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Dear Ms. Wallace,

Allegation of Institutional Non-compliance against Queen's University

I am referring to Queen's Investigative Report (2015).

The report reveals that Queen's University did not investigate 'the body of research as a whole' as pledged in the letter dated [REDACTED] (attached), and failed to fulfil its "institutional responsibility" as outlined in the letter.

Specifically, the University did not look into more than 100 conference papers where [REDACTED] is listed as the only co-author (attached).

The Committee investigated only one paper from this list [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and concluded that the paper represented plagiarism.

Despite the finding of plagiarism, the Committee did not interview [REDACTED] and did not look into the other papers in the list that were funded by the [REDACTED]. The Committee investigated less than 1% of the papers in the list. This is clearly not the 'body of research as a whole'.

The University has failed to fulfill its obligations as outlined in the letter dated [REDACTED] and yet at the same time it warns that it will “neither accept nor acknowledge any further allegations”. This is in non-compliance with Tri-Council Policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Shirkhanzadeh', written in a cursive style.

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Attach.