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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A-02050035

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We received an allegation that the subject¹ used research data in publications that had been collected as part of NSF-funded collaborative proposals² without providing co-authorship to other PIs supported under the same awards.

Our review showed that the subject and PIs had co-authored abstracts and publications that incorporated the data produced under the award, including one publication published 3 years after the awards closed. The publications and abstracts that did not include the other PIs as co-authors were published between 1 and 3 years after the awards closed and focused on data collected by the subject specific to the subject's particular research area.

We learned that the collaborative effort supported under the awards failed shortly after the awards closed. We concluded that this was not misconduct in science. Accordingly, this case is closed and no further action will be taken.

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