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Nowotwory. Journal of Oncology, following other leading medical journals, has recently introduced the Crossref Similarity Check – a professional, automatic anti-plagiarism system – to exclude intended plagiarism as well as to observe unintentional similarity of submitted manuscripts in order to papers published elsewhere.

Currently, the system is used routinely to screen all the manuscripts accepted for publication. Both journal editor and publisher believe that Crossref Similarity Check platform, based upon iThenticate software and developed by American company Turnitin, a subsidiary of Advance Publications company, is one of the best tools available. It was introduced by over 15 000 scientific institutions worldwide. The platform utilizes sophisticated algorithm that allows for the detection of even subtle similarities. Submitted manuscripts are checked against medical repositories, web pages, scholarly books, articles and proceedings from scientific journals.

Still, both publisher and editor are aware of the limitations of any plagiarism detection tool and realize that a high similarity score does not necessarily indicate plagiarized text. Thus, every noted similarity case is dealt with individually to determine whether there are any grounds for concern. The authors are contacted directly with specific report provided by publisher and are invited to explain and modify, if needed, their paper.

We are convinced that routine implementation of similarity detection platform will be beneficial for the *Nowotwory. Journal of Oncology*, as well to the all authors, who will gain more confidence that their work, if published, is properly protected.

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