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Statement on Dealing with Allegations of Research Misconduct Under United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Research-related Activities for Foreign Institutions

The University of Buea has incorporated into its policies and procedures, the following approaches for dealing with and reporting possible research misconduct when USPHS funds are involved.

- 1. University of Buea will designate an official to receive allegations and develop procedures for use by research employees or others who wish to make an allegation of research misconduct involving USPHS funds. This designated official will notify the U.S. Office of Research Integrity (ORI) when an allegation of research misconduct involving USPHS funds is received. Phone: (237) 233 32 21 34/233 32 26 90/23332 27 06. Fax: (237) 2332 22 72. E-mail: researchoffice.ub@ubuea.cm
- 2. University of Buea will then work with ORI or other appropriate offices of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop and implement a process for responding to the research misconduct allegation that is consistent with U.S. Federal regulation, 42 CFR Parts 50 and 93.
- 3. **University of Buea** will submit appropriate reports (in English) to ORI that describe the process followed in conducting the investigation, the evidence on which the conclusions of the investigation are based, and if a finding of research misconduct is made, the administrative actions that are taken against the respondent will be reported.
- 4. **University of Buea** will inform research employees about the official who is designated to receive allegations and the procedures for the employee or other individuals to make an allegation of research misconduct involving USPHS supported research. This information will also be posted on the organization's web site.
- 5. University of Buea certifies that this statement will be a permanent amendment to the institution's procedures for responding to allegations of research misconduct.
- 6. **University of Buea** will submit the "Annual Report on Possible Research Misconduct" to ORI by April 30 of each year. The report is submitted electronically through the ORI web site at https://ori.hhs.gov.

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