

Rosalind Franklin University is committed to upholding and promoting the integrity of all research, including sponsored research. The RFU Office of Research Integrity was alerted to allegations of research misconduct and conducted a thorough investigation, in strict accordance with university policies. The RFU investigation determined that research misconduct had taken place and promptly imposed appropriate sanctions and initiated the appropriate steps for remediation. RFU forwarded the investigation report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Research Integrity as required by university policies and federal regulations. HHS ORI made findings of research misconduct that have been recently published and are nearly identical to our findings.

The RFU Office of Research Integrity routinely and continually educates our faculty, staff, and students on best practices related to research integrity concepts, and RFU has mandatory research integrity training for all individuals engaged in research at the university.

Additionally, RFU vigorously investigates allegations of research misconduct, and if research misconduct is found, RFU takes all necessary steps to assure that any research tainted by misconduct is withdrawn and that appropriate sanctions and remediation are put in place. All such steps have been taken in this situation. This rigorous internal oversight undergirds our commitment to conduct research with the highest integrity and to remain in compliance with state and federal regulations.

RFU will continue to protect the integrity of its education and research, the health and safety of the public, and the mission of the university. We uphold our Code of Conduct, professional ethics and standards, and funding compliance. The scientific community at RFU is dedicated to improving health and wellness through our discoveries and collaborations, and we will continue to take any and all necessary measures to protect the integrity of scientific knowledge.