

Editor's Note

Instance of plagiarism in *Journal of Chemical Sciences*

It has been brought to our notice that the paper 'Synthesis and electrochemical studies of phenylazo substituted tetraaza macrocyclic complexes of Ni(II)' by Randhir Singh, Suresh Kumar and Amarendra Bhattacharya, *Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Chem. Sci.)*, vol. 112, No. 6, December 2000, pp. 601–605 has been plagiarized from an earlier paper published in *J. Inorg. Nucl. Chem.* (1979, vol. 41, pp. 1229–1232).

Our own investigations reveal that the author has reproduced cyclic voltammograms and also some paragraphs verbatim from the earlier paper.

The author was provided an opportunity to explain the alleged plagiarism and to submit copies of original polarograms he had recorded and laboratory notebooks to substantiate that he had actually prepared the compounds and recorded their cyclic polarograms. The author in his reply stated that he was not in a position to provide the required details. The Editorial Board in its deliberations expressed concern over this matter and decided to withdraw this paper and remove the article from the website of Academy and Springer.

The Editorial Board takes a serious view of such acts of plagiarism in the Journal and is committed to take all necessary steps to avoid such acts of scientific misconduct.

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