



Decision by the Executive Board

With regard to the advice of the Academic Integrity Committee (CWI)
dated 2 August 2021, case number 20-02

I. Introduction

The Executive Board of Leiden University (hereinafter: “the Board”) has taken due note of the advice provided on 2 August 2021, case number: CWI 2020-02, with regard to the findings of the follow-up investigation into previously established violations of academic integrity committed by [REDACTED] (hereinafter to be referred to as: “[REDACTED]”).

The advice of the Academic Integrity Committee of Leiden University (hereinafter: “the Committee”) put forward no grounds for a new and separate initial judgement with regard to [REDACTED].

The Committee considers the following based on the advice.

II. Findings of the CWI

Publications

The Board establishes that the main focus of the follow-up investigation by the Committee was on a ‘technical’ correction of the publications authored by [REDACTED] in as far as these pertained to the period she was affiliated with Leiden University. A total of 53 publications were selected from 174 publications. With regard to the mode of operation and methods of investigation applied, the Board refers to the advice. In its investigation, the Committee did not assess whether [REDACTED] or other engaged authors or co-authors were responsible for violations of academic integrity as laid down in the Netherlands Code of Conduct on Academic Integrity (*Nederlandse Gedragscode Wetenschappelijke Integriteit* (2018)) and the Complaints Regulation on Academic Integrity of Leiden University (*Klachtenregeling over Wetenschappelijke Integriteit Universiteit Leiden*).

The Committee concludes that seven publications have been manipulated to such an extent that it recommends submitting a request to the editors of the relevant journals for withdrawal of these articles. The Committee has classified these publications as ‘red’.

In the case of eight publications, it was not clear to the Committee that the manipulations had an impact on the results and conclusions of these publications. However, the manipulations are such that the Committee recommends informing the editors of the relevant journals about these manipulations, so that they can determine themselves the measures to be taken. The Committee has also classified these publications as ‘red’.



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The Committee gave [REDACTED] the opportunity to respond to its findings. However, this response did not lead to different insights about the conclusions.

Data Management

The Board understands from the advice that the Committee experienced problems with collecting the underlying data sets and protocols of the Psychology Ethics Committee (*Commissie Ethiek Psychologie* (CEP)). This constitutes reason for a more detailed investigation of the present situation with regard to data management and guaranteeing compliance with the relevant protocols in more detail.

[REDACTED]

The Executive Board will inform [REDACTED] in accordance with the recommendation of the CWI that no additional violations of academic integrity were discovered with regard to the grant applications that were submitted by [REDACTED].

III. Implementation of recommendations

The Board confirms that the investigation by the Committee was conducted in a meticulous manner and adopts the recommendations laid down in the advice of the Committee, namely:

- I. With regard to the seven publications in which the Committee established malpractices that warrant withdrawal, the authors and co-authors concerned will be informed and the relevant publishers will then be requested to withdraw the publication;
- II. With regard to the eight publications in which the Committee has also established substantial malpractices, the authors and co-authors concerned will be informed and the relevant publishers will then be informed;
- III. The Executive Board will inform [REDACTED] that no additional violations of academic integrity were discovered in the follow-up investigation with regard to the grant applications that were submitted by [REDACTED].



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Furthermore, the advice provides grounds to:

- IV. Instruct the Dean of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences to inform the Board about the present situation with regard to data management and how compliance with the relevant protocols will be guaranteed. The report must be completed by March 2022.

A copy of these considerations and the CWI advice will be sent to [REDACTED] and the other authors or co-authors concerned for information.

The advice under reference CWI 20-02 and this decision will be anonymised and published on the Leiden University website.