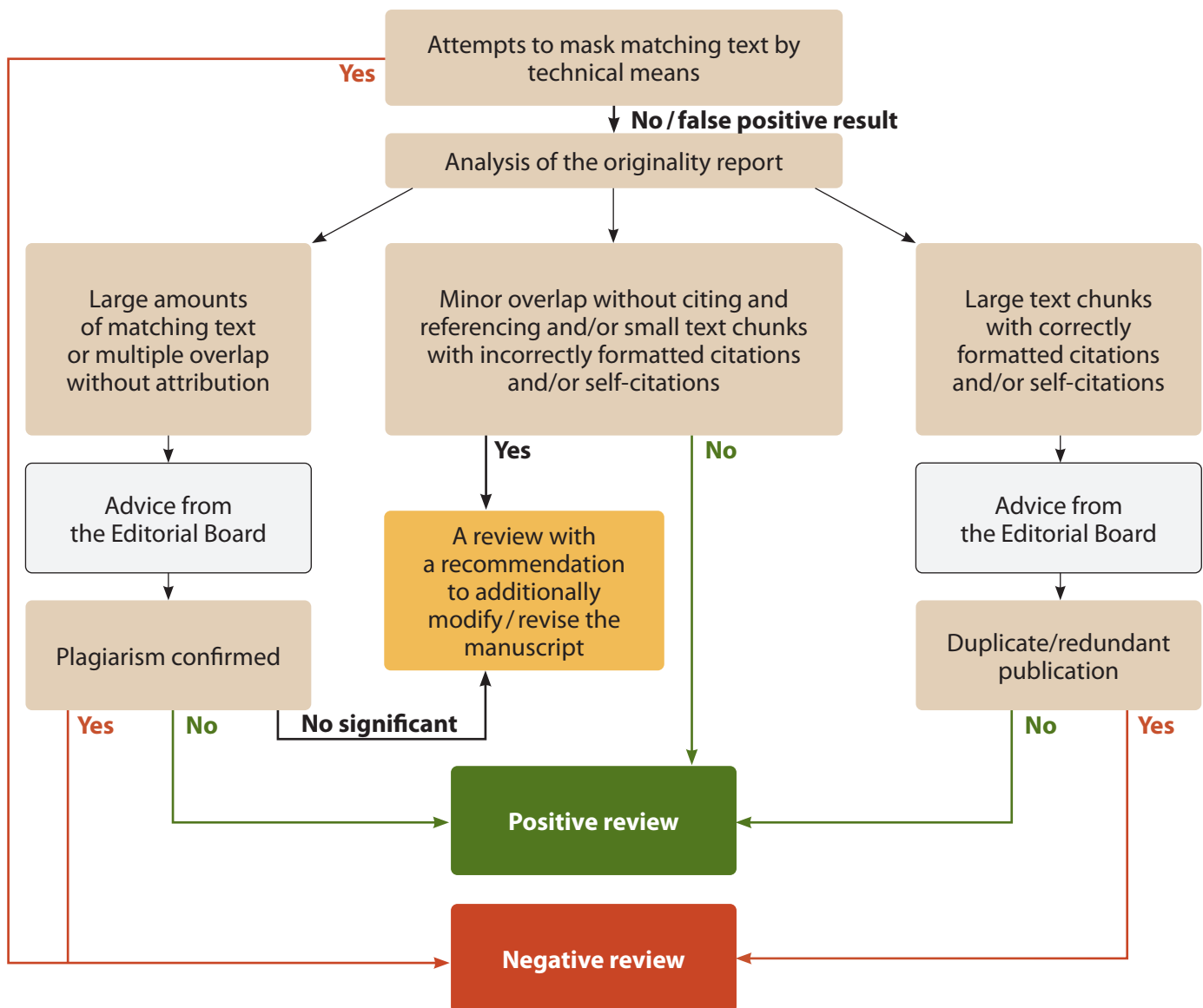
However, we believe it to be important our authors would understand the process of our decision-making, based on the check-up of the manuscript in the Antiplagiat plagiarism detection software. We hope that the below given algorithm would help authors not only in their communication with the editorial team, but also in their work with manuscripts to be submitted.

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Algorithm of decision making based on the expert assessment of a manuscript for its text originality with the Antiplagiat plagiarism detection tool



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