Findings of Research Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Findings of research misconduct have been made against Yibin Lin, Ph.D. (Respondent), former postdoctoral fellow, McGovern Medical School, University of Texas Health Science Center (UTH). Respondent engaged in research misconduct in research supported by U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) funds, specifically National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH), grant R01 AI125216. The administrative actions, including debarment, were implemented beginning on January 7, 2021, and are detailed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wanda K. Jones, Dr. P.H., Acting Director, Office of Research Integrity, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 240, Rockville, MD 20852, (240) 453–8200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has taken final action in the following case:

Yibin Lin, Ph.D., University of Texas Health Science Center: Based on the report of an assessment conducted by UTH, Respondent’s admission, and analysis conducted by ORI in its oversight review, ORI found that Respondent, formerly a postdoctoral fellow at McGovern Medical School, UTH, engaged in research misconduct in research supported by PHS funds, specifically NIAID, NIH, under grant R01 AI125216.

ORI found that Respondent engaged in research misconduct by knowingly and intentionally falsifying, fabricating, and plagiarizing data and text reported in the following published papers, which have been retracted, and manuscripts:

Published Papers


Manuscripts Submitted to bioRxiv in 2020 and Not Published

- Analysis of the Deduced Amino Acid Sequence of Lectin-like Protein.
- Comprehensive proteomic characterization of ovarian tumors. Insight into the membrane protein localization and antibiotic resistance by fluorescence microscopy.
- Invariant States of the Algebra of Observables.
- The Biochemical Analysis the Expression Levels of Pre-synaptic, Postsynaptic, Nuclear and Mitochondrial Markers.
- The Overall Difference Analysis of Antioxidant of Isoflavone from Three Kinds of Soybean Plants.
- The Overall Difference Analysis of Antioxidant of Isoflavone from Three Kinds of Tomato.

Manuscript Rejected by bioRxiv and Resubmitted to medRxiv in 2020

- Invariant States of the Algebra of Observables.

ORI finds that Respondent knowingly and intentionally falsified, fabricated, and plagiarized the whole content of six (6) papers and eight (8) manuscripts, falsely created fictitious author names and affiliations without listing himself as an author, and submitted them for publication in bioRxiv and medRxiv, open access preprint repositories, by falsely assembling random paragraphs of text, tables, and figures from previous publications and manuscripts to improve his citation metrics.

Dr. Lin entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement (Agreement) and agreed to the following:

(1) Because the Respondent also attempted to deceive the online publication sites bioRxiv and medRxiv by creating fictitious author names and affiliations without listing himself as an author, Respondent agreed to exclude himself voluntarily for a period of ten (10) years beginning on January 7, 2021, from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for or involvement in nonprocurement programs of the United States Government referred to as “covered transactions” pursuant to HHS’ Implementation (2 CFR part 376) of OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension, 2 CFR part 180 (collectively the “Debarment Regulations”); and

(2) Respondent agreed 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 a period of ten (10) years, beginning on January 7, 2021.


Wanda K. Jones,
Acting Director, Office of Research Integrity.

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would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

**Name of Committee**: National Library of Medicine Special Emphasis Panel; G06.

**Date**: March 26, 2021.

**Time**: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Agenda**: To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place**: Video Assisted Meeting.

**Contact Person**: Leonid V. Tsap, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Extramural Programs, National Library of Medicine, NIH, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 500, Bethesda, MD 20892—7968, 301—827—7077, tsap@nlm.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.879, Medical Library Assistance, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

**Dated**: January 26, 2021.

Ronald J. Livingston, Jr.,
Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**National Cancer Institute; 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 related to them involve or 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**: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; SEP–2: Research Answers to NCI Provocative Questions.

**Date**: February 23, 2021.

**Time**: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Agenda**: To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place**: National Cancer Institute Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W104, Rockville, Maryland 20850 (Telephone Conference Call).

**Contact Person**: David G. Ransom, Ph.D., Chief, Scientific Review Officer, Special Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W104, Rockville, Maryland 20850, 240–276–6351, david.ransom@nih.gov.

**Name of Committee**: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; NCI SPORE (P50) Review V.

**Date**: February 25–26, 2021.

**Time**: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Agenda**: To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place**: National Cancer Institute Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W120, Rockville, Maryland 20850 (Telephone Conference Call).

**Contact Person**: Majed M. Hamawy, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Research Programs Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W120, Rockville, Maryland 20850, 240–276–6457, mh101v@nih.gov.

**Name of Committee**: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; Visualization Methods and Tools Development for Enhancing Cancer Moonshot Data (R33).

**Date**: March 10, 2021.

**Time**: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Agenda**: To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place**: National Cancer Institute Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W108, Rockville, Maryland 20850 (Telephone Conference Call).

**Contact Person**: Clifford W. Schweinfest, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Special Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W108, Rockville, Maryland 20850, 240–276–6343, schweinfestc@mail.nih.gov.

**Name of Committee**: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; SEP–7: NCI Clinical and Translation R21 and Omnibus R03 Review.

**Date**: March 16–17, 2021.

**Time**: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Agenda**: To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place**: National Cancer Institute Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W104, Rockville, Maryland 20850 (Telephone Conference Call).

**Contact Person**: David G. Ransom, Ph.D., Chief, Scientific Review Officer, Special Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W104, Rockville, Maryland 20850, 240–276–6351, david.ransom@nih.gov.

**Name of Committee**: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; 3D Technologies to Accelerate HTAN.

**Date**: March 19, 2021.

**Time**: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Agenda**: To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place**: National Cancer Institute Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W556, Rockville, Maryland 20850 (Telephone Conference Call).

**Contact Person**: Kamal Datta, M.D., Scientific Review Officer, Program Coordination and Referral Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W556, Rockville, Maryland 20850, 240–276–6526, kamal.datta@nih.gov.

**Name of Committee**: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; R01(IARC) Conference Grant Review.

**Date**: April 6, 2021.

**Time**: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Agenda**: To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place**: National Cancer Institute Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W552, Rockville, Maryland 20850 (Telephone Conference Call).

**Contact Person**: Jeanette Irene Marketon, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Program Coordination and Referral Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W552, Rockville, Maryland 20850, 240–276–6780, jeanette.marketon@nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

**Dated**: January 26, 2021.

Melanie J. Pantoya,
Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**National Cancer Institute; Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Cancer Institute Council of Research Advocates.

The meeting will be held as a virtual meeting and is open to the public. Individuals who plan to view the virtual meeting and need special assistance or other reasonable accommodations to view the meeting, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting. The meeting will be videocast and can be accessed from the NIH Videocasting and Podcasting website (http://videocast.nih.gov).

**Name of Committee**: National Cancer Institute Council of Research Advocates.

**Date**: March 10–11, 2021.

**Time**: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Agenda**: Welcome and Chairwoman’s Remarks, NCI Updates, Legislative Update, and Director’s Update.

**Place**: National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

**Contact Person**: Amy Williams, NCI Office of Advocacy Relations, National Cancer Institute.