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Dr. Madhusudhana Reddy Induri  
Editor-in-Chief  
World Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Dear Sir,

Subject – Reporting of Plagiarism

This letter is to bring to your kind attention a serious issue of plagiarism of an article published in the World Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences. The Journal had published an article “A comparative study to evaluate efficacy & safety of topical monotherapy with tazarotene & calcitriol versus their topical sequential treatment in chronic stable plaque psoriasis” on 3.5.2019 in volume-7, issue-5 of the Journal. The authors - Kavita Dhar Bagati, Meeta Kaushik, V.S Chopra & Neerjesh have falsely claimed it as their work. This article has been copied from my thesis which was done for my Post Graduation in Pharmacology from 2011 - 2014 from Baba Farid University of Medical Sciences, Punjab. The thesis protocol was submitted to the University in 2011 after approval from the Institutional Ethics Committee of Gian Sagar Medical College & Hospital (registered with DCGI) in 2011. The completed thesis was submitted to the University in 2013, and approved by Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Punjab in 2014. The study is also registered with Clinical trial registry-India (CTRI) in my name.

The authors of the article have copied the data, content and references from my thesis, and falsely claimed it as their own work, which is unethical and illegal. It is really sad that this article was published without thorough review by the Journal. The article has clear contraindications, which have been ignored before selection for publication. The article claims that “*This study was undertaken between the duration of Feb 2017 to March 2018*”. Whereas, if you look at the references, the reference 16 is “*Morrow T. Evaluating New Therapies for Psoriasis Managed Care/October 2004 [http://66.39.69.127/archives/0410/0410.peer\\_psoriasis.pdf](http://66.39.69.127/archives/0410/0410.peer_psoriasis.pdf) (Accessed on 28 September, 2011).*” It is very surprising that the editorial team of the journal did not find it extremely strange that how can an author decide to access an article in 2011, for which he/ she will do a study in 2017. The evidence clearly shows that this is an issue of taking false claims of work of someone else.

I am writing with a faith in you that you will withdraw this article at the earliest, and take appropriate action against the authors.

I look forward to an early and positive revert.

Regards,

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