

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## **CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM**

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We received an allegation from a complainant¹ who alleged the subject's² publication³ contained 1) unauthorized data and 2) falsified conclusions. We referred the matter to the subject's university, which conducted an inquiry. Regarding allegation 1), it concluded the subject had the right to publish the data. With respect to allegation 2), it concluded the differences between the subject's and complainant's interpretations of the data were best resolved by the science community, not a formal inquiry.

We agree with the university's conclusions. Accordingly, this case is  $\underline{closed}$  with no further action taken.

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