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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Allegations of institution non-compliance

Dear [REDACTED]

**Allegations of institution non-compliance**

I have received an official letter dated [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Queen's University in response to my allegations of research misconduct dated November 28, 2012, December 11, 2012, and December 16, 2012. A copy of the [REDACTED] letter is attached.

The official letter describes the process for investigating the allegations. However, it appears that allegations of research misconduct against [REDACTED] who is the subject of allegations will not be investigated.

According to the process described in the letter, the [REDACTED] will notify [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the research integrity allegations and will be provided with an opportunity to respond to allegations. There is no indication that [REDACTED] will be given such an opportunity as a respondent. This is in violation of section 6c of the University's research integrity policy. There is also no indication that the former graduate student who is the first author in one of the redundant publications will be given an opportunity to respond to allegations.

Furthermore, it is clear from the process described by the [REDACTED] that he will make a decision about whether to initiate a full investigation after receiving a response from [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. There is no indication that [REDACTED] will consider any response from [REDACTED] as if she is not a respondent and that there is no need to correct the records for the grant agency.

It seems that the [REDACTED] has already decided not to investigate the allegations of research misconduct against the key individuals that are the subject of the allegations. This is in violation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Queen's University and the funding agency.

Please investigate the allegations of institutional non-compliance in accordance with Schedule 8: investigation and resolution of breach of agency policies.

Sincerely,

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