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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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Our office received allegations that three PIs published an NSF-funded paper without acknowledging the contribution of another researcher and that the paper contained falsified data. We contacted the PIs who said the other researcher did not meet their field's authorship criteria and said the statistics in the paper were vetted by an experienced statistician. Based on their responses, we concluded that neither allegation rose to the level of research misconduct. We sent the PIs Questionable Research Practice Letters reminding them to include non-author collaborators in the acknowledgement section.

This case is closed with no further action taken.