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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A10120092

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We assessed an allegation that the authors¹ of an NSF proposal² improperly used a unique idea revealed to them through review of a manuscript in the submission process, or through improper communication with a research collaborator. We established that the idea had been previously published in the scientific literature,³ and is also proposed in earlier NSF proposals by the authors.⁴ There is no support for the allegation.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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