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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I14040010

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This case was opened from an allegation that an assistant professor¹ had been subject to retaliation from his institution² when the institution became aware that he had contacted a journal³ editor to report concerns about inaccuracies in a manuscript⁴. In those communications, the assistant professor states he may contact NSF OIG.

Our investigation concluded that even if the complainant was correct concerning the alleged inaccuracy, it did not rise to the level of research misconduct. Regarding the alleged retaliation, pursuant to the Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Protection from Reprisal for Disclosure of Certain Information⁵, we submitted a Report of Investigation to NSF detailing our investigative findings. NSF concluded that there had not been a retaliation under the Pilot Program.

Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.

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⁵ 41 U.S. Code § 4712