RCR Case Study

Discussion points:

- Select 1 person to lead the group
- Read the case aloud
- Encourage discussion that is "on topic"
- Discourage "off topic" discussion
- Pace the discussion for available time
- Elicit contributions from the entire group
- Summarize both majority and minority opinions

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Christina is working in a lab, running experiments and collecting data. She learns that her mentor has submitted a paper with her as first author based on her work.

The mentor wrote the paper without her input and used some of her preliminary results that he read in her lab notebook. She is worried because the experiments are not complete and discusses her concerns with her mentor.

He comments that he is sure the final results will support his new theory and that he just published the results a little early to help the chances that the lab will get funding.

Adapted from:
http://ori.dhhs.gov/documents/Alexander.RCR%20Guidebook.BW.pdf

Analyze the case:

- Identify the affected parties.
- What interests does each party have in the situation? Are there conflicts?
- What actions were taken by each of the affected parties? Were they acceptable?
- What is the likely outcome for each course of action?
- What course of action would you take and why?
- What actions could have been taken to avoid the conflict?

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