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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A04100062

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This case was opened as a transfer from P-04090196 to pursue an anonymous allegation (apparently data fabrication or falsification) that the subject¹ submitted a manuscript to *Nature* and then withdrew it 1 week later. The complainant alleged the subject withdrew the manuscript to avoid discovery the data were falsified.

The complainant did not provide a copy of the manuscript, nor any other evidence to support the allegation. The subject's purported manuscript was submitted and withdrawn before being reviewed. Without any evidence to suggest otherwise, there are a multitude of reasons an author may withdraw a manuscript; it may even be the author spotted problems with the data and wanted to correct them, but this action, by itself, does not imply the author committed research misconduct. Therefore, given the lack of supporting evidence, this case is closed.

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