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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We reviewed an allegation that a PI and co-PI applied for (and received) NSF funding to perform work that was already complete and written up as a manuscript. The PI and co-PI allegedly delayed publication with an intent to hide completed work so that it could be retroactively funded.

We compared the manuscript with their proposal and found that they were similar. However, the proposal referenced the manuscript and described the research in the manuscript as prior research. Thus, the evidence did not warrant further investigation.

Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.