Similarity Check, powered by iThenticate, compares submission files to the Crossref repository of previously published content or other sources on the internet to detect potential plagiarism. iThenticate has recently introduced a new version of its API (also known as Turnitin Core API). Once Crossref subscribers upgrade to iThenticate version 2, their account can be linked within Editorial Manager.

Publications must contact iThenticate to obtain an API key and URL for version 2. For support, please contact your Aries Account Coordinator.

Please follow the steps below to link iThenticate version 2 within Editorial Manager:

1. Confirm that the box for Enable Automatic Transfer to Similarity Check (powered by iThenticate) is checked

2. Select the radio button next to Version 2

3. Enter the API key provided by iThenticate

4. Amend the API URL provided by iThenticate by adding /api/v1/ to the end of the text string. Enter the amended URL. (The connection will fail if not appended)

   EXAMPLE:
   - URL provided:  https://xxxxxxxxxxx.turnitin.com
   - Amended URL:  https://xxxxxxxxxxx.turnitin.com/api/v1/

5. Click the Test Connection button to verify the credentials

6. Set the threshold value for Similarity Score by entering a number in the text box
7. Set Report Parameters by checking the boxes next to one or more settings

8. Enter instructions for Editors/Publishers to appear on the Similarity Check Results page. Use the text box to edit default instructions and/or add custom instructions

9. Click Submit to save settings