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Report of blatant plagiarism of a scientific article with an attempt to appropriate the authorship of the technique POPS of Dr. Antonio Longo

The article “*Technique and outcomes about a new laparoscopic procedure: the Pelvic Organ Prolapse Suspension (POPS)*” by Ceci F, Spaziani E, Corelli S, Casciaro G, Martellucci A, Costantino A, Napoleoni A, Cipriani B, Nicodemi S, Di Grazia C, Avallone M, Orsini S, Tudisco A, Aiuti F, Stagnitti F, published in *Il Giornale di Chirurgia - Journal of Surgery*, May-June 2013 (*G Chir 2013 May-June;34(5-6):141-4*), is copied in its entirety from an article published in the *Proceedings of the “23rd Annual International Colorectal Disease Symposium”* (Fort Lauderdale, Florida - USA, February 14-22, 2012) entitled “*POPS and STARR - Longo’s Original Technique to correct multiorgan pelvic prolapses - Perspective trial - Preliminary results*“, authors: Longo A, Crafa F, Boller B, Gloeckler M, Gianfreda V.

We have sent the original article published in the aforementioned Symposium Proceedings to the Publisher, highlighting and incontrovertibly demonstrating that the article by Dr. Ceci et al., apart from the number of patients treated, is identical to Dr. Longo’s article word-for-word.

This severe plagiarism is compounded by Ceci et al.’s attempt to appropriate credit for the POPS technique, of which Dr. Longo is the renowned developer and proponent.

Dr. Antonio Longo

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Note from the Publisher

We have received the letter from Dr. Antonio Longo informing us of plagiarism.

We are very sorry to learn of this, given that - as we are sure you are aware - articles published in Il Giornale di Chirurgia - Journal of Surgery undergo an extremely thorough scrutiny of the literature.

Unfortunately, in this specific case we must point out that it is impossible to find the Proceedings to which you refer in your letter, despite use of the most advanced search engines.

Nonetheless, we have ascertained that the article we published is essentially identical to what was enclosed with the letter you sent us.

*The Managing Editor
The Editor-in-Chief*