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The article entitled **“Formulation Optimization Of Hydrodynamically Balanced Oral Controlled Release Bioadhesive Tablets Of Tramadol Hydrochloride”** by Afsar C.Shaikh\*, Asir Quazi, Sayyed Nazim, Quazi Majaz, Shaikh Siraj, Tarique Khan, Amol Choudhari, Shoeb Quazi (in Vol. 4, Issue 3, 2011 of AJPCR page no.61-70) has been found completely copied from the article already published in Sci Pharm entitled **“Formulation Optimization of Hydrodynamically Balanced Oral Controlled Release Bioadhesive Tablets of Tramadol Hydrochloride”** by Bhupinder Singh \*, Ashu Rani, Babita, Naveen Ahuja, Rishi Kapil (Sci Pharm. 2010; 78: 303-323.) This is the first case of plagiarism has just been unveiled by Dr. Bupinder Singh Bhoop because of his own article is copied by culprit authors. We have tried to contact culprit author through mail and also telephonically but they replied after long back after warning given by Dr. Bhoop and AJPCR editorial board and could not explain authentic reason. Copy right is the sole responsibility of the author not of the publishers. AJPCR has taken action against them by deleting their article from our journal and exposing their name at content list of journal issue as their article is

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