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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I-19-0053-O

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We received an allegation of grant fraud against a PI. The complainant alleged the PI delayed publication of, and failed to disclose to NSF, a paper (the Paper) demonstrating that she had completed the research proposed in two NSF grants, and she did so in order to obtain grant supplements to continue the completed research.

The PI had two grants at her original university. She moved to another university, and all parties agreed to the transfer of the grants to the new university. The complainant mistakenly thought these transfers were supplements. Nevertheless, the PI had disclosed a submitted manuscript on the research topic of the grants before the transfer. There was a single supplement awarded for the second grant, but the PI disclosed the Paper to NSF in both active grants before the supplement was awarded. Thus, there is insufficient evidence supporting the allegation. Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.