

How to Read an Originality Report

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The purpose of this document is to aid students in their understanding of Originality Reports. The examples used here are intended to represent the types of feedback Turnitin might offer. The annotations are intended to assist with interpreting the feedback and to help in determining additional steps that need to be taken to correct potential problems.

Directly Quoted Material Mishandled in Paper

Turnitin uses a color-coded numbering system to identify sources from which content may have been borrowed. In the following example, the writer has clearly mishandled information, which was flagged by Turnitin. If the writer chooses to use this information, accurate acknowledgement of the original source must be given. Even though the information is quoted word for word from a source, no attribution has been provided.

1 The health care industry, or medical industry, is a sector within the economic system that provides goods and services to treat patients with curative, preventive, rehabilitative, and palliative care. The modern health care sector is divided into many sub-sectors, and depends on interdisciplinary teams of trained professionals and paraprofessionals to meet health needs of individuals and populations.

The health care industry is one of the world's largest and fastest-growing industries. Consuming over 10 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) of most developed nations, health care can form an enormous part of a country's economy.

Directly Quoted Material Correctly Handled in Paper

Turnitin will likely flag directly quoted material used in a paper, as shown above.

In the following example, Turnitin flagged a direct quotation. The writer should confirm that the directly quoted material is handled correctly.

- Direct quotation is enclosed in quotation marks.
- In text citation follows the quoted material.

must be conducted in sequence, so delays in one part of the system can result in bottlenecks that decrease throughput and wastes valuable time. The stakes are high. **12** "A 2005 study of 100 U.S. hospitals found that OR charges averaged \$62/min (range: \$22 to \$133/min)" (Macario, 2010, p. 234). In the past under the fee-for-service model of reimbursement, slow surgery generated more billable minutes.

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Paraphrased Material Flagged by Turnitin

In this example, the writer has paraphrased information and has included an in text citation. However, Turnitin has flagged several words in the paraphrased material that seem to come directly from the source. The writer should carefully evaluate these flagged pieces to determine that enough of the original text has been placed in the writer's own words. Close paraphrase, considered a form of plagiarism, occurs when a writer has not changed the original content in a significant way.

A study group at the Massachusetts General Hospital examined the impact upon operating room efficiency by a process they called "parallel processing." In this study, rather than processing patients through the operating room in linear fashion, the local anesthetic was administered by the surgeon in an induction room while the operating room was being cleaned and set up. This type of parallel processing resulted in a one third reduction in processing time for each surgical procedure. That was enough of a time saving to reliably allow for the scheduling of additional procedures (Friedman, Sokal, Chang, & Berger, 2006, p. 10).

Paraphrased Material Not Flagged by Turnitin

In this example, notice the use of the in text citation with the paraphrased material and notice that significant changes have been made from the original content; Turnitin did not flag any of the paraphrased text.

Parallel processing has reached new heights through the introduction of special rooms in the holding area to administer sedation and local blocks for hernia repair (Friedman, Sokal, Chang, & Berger, 2006, pp. 10-14). In another study, this application of special rooms was