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## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We assessed an allegation of falsification related to publication<sup>1</sup> of the results of a calculational model. A graduate student<sup>2</sup> and a faculty member<sup>3</sup> disagree about the impact of possible incorrectly coded variables in the model output. The variables alleged to be incorrect are described only generally in the complaint, the variables seem to have been manually reset on an ad hoc basis, and no link has been established between incorrectly coded variables and the publication.<sup>4</sup> The differences in opinion and interpretation evident in this case resolve through the development of expertise; such differences are not research misconduct. There is no evidence that published results were falsified by omission of descriptive details of the model.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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