

Medical students and plagiarism

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Dear Editor,

The case study on “medical students and plagiarism” is very interesting [1]. Badea noted that “In our opinion, there should be put more emphasis upon plagiarism implications and its aspects, as well, with a permanent order to try to prevent future attempts of plagiarizing among medical students as future researchers within the medical science field [1].” In fact, plagiarism is a common problem and both under graduate and graduate student can commit plagiarism. Badea might focus only on the “verbatim” copying and conceptual plagiarism. Indeed, there are many other forms of plagiarism that students might not concern. The good examples are translational plagiarism and picture plagiarism. In morphology articles, the problem of picture plagiarism is often seen. This can be either plagiarism or self-plagiarism. Not only the medical students but also the medical staffs, including to senior or scholar academic staffs [2], perform this kind of plagiarism. To promote the correct knowledge on plagiarism for medical students is needed and there should be the good role model for the students. Also, Bilic-Zulle *et al.* noted that “consequent penalties had effectively deterred students from plagiarizing [3].”

Conflict of interests

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