

Assessment of Allegations of Data Falsification by [REDACTED]

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BACKGROUND

In a letter dated 7 October 2005, I was asked by [REDACTED] to review materials she provided and to submit an assessment of certain allegations of academic misconduct by [REDACTED]. These materials included letters and published articles, with respect to allegations by [REDACTED] of data falsification by [REDACTED] and co-authors.

In a letter dated 12 October 2005, [REDACTED]'s attorney, provided a substantive response to the various allegations regarding data falsification by [REDACTED] and co-authors contained in specific papers identified in a summary table.

Over the course of my review I requested and received additional material from both the office of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. A complete list of the material that I used for my assessment is presented in the References section of this report.

SCOPE OF ASSESSMENT

This assessment is concerned only with allegations of data falsification referred to in Items 3 and 6 in the summary table provided by [REDACTED]. These allegations all refer to publications of the results of research on [REDACTED]. I have not considered other allegations of academic misconduct or questions concerning the scientific results and the analyses.

CONCLUSION

I have found no evidence of data falsification in the papers that were initially provided or in the additional materials that I received during the course of my review. However, a complete compilation of all the experimental results, including those deemed invalid, was not available for examination.

The following sections present detailed discussion in support of my conclusion.

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