

**Box 1: Copy-and-paste plagiarism in Lab Times** (editors: Ralf Neumann, Kathleen Gransalke, Kai Herfort, Winfried Koepfelle, Harald Zähringer; Alte Straße 1, 79249 Merzhausen, Germany, Tel.: +49 (0)761-286869).

**How the text in the table was analyzed:** The text on the left side is from *Environmental Health News*, 23th Sept 2013, available in the internet under: <http://www.environmentalhealthnews.org/ehs/news/2013/eu-conflict>. The text on the right is a cohesive and unchanged paragraph from *Lab Times* (3/2014, p. 41, available online under: [http://www.labtimes-archiv.de/epaper/LT\\_14\\_03/#40](http://www.labtimes-archiv.de/epaper/LT_14_03/#40)). Words literally identical to the original text are highlighted in yellow. This example illustrates the working technique of *Lab Times*. First, the original text from *Environmental*

The original, published in <i>Environmental Health News</i> , 23th Sept 2013	Copy-and-paste plagiarism in <i>Lab Times</i> , 3/2014, p. 41, published in May 2014.
<p>When asked if his industry involvement influenced his opinion about the proposed regulations, Bas Blaauboer, editor of the <i>Toxicology in Vitro</i> journal, said “this is a very stupid question.”</p> <p>Blaauboer, a toxicology professor at Utrecht University in the Netherlands, received \$529,370 in research funding from the European Chemical Industry Council, or <a href="#">CEFIC</a>, between April 2008 and March 2010. He also is a member of a technical committee on risk assessment within the International Life Sciences Institute, or <a href="#">ILSI</a>, an industry-funded institute.</p> <p>Wolfgang Dekant, Editor-in-Chief, <i>Toxicology Letters</i>, and professor of toxicology, University of Würzburg,...</p> <p>Getting money from a mix of sources – including industry – is “the normal way” to do research nowadays,... “You can’t do research anymore if you don’t go for money from all sources,” he said. Dekant ... received <a href="#">funding</a> for a 2008 study on bisphenol A (BPA) from the American Chemistry Council. Signed <a href="#">18 consultancy contracts</a> with non-disclosed private companies between 2007 and 2012. Member of the scientific advisory panel of the Research Institute for Fragrance Material, an organization for the fragrance, detergents and cosmetics industry.</p>	<p><b>Experts serving the industry</b>  <a href="#">Bas Blaauboer</a>, editor of <i>Toxicology in Vitro</i>, was asked if his industry involvement influenced his opinion about the proposed regulations. He answered, “this is a very stupid question”.</p> <p><a href="#">Blaauboer</a> is a toxicology professor at Utrecht University. He received \$529,370 (383,000 Euros) in research funding from the European Chemical Industry Council between April 2008 and March 2010. He is also member of a technical committee on risk assessment within the International Life Sciences Institute (<a href="#">ILSI</a>), an industry-funded lobbying organization.</p> <p><a href="#">Wolfgang Dekant</a>, Editor-in-Chief of <i>Toxicology Letters</i> and a toxicology professor at the University of Würzburg, said that getting money from a mixture of sources, including industry is, “the normal way” to do research nowadays. “You can’t do research anymore if you don’t go for money from all sources.”</p> <p>He received funding from the American Chemistry Council for a 2008 study on the EDC, Bisphenol A, and signed 18 consultancy contracts with non-disclosed private companies between 2007 and 2012. He is a member of the scientific advisory panel of the Research Institute for Fragrance Material, an organisation for the fragrance, detergents and cosmetics industry.</p>

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Lead author of a 2011 [review](#) on bisphenol A (BPA) concluding that “exposure represents no noteworthy risk to the health of the human population, including newborns and babies”. It was written with an employee of Bayer Schering Pharma, a division of Bayer AG, the leading bisphenol A producer, [two private consultants](#) ...

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*Health News* was copied and pasted. Next, some minor changes were introduced by **Lab Times** in an attempt to conceal the copy-and-paste plagiarism. For example **Lab Times** changed “...concluding that...” to “...which concluded that...”; or the amount of money in Euros was added by **Lab Times** after the sum in dollars already given in the original. The passages literally copied by **Lab Times** were not indicated by quotation marks and also no reference to the original was given within the copied text. The article in *Environmental Health News* is referenced at another paragraph of the **Lab Times** article but no reference indicates that the analyzed paragraph is the result of copy-and-paste. Similar strategies to conceal copy-and-paste plagiarism have for example been used by the dismissed German ministers Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg and Annette Schavan who cited the authors of their plagiarism but not in the direct context of the copied and pasted text.