

A CASE OF PLAGIARISM (Case No. 21611)

Professor M. Vivekanandan (Emeritus), Department of Biotechnology, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, Tamilnadu, India, has pointed out about the plagiarism of his already published manuscript.

Professor Vivekanandan, has published a manuscript entitled "Tapping the unexploited plant resources for the synthesis of silver nanoparticles", in African Journal of Biotechnology Vol. 7 No. 17, 3162-3165.

Professor M. Vivekanandan, claims that Mohammad Gilaki, Department of Chemistry, University of Mazanderan, Babolsar, Iran has copied data exactly from his above mentioned published article and republish it in Journal of Biological Sciences as mentioned below:

Gilaki, M., 2010. Biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles using plant extracts. J. Biol. Sci., 10: 465-467.

An internal inquiry committee at the Science Alert has determined that the claim of Professor M. Vivekanandan is valid and Mohammad Gilaki from University of Mazanderan is involved in serious plagiarism and copied significant part of the paper word to word.

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