

NCI, NIH, engaged in research misconduct in research supported by the Intramural Research Program of NCI, NIH.

ORI found that Respondent engaged in research misconduct by intentionally, knowingly, and/or recklessly falsifying and/or fabricating data in the unpublished research record by the alteration, reuse, and/or relabeling of quantitative real-time polymerase chain reaction (qRT-PCR) data and colony forming cell (CFC) and focus formation (FF) assay images to represent experiments that measured microRNA expression levels and the effect of long intergenic non-protein coding (LINC) RNAs in human cancer cell lines that were not conducted.

Specifically, ORI found that Respondent knowingly, intentionally, and/or recklessly falsified and/or fabricated:

- qRT-PCR data in fifty-nine (59) Excel files by:

—Conceiving Cycle Threshold (CT) values and PCR machine run identification numbers and run dates for fifty-nine (59) experiments that were not conducted

—inserting falsified and/or fabricated CT values in fifty-four (54) files that originated from one (1) Excel template with a single file creation date to represent distinct experimental runs with different experimental dates in exported Excel files from the PCR machine

—utilizing an earlier PCR machine calibration date in four (4) Excel files to represent experiments completed at a later date

- CFC and FF assay images in four (4) PowerPoint files by:

—Representing eight (8) images of CFC and FF assays in cell culture plates as the overexpression of LINC00379 or LINC00380 in human alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma RD and Rh41 cells when the cultured cells did not overexpress the specific LINC RNA

Dr. Agrawal entered into a Voluntary Settlement Agreement (Agreement) and voluntarily agreed:

(1) To have his research supervised for a period of one (1) year beginning on August 8, 2019; Respondent agreed that prior to the submission of an application for U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) support for a research project on which Respondent's participation is proposed and prior to Respondent's participation in any capacity on PHS-supported research, Respondent shall ensure that a plan for supervision of Respondent's duties is submitted to ORI for approval; the supervision plan must be designed to

ensure the scientific integrity of Respondent's research contribution; Respondent agreed that he shall 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 supervision plan;

(2) that the requirements for Respondent's supervision plan are as follows:

i. A committee of 2–3 senior faculty members at the institution who are familiar with Respondent's field of research, but not including Respondent's supervisor or collaborators, will provide oversight and guidance for one (1) year beginning on August 8, 2019; the committee will review primary data from Respondent's laboratory on a quarterly basis and submit a report to ORI at six (6) month intervals setting forth the committee meeting dates, Respondent's compliance with appropriate research standards, and confirming the integrity of Respondent's research; and

ii. the committee will conduct an advance review of any PHS grant applications (including supplements, resubmissions, etc.), manuscripts reporting PHS-funded research submitted for publication, and abstracts; the review will include a discussion with Respondent of the primary data represented in those documents and will include a certification to ORI that the data presented in the proposed application/publication is supported by the research record;

(3) that for a period of one (1) year beginning on August 8, 2019, any institution employing him shall 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;

(4) that if no supervisory plan is provided to ORI, Respondent shall provide certification to ORI at the conclusion of the supervision period that he has not engaged in, applied for, or had his name included on any application, proposal, or other request for PHS funds without prior notification to ORI; and

(5) to exclude himself 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

a period of one (1) year beginning on August 8, 2019.

**Wanda K. Jones,**

*Acting Director, Deputy Director, Office of Research Integrity.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; S10 Programs for Shared Instrumentation Grant (SIG) and Shared Instrumentation for Animal Research (SIFAR) Grant.

*Date:* September 25–26, 2019.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hilton Washington/Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Jan Li, MD, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5106, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301.402.9607, [Jan.Li@nih.gov](mailto:Jan.Li@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Oncology 2—Translational Clinical Integrated Review Group Cancer Biomarkers Study Section.

*Date:* September 26–27, 2019.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Courtyard Seattle Pioneer Square, 612 2nd Ave, Seattle, WA 98104.

*Contact Person:* Lawrence Ka-Yun Ng, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6152, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–357–9318, [ngkl@csr.nih.gov](mailto:ngkl@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Neurotransmitters, Receptors, and Calcium Signaling Study Section.

*Date:* September 26, 2019.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications

*Place:* Hotel Palomar, 2121 P Street NW, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Peter B Guthrie, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4182, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1239, [guthrie@csr.nih.gov](mailto:guthrie@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Early Phase Clinical Trials in Imaging and Image-Guided Interventions (R01 Clinical Trial Required).

*Date:* September 27, 2019.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Yuanna Cheng, MD, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4138, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1195, [Chengy5@csr.nih.gov](mailto:Chengy5@csr.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 20, 2019.

**Melanie J. Pantoja,**

*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Notice of Listing of Members of the National Institutes of Health's Senior Executive Service 2019 Performance Review Board (PRB)

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces the persons who will serve on the National Institutes of Health's Senior Executive Service 2019 Performance Review Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information about the NIH Performance Review Board, contact Mr. Kha Nguyen, Director, Division of Senior and Scientific Executive Management, Office of Human Resources, National Institutes of Health, Building 2, Room 5W07, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, telephone 301-451-3231 (not a toll-free number), email [kha.nguyen@nih.gov](mailto:kha.nguyen@nih.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action is being taken in accordance with Title 5, U.S.C., Section 4314(c)(4), which requires that members of performance review boards be appointed in a manner to ensure consistency, stability, and objectivity in performance appraisals and requires that notice of the appointment of an individual to serve as a member be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following persons will serve on the NIH Performance Review Board, which oversees the evaluation of performance appraisals of NIH Senior Executive Service (SES) members:

Alfred Johnson, Chair  
Michael Gottesman  
Ann Huston  
Michael Lauer  
Sally Lee  
Ellen Rolfes  
Patrick Shirdon  
Lawrence Tabak  
Daniel Wheeland

Dated: August 19, 2019.

**Francis S. Collins,**

*Director, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[Docket No. USCBP-2019-0018]

#### Extension of Comment Period: Request for Public Comments Regarding the Construction of Pedestrian Barrier Within Certain Areas in the Rio Grande Valley, Texas

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Request for comments regarding the location of proposed pedestrian barrier; notice of extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides an additional 30 days for interested parties to submit comments regarding U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) proposal to construct primary pedestrian barrier in certain areas in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) in Starr County, Texas, including within the cities of Roma, Escobares, La Grulla, Rio Grande City, and the census-designated place of Salineno, Texas (the Affected Areas). CBP published a Request for Public Comments on its proposal to locate and construct primary pedestrian barrier in the Affected Areas as required by section 232(b) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2019 in the

**Federal Register** on June 27, 2019, with comments due on or before August 26, 2019. CBP also requested comments on potential impacts to the environment, historical preservation, culture, quality of life, and commerce, including socioeconomic impacts from the construction of primary pedestrian barrier in the Affected Areas. In the interest of receiving well thought-out and developed comments from stakeholders, CBP is extending the comment period to September 25, 2019.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments must be received on or before September 25, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search docket number USCBP-2019-0018 and follow the instructions for sending comments.

*Instructions:* All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments, see the "Request for Public Comments" heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

*Docket:* For access to docket number USCBP-2019-0018 to read the June 27, 2019 **Federal Register** notice, background documents and comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Enriquez, Acquisition, Real Estate, and Environmental Director, Border Wall Program Management Office, U.S. Border Patrol at (949) 643-6365 or visit CBP's website: <http://www.cbp.gov/about/environmental-cultural-stewardship/nepa-documents/docs-review>.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Public Comments**

All interested parties are invited to participate in the comment process. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) invites agencies, organizations and the general public to provide input on the location of the pedestrian barrier and issues related to the environment, historical preservation, culture, quality of life, and commerce, including socioeconomic impacts.

All interested parties are encouraged to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you cannot submit your material by using <http://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** contact section of this document for alternative instructions. When submitting