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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-19-0071-O

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We received an allegation of retaliation from a postdoctoral researcher (Complainant) at a university research laboratory. The Complainant reported sexual misconduct and psychological abuse by a faculty member to the university under Title IX. After the Title IX investigation, the Complainant alleged that she was subjected to retaliation including: repeated rejections of requests for financial support for attending professional conferences; incorrect and incomplete salary payments; removal from existing collaborations; and the faculty member's refusal to read or submit the Complainant's manuscript for publication. We provided the Complainant with our standard Complaint Form to collect additional information about the allegation of retaliation, to determine if our office had jurisdiction to investigate. Our jurisdictional analysis determined that this office does not have jurisdiction to proceed with an investigation of the complaint under 41 USC § 4712 because the disclosures about the faculty member did not pertain to misconduct involving NSF grant or contract funding, evidence a gross waste of Federal funds with a nexus to NSF, or warn of a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety in NSF programs or operations.

Accordingly, this case is *closed* and no further action will be taken.