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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We assessed an allegation of plagiarism and intellectual theft in a research publication supported by NSF funds.¹ A group's early collaborative efforts created a database, and the group jointly composed a manuscript based on that data collection; the manuscript has not been published. A subset of the group later submitted a separate manuscript using information from the same database, which was accepted for publication.² Based on the available evidence, we determined that these actions do not rise to the level of research misconduct.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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