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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We referred an inquiry to a University following the retraction of a paper, published over a decade ago, which acknowledged NSF support. The retraction notice stated the paper included results that were not accurately represented. The University determined an investigation was warranted. We concurred and referred the investigation to the University

The University determined, by a preponderance of evidence, that a researcher committed research misconduct by intentionally falsifying figures in the paper when he modified data with unacceptable and non-standard methods. It made a finding of research misconduct and designated him as ineligible for re-hire.

We concurred with the University's findings. We determined, based on the totality of circumstances, that the matter did not warrant additional investigation. We issued a Detrimental Research Practice letter to the researcher.

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