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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We assessed the circumstances behind the retraction of a publication¹ that acknowledged NSF support. The publication's author was previously a post-doctoral researcher supported on an NSF award;² the PI of that award did not participate in preparation of the publication. The University analysis of the complaint concluded that the publication inappropriately discussed experimental methods relevant to sample preparation. Accordingly, the University made the journal aware of their analysis, and the journal retracted the publication. We concurred with the conclusions of the University analysis.

Accordingly, this case is closed.

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