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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Firstborn right of the piggy-back technique

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Sir: I was amazed to read in *Transplant International* a paper by Jovine et al. from Bologna [2], stating that the "piggy-back" technique was first described by Tzakis et al. in 1989 [3]. Such ignorance in a paper primarily concerned with this technique is extraordinary. This technique, fully illustrated, was described by us in the *BMJ* in 1968, 29 years ago [1]. That the authors should be so cursory in their review of the literature is a sad reflection on contemporary scholarship. *Transplant International,* with a peer review policy, would surely expect its reviewers to be better informed, or perhaps they did not bother to read the paper.

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