

## **Regarding the issue that has been raised about potential plagiarism**

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Dear authors,

I write you in regards to manuscript entitled "Improving Production Sequencing in the Age of Industry 4.0: A Mathematical Launching Model Approach" which you submitted to Journal of Industrial Engineering and Management.

We have checked thought crosscheck software your submission and we have detected a significant percentage of plagiarism. In this sense we ask you:

Note: In case that the work is an extension of a paper presented at a congress, indicate as a footnote that this work is ... (complete quotation from the published source) and attach the original work as supplementary file so that we can check the differences.

[[[[[[-a deep explanation about it]]]]]

[[[[[[-you should submit a supplementary file signed by the authors of the previous published article found where they accept no being part of this paper in JIEM.]]]]]

### **Our response is as below:**

Thank you for your message regarding our manuscript titled "Improving Production Sequencing in the Age of Industry 4.0: A Mathematical Launching Model Approach."

We appreciate the thorough review and the use of crosscheck software to ensure the integrity of submissions. We would like to address the concern raised about the detection of percentage of similarity.

Firstly, we would like to assure you that the manuscript represents original research, and any similarity detected is not due to plagiarism but rather the nature of scientific writing, where certain terminologies, phrases, and methodologies may overlap with previously published work, including our own.

Regarding your request for further clarification:

Explanation of Similarities:

Some sentences or phrases might be similar to our previous work, which we think that have cited appropriately in our manuscript. The nature of the research field sometimes necessitates the use of specific terminologies and descriptions that can appear similar across related papers.

We have referenced our prior work extensively and ensured that any reused content is properly cited. This is to provide context and background for the current research, which builds on our previous studies.

Original Work Statement:

This manuscript is not an extension of a previously presented paper at a congress. It is a standalone piece of research developed specifically for this journal.

Any referenced material is duly cited, and the manuscript as a whole contributes new insights and findings to the field.

Supplementary File:

We can provide the previous articles that are referenced within this manuscript as supplementary files if it necessary to help the editorial team verify the differences and the originality of the current submission.

We hope this explanation clarifies the situation. We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of academic integrity and are prepared to cooperate fully with any further requests to resolve this matter.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration. We look forward to your response and are willing to address any further issues that can help the editorial team ensure that this manuscript is a unique and original work.

On behalf of authors:

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