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## Scientific Misconduct Guidance

“Scientific Misconduct” is defined as fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism, in other words corruption of research data. (Please see DoD Instruction 3210.7 entitled “Research Integrity and Misconduct” for further information.)

Scientific Misconduct does not include honest error or honest differences in interpretations or judgments in evaluating research methods and results. Failure to adhere to requirements for the protection of human subjects or to ensure the welfare of laboratory animals, are governed by separate and specific federal regulations and are subject to the oversight of established ethics committees. This is considered “non-compliance.” (Please see: UWZ-C-606-Non-Compliance SOP.)

If you feel that you have a potential scientific misconduct issue, please contact:

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