

ANNOUNCEMENT

The article published in *WJG* 2005; 11(19): 2975-2980 plagiarized an article previously published in *Journal of Gastroenterology* 2004; 39(2): 104-112

From the editor

On March 5, 2008, we received an E-mail reporting a case of plagiarism. After our evaluation we were able to confirm this claim. The details are noted below. In fact, we have published an article^[1] at <http://www.wjgnet.com/1007-9327/13/2019.asp> [*World J Gastroenterol* 2007 April 14; 13(14): 2019], which announced the attitudes of *World Journal of Gastroenterology* towards such a behavior. Now we are exposing it again to draw more attention.

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DETAILS OF PLAGIARIZER AND PLAGIARIZEE

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The Plagiariizee

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The image shows a page from a manuscript with several paragraphs of text. The text is mostly black, but several lines are highlighted in yellow, indicating that this content was copied from another source. The highlighted text includes the following sections:

- RESULTS**: A paragraph describing the expression of syndecan-1 in early-stage gastric cancer, comparing it to the expression in differentiated type early gastric cancer. It mentions that syndecan-1 expression was significantly lower in the cancerous tissue compared to the adjacent non-cancerous tissue.
- DISCUSSION**: A paragraph discussing the role of syndecan-1 in gastric cancer progression and its potential as a prognostic marker. It notes that reduced syndecan-1 expression is associated with advanced tumor stages and poor prognosis.

The manuscript also contains two tables (Table 3 and Table 4) and a legend for the tables, which are not fully legible in the image.

Figure 1 Snapshot of manuscript (6 pages total) published by WJG. The yellow parts were copied directly from the manuscript published by *Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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ANALYSIS OF PLAGIARIZING PUBLICATION OF MANUSCRIPT

Both manuscripts focus on the expression of Syndecan-1 and E-cadherin in differentiated type of gastric cancer, and most parts of the article published by *WJG* are exact copies of the manuscript published by *Journal of*

Gastroenterology without acknowledgment and citations including the same sentences, words and even punctuation marks. The yellow highlighted parts in Figure 1 show the same parts in the article published by *WJG*.

Based on this analysis, *WJG* considers this a typical case of plagiarism, and is prepared to take strict, appropriate action against such behavior. Authors from the plagiarizer's

group are not accepted to submit their papers in the future.

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