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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A13080081

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The Subject¹ was the primary author on a publication² that contained allegedly fabricated figures. The publication cited NSF support. A university investigation established that the Subject knowingly fabricated the images; the Subject denied doing so. The university recommended expulsion of the Subject without his graduate degree, and the Subject left the university.

A separate analysis by the university concluded that the published results did not involve the NSF-supported research, and the NSF PI was mistaken in citing NSF support for the work in the publication. This conclusion is supported by the fact that the PI did not list the Subject as a participant in the progress reports he submitted to NSF. The absence of a nexus between the Subject's acts of research misconduct and the NSF-supported research removes our jurisdiction in this matter.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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