



Letter to the Editor

Outcomes of dynamic hip screw augmented with trochanteric wiring for treatment of unstable type A2 intertrochanteric femur fractures



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We have read with great interest the recent study “Outcomes of dynamic hip screw augmented with trochanteric wiring for treatment of unstable type A2 intertrochanteric femur fractures” by Puram et al. [1]. While we appreciate our citation in this article, we are also afraid to find a word-for-word plagiarism. Word-for-word plagiarism is committed when a writer takes a sentences of 7 or more words from another source, but fails to identify the quoted passage, fail to provide the full in-text citation crediting the authors, and fails to provide the bibliographic reference [2].

In page S76, the first sentence, “Since the posterior part of the greater trochanter is not the major site for insertion of the hip abductors, the fixation of its posterior fragment not involving the trochanteric ridge area did not play an important role in fracture stability.” is a whole copy of a sentence in our publication [3]. In last paragraph of page 112 of our journal, we typed “However, since the posterior part of the greater trochanter is not the major site of insertion of the hip abductor, the fixation of its posterior fragment not involving the trochanteric ridge area did not play an important role in fracture stability in this series” [3]. This sentence was written from our creative observation study about this fracture and unique because have not been described in any other articles.

But, these Authors didn't write any quoted passage, didn't provide any full in-text citation crediting the authors, and didn't provide any bibliographic reference while copying a whole sentences of more than 40 words in our article. So, this is clearly a word-for-word plagiarism which is a publication criminal. We require these authors and editors to apologize formally in response and article withdrawal or revision should be performed for this article.

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