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An OIG review of the accuracy of publication claims in the final project reports of randomly selected NSF awards was unable to verify a publication claimed by the subject¹ in the final project report for an NSF award² and we opened a case on March 25, 1999. This final project report also included three publication claims in which the year of publication was incorrectly reported. Review of the final project reports and CVs included in other awards to the subject identified an additional publication claim that we could not verify.³

Upon our request, the subject provided us with copies of the publications that we had been unable to verify. The subject also explained that the discrepancy in the publication dates was due to the inclusion of publications on his CV at the time he received proofs. If the subject received proofs at the end of a year but the publication was not released until the beginning of the subsequent year, this sometimes resulted in reporting the incorrect year on his CV. The subject stated that he would update his CV more frequently in the future to avoid such errors.

We determined that the subject did not make any false publications claims and accepted his explanation for the discrepancy in publication dates for some publications. Therefore, this inquiry is closed.

Cc: Integrity, IG

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