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## **Private and Confidential**

Mr Leonid Schneider

Via Email: leonid.schneider@gmail.com

Dear Mr Schneider

RE: Complaint ID 20250288- Notification of Outcome- Mr Leonid Schneider

On 27 June 2025, the Research Integrity Office at Curtin University (the University) received a referral of the complaint you made to various areas within the University.

The complaint raised concerns about Curtin Adjunct Professor Dr Rabiul Awual, which broadly relate to unethical misuse of citations, and unethical reuse/plagiarism of data and images.

I am writing to formally communicate to you that an assessment has been undertaken under the *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, 2018* (the Code), and as a result of the outcome of that assessment, certain actions will be taken in relation to the allegations made. This includes recommendations in relation to Dr Awual, along with notifying journals of the outcome of the assessment.

This matter was considered under the Code, the *Guide to Managing Potential Breaches of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research* and Curtin Policy and Procedure.

Thank you for raising your concerns. Should you have any queries regarding this letter, please contact the Research Integrity Office via email to <a href="mailto:ROCIntegrity@curtin.edu.au">ROCIntegrity@curtin.edu.au</a>.

Yours sincerely

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