

CLOSEOUT FOR CASE M00030016

On 24 March 2000, three NSF staff members¹ contacted us to report the subject,² the PI on an NSF proposal,³ allegedly misrepresented her role in one publication⁴ listed in the Biographical Sketch section in the proposal. According to the staff members, the subject had participated in the preparation of the publication, but had allegedly exaggerated her role when she listed herself as "editor." None of them considered the matter to be serious, but they generally agreed that the subject should be cautioned to be more careful about how she cites this publication in the future.

We determined that the subject oversaw and participated in the development of the publication, but that another scientist had been the chief editor. We concluded that the subject did exaggerate her role when she cited herself as "editor," although we noted that there was no convenient summary term to indicate the subject's role. However, we concluded that the exaggeration was not a serious deviation from accepted practice because she had been involved in the process and made editorial input. We contacted the subject to discuss our concerns about her citation. We recommended that she be careful how she cites her role in this and future publications.

This case is closed and no further action will be taken.

cc: Integrity, IG.

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² The subject, [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] Prior to the subject's beginning her position [REDACTED]

³ NSF proposal [REDACTED] entitled [REDACTED] submitted by the subject [REDACTED]

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