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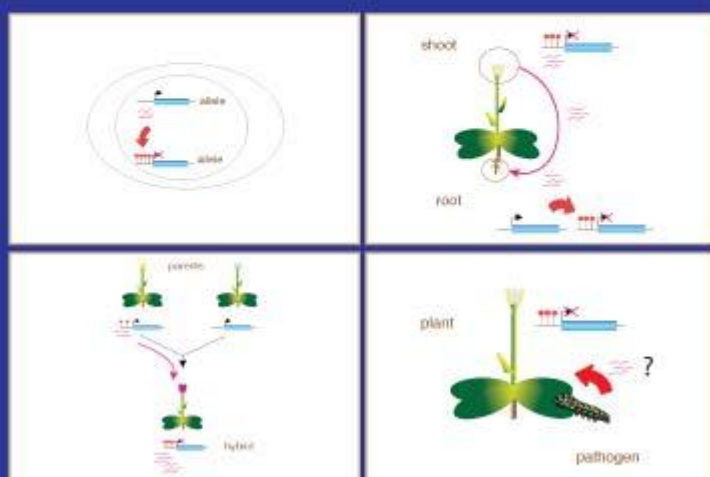
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Dear Marina

Thank you very much for the materials. welcome to the reviewers' board of our journal !!!

Best Regards,

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Re: **Marina Piscopo's contribution to *DNA and Cell Biology***

Dear Professors Pettorino and la Mantia:

I wanted to let you know that, as Editor-in-Chief of the journal *DNA and Cell Biology*, I am very grateful to your colleague Marina Piscopo, who is an Adjunct Professor of Molecular Biology in your department and in your faculty.

As part of the peer review process, she was asked to evaluate a manuscript, which had been submitted by a group from the Peoples Republic of China. In the course of her consideration of the merits of that work, she did a literature search and found remarkable similarities with a paper which had previously been published by another laboratory. She immediately brought this to my attention.

Working with the Publisher of the journal, we had the two manuscripts compared for use of the same phrases and reached the conclusion that this was an unambiguous case of plagiarism. The MS was rejected and the head of the Office for Research at their institution was notified.

This flagrant violation of professional standards would not have come to light during the review

process if Dr Piscopo had not been vigilant, as the other reviewer of the MS did not recognize any difficulties. It would have been a serious problem to the journal if we had accepted and published a plagiarized manuscript. It was because of her rigor and alert critical skills that this was avoided.

I wrote her, thanking her and commending her for this discovery. She thought you should also be made aware of her important contribution in this peer review process. I am very grateful for her efforts that far exceeded the standard practice of reviewers.

*Carol Phastka Rein*

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