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Dated: June 22, 2001.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Findings of Scientific Misconduct

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Correction.

**SUMMARY:** A notice beginning on page 27974 in the issue of May 21, 2001, entitled "Findings of Scientific Misconduct" is hereby reprinted in its entirety to correctly represent the position of Dr. Saleh with respect to the Voluntary Exclusion Agreement that was omitted in the original printing.

*Ayman Saleh, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh:* Based on the report of an inquiry conducted by the University of Pittsburgh and additional analysis conducted by ORI in its oversight review, the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) found that Dr. Saleh, former postdoctoral research associate, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, engaged in scientific misconduct in research supported by the National Institutes of Health.

PHS finds that Dr. Saleh falsified:

(A) Data for a manuscript which purported to show Western blots of rabbit Bcl-2 and tubulin; the blots were actually obtained from different experiments by another researcher using antibody against Hsp70 and against Bag-1, respectively;

(B) The label on a Western blot for Bcl-2 that he presented to the inquiry committee as evidence that he had conducted the experiment at issue; the blot was actually from a different experiment by a coworker;

(C) Data for a laboratory figure purported to represent a rabbit PARP cleavage blot; the data was from another experiment, and the antibody to PARP was not available to Dr. Saleh at that time;

(D) Western blot data on pcasp-9 and p37/p35 for a manuscript on Hsp27; the data represented experiments that could not be performed because the cell lines were unavailable at the time; and

(E) Figure 2b, the panel that shows a Western blot of Casp-9(WT) in a publication by Srinivasa M. Srinivasula, Ramesh Hegde, Ayman Saleh, Pinaki Datta, Eric Shiozaki, Jijie Chais, Ryung-Ah Lee, Paul D. Robbins, Theresa Fernandes-Alnemri, Yigong Shi, and Emad S. Alnemri. "A conserved XIAP-interaction motif in caspase-9 and Smac/DIABLO regulates caspase activity and apoptosis." *Nature* 410(6824):112-116, 2001. The Figure 2b data were actually taken from a Western blot of Bcl-XL data, in which Dr. Saleh transposed the lanes.

The experiments examined the regulation of programmed cell death (apoptosis), a process that is important to a better understanding of cancer. Figure 2b in the *Nature* paper represented a control experiment that confirmed the association of an X-linked gene to a particular type of apoptosis.

While neither accepting nor admitting to the findings of scientific misconduct, Dr. Saleh has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with PHS in which he has voluntarily agreed for a period of three (3) years, beginning on May 3, 2001:

(1) To exclude himself from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, nonprocurement transactions (e.g., grants and cooperative agreements) of the United States Government as defined in 45 CFR Part 76 (Debarment Regulations);

(2) 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.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Director, Division of Investigative Oversight, Office of Research Integrity, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-5330.

**Chris Pascal,**

*Director, Office of Research Integrity.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration on Aging

#### Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Clearance

**AGENCY:** Administration on Aging, HHS.

The Administration on Aging (AoA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted the following proposal for the collection of information in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA; Pub. L. 96-511): State Annual Long-Term Care Ombudsman Report and Instructions.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Use:* Extension of reporting format for use by states in reporting on activities of their Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs, as required under section 712 of the Older Americans Act, as amended.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondents:* State Agencies on Aging.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 52.

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 7,235.

*Additional Information or Comments:* The Administration on Aging has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, for approval, an extension, with no revisions, of a reporting form and instructions for the State Annual Long-Term-Care Ombudsman Report, pursuant to requirements in Section 712(b) and (h) of the Older Americans Act. AoA published in the March 13, 2001 **Federal Register** a notice that it planned to request the extension and inviting comments; no comments were received. The form is currently being evaluated for possible revision to reflect additional programmatic reporting needs. However, this should not affect the PRA clearance process. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of the publication of this notice directly to the following address: Office of Regulatory Affairs, Atten: Allison Herron Eydt, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10325, Washington, DC 20201.

Dated: June 15, 2001.

**Norman L. Thompson,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging.*

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