

numbers above each band representing the fold change human prostate cancer cell lines; the numbers above each band representing the fold change in expression relative to the DMSO control also were falsified for p-ACLY (LNCaP cell line) and p-Akt (PC3 and LNCaP cell lines) compared to the values provided to the Respondent

- falsified Figure 4D by substituting bands for p-ACLY for those provided to him to allow Respondent to claim that Z-Gug significantly inhibited phosphorylation of ACLY in lysates of prostate tumors obtained from mice, when the original data showed no effect
- falsified Figures 5C and 5D to show that treatment of PC3 and LNCaP cells with Z-Gug alone and with Z-Gug plus si-RNA targets to ACLY stimulated Caspase 3/7 activity, when the original data provided to him showed no significant effect of either treatment in PC3 cells and no effect of Z-Gug alone in LNCaP cells
- falsified Figures 6G and 6H; these figures purported to show that N-acetyl-L-cysteine (NAC), an inhibitor of reactive oxygen species (ROS), reversed the inhibition of Akt phosphorylation caused by Z-Gug in PC3 cells (Figure 6G) and LNCaP cells (Figure 6G) when no Akt data for this protocol was available to the Respondent; Respondent admitted to falsifying Figure 6G
- falsified Figures S2B and S3B by altering data provided to him; these experiments are complementary to those shown in Figures 5C and 5D, except that the effect of Z-Gug and Z-gug plus si-RNA on Caspase 3/7 activity utilized on si-RNA was directed to Akt activity. The original data showed no significant effect of either treatment in PC3 cells and no effect of Z-Gug on LNCaP cells, while both treatments were claimed to be significant inducers of caspase activity in both cell lines in the published figures.

Dr. Xiao has entered into a Voluntary Settlement Agreement (Agreement) and has voluntarily agreed for a period of three (3) years, beginning on December 23, 2014:

(1) To have his research supervised; Respondent agreed to ensure that prior to the submission of an application for U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) support for a research project on which the Respondent's participation is proposed and prior to Respondent's participation in any capacity on PHS-supported research, the institution employing him must submit a plan for

supervision of his duties to ORI for approval; the plan for supervision must be designed to ensure the scientific integrity of Respondent's research contribution; Respondent agreed that he will not participate in any PHS-supported research until such a supervision plan is submitted to and approved by ORI; Respondent agreed to maintain responsibility for compliance with the agreed upon plan for supervision;

(2) that any institution employing him must submit, in conjunction with each application for PHS funds, or report, manuscript, or abstract involving PHS-supported research in which Respondent is involved, a certification to ORI that the data provided by Respondent are based on actual experiments or are otherwise legitimately derived and that the data, procedures, and methodology are accurately reported in the application, report, manuscript, or abstract; and

(3) to exclude himself voluntarily from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS including, but not limited to, service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Acting Director, Office of Research Integrity, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 750, Rockville, MD 20852, (240) 453-8200.

**Donald Wright,**

*Acting Director, Office of Research Integrity.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

Section 30.18 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims collection regulations (45 CFR part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest, which is determined and fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after considering private consumer rates of interest on the date that the Department of Health and Human Services becomes entitled to recovery. The rate cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the "Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities" unless the Secretary waives interest in whole or part, or a different rate is prescribed by statute, contract, or repayment agreement. The Secretary of

the Treasury may revise this rate quarterly. The Department of Health and Human Services publishes this rate in the **Federal Register**.

The current rate of 10½%, as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, is certified for the quarter ended December 31, 2014. This rate is based on the Interest Rates for Specific Legislation, "National Health Services Corps Scholarship Program (42 U.S.C. 250(B)(1)(A))" and "National Research Service Award Program (42 U.S.C. 288(c)(4)(B))." This interest rate will be applied to overdue debt until the Department of Health and Human Services publishes a revision.

Dated: January 15, 2015.

**David C. Horn,**

*Director, Office of Financial Policy and Reporting.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service (DHHS) is hereby giving notice that the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) will hold a meeting to discuss essential health benefits and provider networks, the integration of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) qualified health plan and the Ryan White Program; an update on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy; and a discussion on surveillance data. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 12, 2015, from 9 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. (ET) and February 13, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m. (ET).

**ADDRESSES:** Renaissance Washington DC, Downtown Hotel, 999 Ninth Street NW., Washington, DC 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Caroline Talev, Public Health Analyst, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 443H, Washington, DC 20201; (202) 205-1178. More detailed information about PACHA can be obtained by accessing the PACHA Web page on the AIDS.Gov Web site at [www.aids.gov/pacha](http://www.aids.gov/pacha).