

Editorial

Dear friends,

We are in the third issue of our journal and I am very happy to mention here that we are getting an overwhelming response from across the world with the submissions. Few of the submission are plagiarized, hence, I would like to mention about one of the most important issue presently getting more and more monitored by COPE (Committee of Publication Ethics), that is 'scientific plagiarism'. Plagiarism is defined in dictionaries as the 'wrongful appropriation,' 'close imitation,' or 'purloining and publication' of another author's 'language, thoughts, ideas or expressions,' and the representation of them as one's own original work.^{1,2} A lack of oversight and a lack of proper training for scientists have created the rise of plagiarism and research misconduct in India.³ India does not have a statutory body to deal with scientific misconduct in academia, like the Office of Research Integrity in the US, and hence cases of plagiarism are often dealt in ad-hoc fashion with different routes being followed in different cases.⁴ In most cases, a public and media outcry leads to an investigation either by institutional authorities or by independent enquiry committees. The authors responsible for plagiarism have been at the receiving end of some severe punishments, including suspension, removal and demotion.^{2,4} Hence, it is better to avoid plagiarism. We at IJOPRD encourage original research and novel concepts, which would help our readers in improvising their professional knowledge.



This issue of IJOPRD consists of articles on investment material used in complete denture fabrications, evaluation of coronal microleakage in two different post-core systems to review on diagnosis and treatment modalities for temporomandibular disorders

Happy reading.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ramesh Chowdhary', written over a light blue background.

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