

All correspondence to the Priory Hospital.

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BY EMAIL

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Dear Dr. Hantz

Thank you for your recent email regarding the plagiarization from my 2005 paper entitled "***Autologous Osteochondral Transplantation for Osteochondral Defects of the Knee***".

I have read the paper in AMM 4/2011 "*Transchondral Drilling and Osteochondral Autografting (Mosaicplasty) in Knee Articular Cartilage Defects*" by Ivanescu A., ... Brinzaniuc K., from the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Targu Mures and I can confirm the paper has copied and pasted large amounts of my original article. There is no sighting of the paper in the references.

This flagrant copying and pasting of an original article is a criminal act. It is completely unethical and completely counter to academic principals. The International Orthopaedic Community would be appalled by this type of behaviour and the Romanian authorities should take immediate action to stop this and all activity. Please let me know if you need any other support in eliminating this practice from this hospital department.

Your sincerely

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