

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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Our office received an allegation of falsification in a paper that acknowledged NSF support. The complainant alleged that the authors misrepresented and omitted data in the paper.

The complainant informed us he reported the allegations to the University. We contacted the University, and it provided documents pertaining to its assessment of the allegations. It determined the basis of the allegation was a difference of opinion about the presentation and interpretation of research results. It further determined the complaint did not include any allegations or evidence concerning a matter that met the definition of research misconduct. It determined that no additional inquiry or investigation was warranted.

We independently reviewed the evidence, and we concur that further review is not warranted.

This case is *closed* with no further action taken.