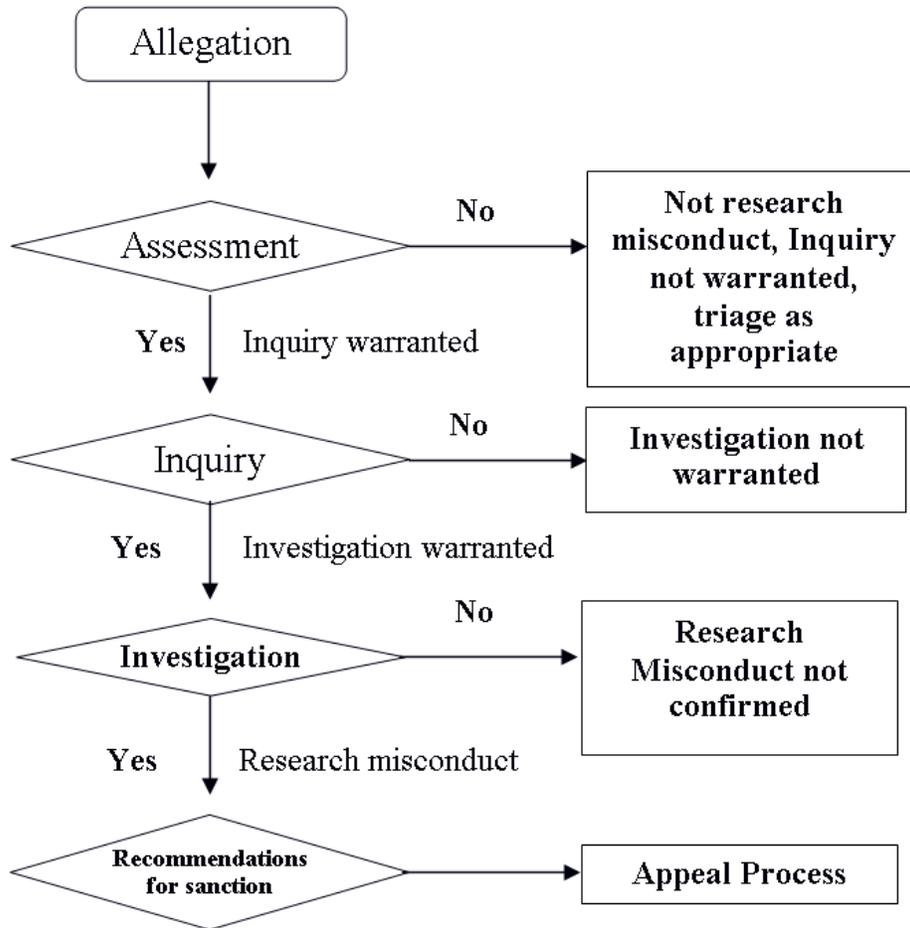


EXHIBIT B: INVESTIGATION RESEARCH MISCONDUCT FLOW CHART



This flowchart describes the steps involved when investigating allegations of research misconduct.

Step 1: Allegation

Step 2: Assessment

If no, Not research misconduct. Inquiry not warranted, triage as appropriate

If yes, Inquiry warranted

Step 3: Inquiry

If no, Investigation not warranted

If yes, Investigation warranted

Step 4: Investigation

If no, Research misconduct not confirmed

If yes, Research misconduct confirmed

Step 5: Recommendation for sanction

Step 6: Appeal Process