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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A-06120060

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We received an allegation from the complainant¹ that the subject² falsified results by not representing his research accurately in a published paper.³ The complainant provided a detailed explanation of his allegation. Our review showed that the complainant's concerns focused on the subject's interpretation of results and selection of samples in a field of science that relied heavily on observational evidence. In addition, we noted that the subject indicated in his publication how he gathered his information, presenting his results and making his interpretations from these results. Finally, the complainant published in a prestigious journal his concerns about some of the subject's results and interpretations,⁴ to which the subject's team responded in the next volume of the same journal.⁵ This showed clearly that a disagreement between the complainant and the subject existed over the subject's samples selection and use of these samples in making interpretations.

We determined that there was no evidence to support the allegation that the subject falsified the information he presented or that he presented his research inaccurately. This case is closed and no further action will be taken.

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