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To whom it may concern,

My name is Theodoor Wiggers and I am an emeritus professor in Surgical Oncology from the University Medical Center Groningen in Groningen the Netherlands. I still have an appointment at the University for supervising students preparing their theses.

One of my PhD students was Mrs W. Kelder. She wrote a thesis about **Lymph node staging in colon cancer.** This thesis contains descriptions of original clinical work. Chapter 4 has the title: *Immunohistochemical Evaluation of Sentinel Lymph Nodes in Colon Cancer*. This chapter has also been published (Scand J Gastroenterol 2006;41(9):1073-1078).

The majority of the contents of the paper Sorlea, ., Branzaniuc, ., C. Copotoiu, 57/2: 113-115, 2011, Acta Medica Muresiensis is a literal copy of this chapter without mentioning or referring to this manuscript.

I would like to declare that this is plagiarism and I should like to ask the Romanian committee for higher education to take proper actions to stop this unethical and non-academical way of producing scientific work.

I should like to be informed about the actions that were taken.

Yours sincerely,

- T/Wiggers