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DECISION

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Decision regarding complaint of suspected deviation from good research practice

Decision

The following is hereby decided:

- No further action will be taken with regard to the complaint of suspected deviation from good research practice (case UFV 2024/45).

The matter

On 29 December 2023, Uppsala University received via registrator@uu.se a copy of a message and a previous email conversation between Leonid Schneider and Anders Hagfeldt. In the first message of the conversation, Leonid Schneider states that two articles published in the *Journal of Materials Chemistry A*¹ are falsified, which can be understood as deviating from good research practice and possibly constituting research misconduct. None of the authors of the articles are affiliated with Uppsala University. Anders Hagfeldt informed Leonid Schneider by email on 29 December 2023 that the information concerning the articles had been forwarded to the Executive Editor of the journal.

¹ Mukesh Kumar, Tharamani C. Nagaiah, *A NiCu–MoS₂ electrocatalyst for pH-universal hydrogen evolution reaction and Zn–air batteries driven self-power water splitting*, *J. Mater. Chem. A*, 2023, 11, 18336–18348, <https://doi.org/10.1039/D3TA02668J> och Kelin He, Jun Xie, Zhao-Qing Liu, Neng Li, Xiaobo Chen, Jun Hu and Xin Li, *Multi-functional Ni₃C cocatalyst/g-C₃N₄ nanoheterojunctions for robust photocatalytic H₂ evolution under visible light*, *J. Mater. Chem. A*, 2018, 6, 13110–13122, <https://doi.org/10.1039/C8TA03048K>.

In the second message, Anders Hagfeldt is asked to submit the complaint concerning two articles² to EPFL³, Switzerland, with the explanation that both Anders Hagfeldt and the complainant know that the National Board for Assessment of Research Misconduct only investigates articles where an affiliation to a Swedish research entity is found, which is not the case with these articles. Instead, Anders Hagfeldt's affiliation is stated to be EPFL, which was his employer at the time the articles were published. The complaint states that data has been re-used in different contexts. Since no co-authors affiliated with a Swedish research entity have authored the articles in question, the report will not be investigated at Uppsala University or by the National Board for Assessment of Research Misconduct.

The decision in this matter was taken by the undersigned chair of the University Board, following a presentation of the matter by Johan Höök, chair of the Board for Investigation of Deviations from Good Research Practice. Acting University Director Per Abrahamsson was also present.

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Johan Höök

² Muhammad Tariq Saeed Chani, Kh.S. Karimov, Hadi M. Marwani, Ekram Y. Danish, Waleed Ahmad, Jamil-un Nabi, M. Hilal, Anders Hagfeldt, Abdullah M. Asiri, *Bulk Heterojunction Tandem Photoelectric Cell Based on p-Si and Phthalocyanine*, International Journal of Electrochemical Science Volume 12, Issue 10, October 2017, Pages 9250-9261, <https://doi.org/10.20964/2017.10.55> och Hadi M. Marwani, Muhammad Tariq Saeed Chani, Ekram Y. Danish, Kh.S. Karimov, Anders Hagfeldt, Abdullah M. Asiri, *Tandem Heterojunction Photoelectric Cell Based on Organic-Inorganic Hybrid of AlPc-H2Pc and n-Si*, International Journal of Electrochemical Science Volume 12, Issue 5, February 2017, Pages 4096-4106, <https://doi.org/10.20964/2017.05.20>.

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