LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Plagiarism reporting: My experience

Plagiarism refers to the use of published ideas, words, or illustrations of others without permission and presenting them as new and original rather than as derived from an existing source (Habibzadeh and Shashok, 2011).

I published a case report in the Saudi Dental Journal (Shamim et al., 2007). The same article was plagiarized by other authors and published as a case report for a pediatric patient in a journal published in India. The authors copied the entire text (introduction, case report, discussion, conclusion, photomicrograph Figure 4 and direct immunofluorescence photograph) from the original article. They also changed the department and presented the case as if it occurred in a pediatric patient.

I informed the Editor-in-Chief of the Indian journal regarding this glaring case of plagiarism. The Editor-in-Chief of the Saudi Dental Journal also wrote to the Editor concerned to rectify the matter. The editor of that journal decided to retract the above article. This is really an honor to the scientific community and a fine example of a well-handled ethical issue.

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