

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

HIGHLY RESPECTED COLLEAGUES, AUTHORS, AND READERS

I am obliged to report to you an unpleasant occurrence, fortunately without precedent throughout the history of the Journal.

I recently received a letter from one of our readers informing me that the article by A. A. Isaev, O. I. Lomovskii, K. G. Korolev, and R. K. Karimov "Technology of the production of 8-hydroxy-5-nitroquinoline", *Khim. Geterotsikl. Soedin.*, 1204-1207 (2005) [*Chem. Heterocycl. Comp.*, **41**, 1027-1030 (2005)], is surprisingly similar to an article by V. G. Voronin, I. D. Petrova, A. N. Leksin, and B. V. Shemeryankin, "Synthesis of 5-nitro-8-hydroxyquinoline", published in *Khim.-Farm. Zhurn.*, **10**, No. 9, 82-84 (1976) [*Pharm. Chem. J.*, **10**, 1215-1217 (1976)].

Unfortunately, it not only proved correct, but we are concerned here with a very real case of plagiarism. Not only is no reference given to the work of the predecessors, which is in itself already bad, but the whole text was rewritten from the article by V. G. Voronin et al. (only one introductory paragraph was inserted). The reaction scheme, the experimental description, the amounts of the reagents, and the results were repeated, and only a few new names were added to the list of references.

The Editorial Board considers that such an action is quite intolerable, is incompatible with the ethics of a scientist, and merits the most resolute condemnation.

We convey our apologies to colleagues V. G. Voronin, I. D. Petrova, A. N. Leksin, and B. V. Shemeryankin, to the Editorial board of the *Pharm. Chem. J.*, and to all its readers. The Board will make all efforts to ensure that such a situation will not be repeated in the future.

With respect,

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"Chemistry of Heterocyclic Compounds"