

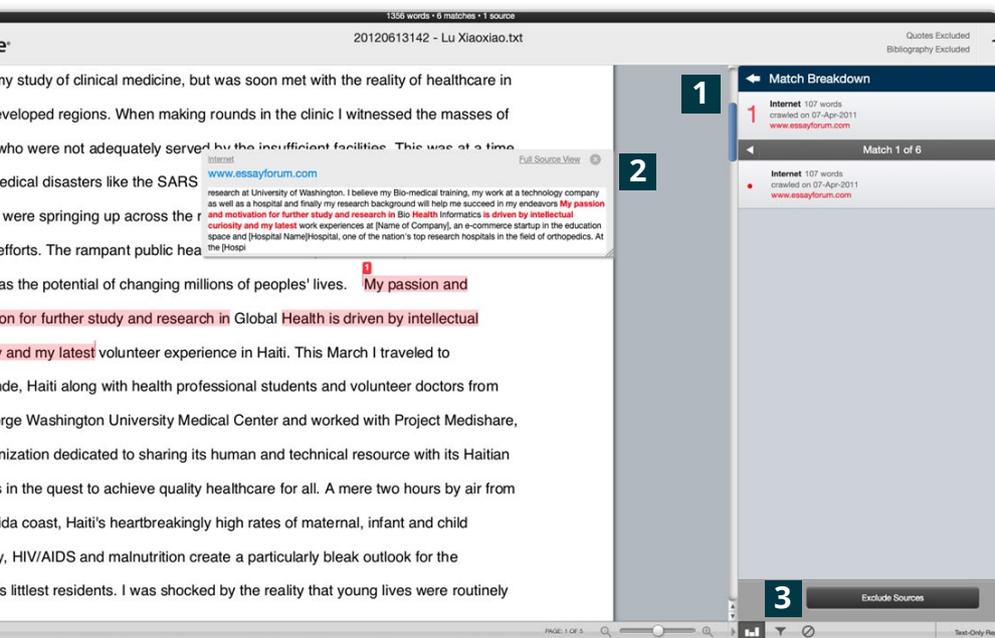
# Understanding the iThenticate Similarity Report

The iThenticate Similarity Report is the result of a comparison between the manuscript submission and our extensive database of highly relevant up-to-date scholarly content. This database includes billions of current and archived web pages and top-tier scholarly publications from 96% of the top 10k cited journals in every major discipline and dozens of languages.

## What is a Similarity Score?

The Similarity Score represents the percentage of the text that is similar to text found on the Internet or scholarly content databases.

**Important!** Similarity presence does not necessarily mean the work is plagiarized. There are multiple instances of matches that are not plagiarism. That could be an improperly cited quotation, matches against preprints, theses or dissertations, and other unintended misconduct. Thus, it's critical to review matches individually.



## Reviewing matches

Because iThenticate is used during the typical manuscript screening and review process, publishers will be notified of any text similarity found within the document. Match review and further editing of the manuscript is fundamental to make sure unintentional plagiarism doesn't make its way into the published article.

### 1 Matched text

- See text matches and their sources
- Color-coded highlighting
- View by largest source or matches

Drill down further into the matches, click the arrow and browse through all text matches found from that source.

### 2 Source inspection

To see the match in context, you can either choose to click on the "Full Source View" link within the hover to view the text side by side. Or simply use the link to open a new window to the source content.

### 3 Source exclusion

In case you have identified a source is not plagiarism, you can easily exclude it by clicking "Exclude Sources" and selecting sources to exclude. This will regenerate the Similarity Score thus giving you a more accurate originality perspective of the manuscript.

## How can the iThenticate Similarity Report serve academic researchers and publishers?



### Pre-research

Researchers can scan their draft or grant proposal and see the coverage of topics and publications likely to be interested in your research. Matches and sources will point to other authors and journals that are covering the topic, which will help identify potential collaborators. Also, if you don't have alternate journals in mind, the Similarity Report can point you to lesser-known journals that are potentially a good fit for submission.



### Collaboration with co-authors

Team up with your colleagues confidently and non-confrontationally to ensure the manuscript doesn't have inadvertently added plagiarism errors. Double-check each draft as you collaborate on the manuscript and share reports with fellow researchers to fix the smallest inaccuracies before submission.



### Originality screening by the publisher

At all stages of the research screening and review process, publishers are utilizing iThenticate to measure the originality of the research. Once accepted, using iThenticate to re-submit drafts as you work with the editor and peer reviewers throughout the entire publishing process makes it simple to prevent mistakes or potential plagiarism. Together, authors and editors ensure that the published article is free from plagiarism concerns, and that their work is contributing to the field.

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