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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received a complaint against an NSF PI (Subject). Much of it concerned scientific disagreements, did not allege research misconduct, and was therefore not investigated.

The complaint alleged that the Subject served as co-PI on a declined NSF proposal (Proposal) without providing any intellectual contribution, and later used that proposal as a source for an awarded NSF proposal (Award) that did not include the original PI. We investigated this matter.

Our review determined that the Award differed substantially from the Proposal. Further, we determined that the Subject did intellectually contribute to, and perform preliminary experiments for, the Proposal. We therefore concluded the Proposal was a legitimate joint product of the PI and co-PI, such that both PI and co-PI may build upon it for future research. The allegation is unsubstantiated.

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