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Dr. Dev Britto, Herbert Kronzucker, University of Toronto pointed out a plagiarism in a paper published in International Journal of Botany 2011; 7: 1-16.

On the receipt of the letter from Dr. Dev Britto, the case forwarded to the Ethics Committee of the Science Alert. As per the report of the Ethics Committee, article entitled "Nitrogen nutrition and ammonium toxicity in higher plants" published in International Journal of Botany 2011; 7: 1-16." contains substantial sections of text that have been taken verbatim from earlier publication without clear and unambiguous attribution.

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NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> toxicity in higher plants: a critical review"; Britto & Kronzucker, J. Plant Physiol. 159: 567-584 .