



### REVIEWER'S REPORT

**Manuscript No.:** IJAR-56259

**Title:** Plagiarism In Academic Research: Causes, Consequences, And Preventive Strategies.

**Recommendation:**

- Accept as it is .....
- Accept after minor revision.....
- Accept after major revision .....**
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality			✓	
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity			✓	
Significance		✓		

**Reviewer Name:** Abdul Hameed Shah

### Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The manuscript addresses an important and socially relevant topic—plagiarism in academic research—particularly within the regulatory framework of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations, 2018. The paper provides a broad overview of definitions, historical background, types, causes, consequences, and preventive strategies. The topic is significant for higher education institutions and aligns with global ethical standards such as those promoted by Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).

However, the manuscript requires **major revision** before it can be considered for publication.

### Major Concerns:

**1. Language and Grammar:**

The manuscript contains numerous grammatical errors, awkward sentence constructions, repetition, and inconsistent phrasing. Professional language editing is strongly recommended.

**2. Structural Issues:**

- Section numbering is inconsistent (e.g., repetition of self-plagiarism; misplaced headings; table formatting issues).

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- Some content appears repetitive, especially in the discussion and conclusion sections.
- The penalty table under UGC regulations requires clearer formatting and explanation.

### 3. Scholarly Depth:

- The manuscript is largely descriptive and lacks analytical depth.
- The "Historical Background" and "Famous Allegations" section is overly narrative and may need condensation.
- More engagement with peer-reviewed academic literature (e.g., conceptual frameworks, empirical findings) is required.

### 4. Referencing Issues:

- Several references are web-based sources (2025–2026), which may reduce academic rigor.
- Duplicate UGC references appear in the reference list.
- Citation style needs standardization.

### 5. Conceptual Clarity:

- Some types of plagiarism overlap conceptually.
- Definitions should be streamlined and academically referenced rather than anecdotal quotations alone.

## Strengths:

- Comprehensive coverage of types and preventive strategies.
- Clear emphasis on regulatory framework in India.
- Practical relevance for students and institutions.

## Overall Assessment:

The topic is important and suitable for publication; however, the manuscript requires substantial revision in terms of academic rigor, structure, language quality, and referencing before it can meet scholarly standards. A thoroughly revised and more analytical version would significantly strengthen its contribution.

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