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In Reply Refer To:

The Honorable Carolyn Lerner
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RE: OSC File No. DI-12-1098 Supplemental Report

Dear Ms. Lerner,

Your office requested follow-up information on whether disciplinary action was taken against the PI.

Since the PI's actions were not judged to constitute research misconduct, counseling was decided to be an appropriate response to a first offense. The Chief of Medicine at the Boston Health Care System reviewed the findings of the report with the PI and discussed the seriousness of the identified deficiencies. Facility management has informed us that the PI has changed her research practices to prevent future occurrences.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter A. Hall".

Walter A. Hall
Assistant General Counsel