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Case Closeout Memorandum

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We received an allegation of data fabrication or falsification in a publication. The publication acknowledged an NSF award to a University, and the PI of the NSF award was the corresponding author of the publication. The University conducted an inquiry and determined that the PI was not responsible for the data fabrication or falsification in the publication. However, it learned of an additional allegation of data falsification that occurred during the publication's review process and determined an investigation was warranted. We concurred and referred an investigation to the University.

The University determined that the PI did not engage in research misconduct during the review process. We concurred with the University's determination. This case is closed with no further action taken.