

To whom it may concern,

My name is Hayan RAMMAL; I am an orthopedic surgeon. I was the first author of an article published in the journal of children orthopedics in 2010: "Juvenile osteochondritis of femoral condyles: treatment with transchondral drilling. Analysis of 40 cases" (Rammal Hayan ,Gicquel Phillipe ,Schneider Ludovic ,Karger Claude ,Clavert Jean-Michel) J Child Orthop (2010) 4:39–44.

Dr Peter HANTZ, who I thank sincerely for his notification, brought to my attention a case of plagiarism in which the author(s) of the following article: "Transchondral drilling and osteochondral autograft (Mosaicoplasty) in knee articular cartilage defects" (Ivanescu A, Melinte R, Solyom A, Moraru L, Petrisor M, Branzaniuc Klara) Acta Medica Marisiensis volume 57 number 4 2011, had **copy-pasted** paragraphs from our article **without** citing it in the references.

I would like to declare that such acts are unethical, unaccepted and present a clear plagiarism, and I demand the Romanian committee for higher education to be righteous and to take the proper measures and any legal action to stop this kind of plagiarism.

Sincerely Hayan RAMMAL MD

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hayan Rammal', with a stylized flourish at the end.