

July 30, 2014

From: Morteza Shirkanzadeh
Sent: July 30, 2014 7:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Breaches of Agency Policies by Queen's University

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail acknowledging the receipt of the allegations of institutional non-compliance.

Please note that the allegations of research misconduct that I submitted on November 28, December 11, and December 16, 2012 are against all authors including [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. This has been made clear in the University's investigation report.

As you are aware, the University conducted an investigation and prepared a report that was submitted to SRCR. Therefore, as far as these particular allegations are concerned the process is complete, the report is final, and there is no evidence to suggest that the findings of the investigative committee will be revised by the University. I am concerned that the University did not comply with the agency policies in handling these specific allegations. That is why I brought my concerns to your attention as soon as I had the opportunity to review the report.

I am aware of the University's objective to investigate the body of [REDACTED] research as a whole. But such an investigation is not intended to revise the findings and the decision of the investigative committee regarding [REDACTED] publications.

I have provided you with sufficient evidence of institutional non-compliance and there is no need to postpone the investigation. In fact one can argue that the allegations of institutional non-compliance should be investigated in a timely manner to avoid recurrence of the same problems in the near future.

What is the rationale for not investigating these allegations at this time? Could you please clarify why SRCR cannot investigate the allegations of institutional non-compliance at this time?

Sincerely,

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