

can become a qualified automatic contribution arrangement and automatically satisfy the ADP test of section 401(k)(3)(A)(ii). These regulations also describe how an automatic contribution arrangement can become an eligible automatic contribution arrangement and employees can get back mistaken contributions.

*Form:* None.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 30,000.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: July 19, 2018.

**Jennifer P. Quintana,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Findings of Research Misconduct

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), gives notice that the Department has made findings of research misconduct against Alba Chavez-Dozal, Ph.D., a former employee of the New Mexico VA Health Care System in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Research Misconduct Officer, Office of Research Oversight, 10R, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632-7620. This is not a toll free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), gives notice under VHA Handbook 1058.02 "Research Misconduct" § 6k, that the Department has made findings of research misconduct against Alba Chavez-Dozal, Ph.D., a former employee of the New Mexico VA Health Care System in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Specifically, the Department found that the Respondent, a post-doctoral research fellow who formerly held a VA without compensation appointment, engaged in research misconduct by intentionally and/or knowingly:

(1) Recording fabricated data that described the generation and characterization of an END3 mutant yeast strain and presenting that data at two lab meetings;

(2) Fabricating the image of a Southern blot reported in Figure 1A of a journal article titled "Functional Analysis of the Exocyst Subunit Sec15 in *Candida albicans*" published in *Eukaryot Cell* (2015) 14:1228-39. (Retraction in: *Eukaryot Cell* (2015) 14(12):ii);

(3) Falsifying research results by using the same protein gel to represent two different experiments: A degradation assay utilizing the SEC15 mutant in Figure 6A of the publication *Eukaryot Cell* (2015) 14:1228-39 and a degradation assay utilizing the SEC6 mutant in Figure 9A of a journal article titled "The *Candida albicans* Exocyst Subunit Sec6 Contributes to Cell Wall Integrity and is a Determinant of Hyphal Branching" published in *Eukaryot Cell* (2015) 14:684-97. (Retraction in: *Eukaryot Cell* (2015) 14(12):i);

(4) Falsifying research results reported in Figures 4A (vacuole characterization), 6 (cell growth) and 9B (lipase secretion) of the publication *Eukaryot Cell* (2015) 14:684-97 by using images that represent different conditions than those reported;

(5) Falsifying protein localization results reported in Figures 7, 8 and 9 of the publication *Eukaryot Cell* (2015) 14:1228-39 by using microscopy images that represent different conditions than those reported; and

(6) Republishing falsified data from *Eukaryot Cell* (2015) 14:684-97 and *Eukaryot Cell* (2015) 14:1228-39 in the review article titled "The exocyst in *Candida albicans* polarized secretion and filamentation" in *Curr Genet* (2016) 62:343-6. (Retraction in: *Curr Genet* (2016) 62:911).

In response to these findings, the Department has imposed the following corrective actions:

(1) Prohibition from conducting VA research for four years.

(2) Publication of VA's finding of research misconduct.

### Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Jacquelyn Hayes-Byrd, Acting Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on June 27, 2018, for publication.

Dated: July 18, 2018.

**Jeffrey M. Martin,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation (VACOR) will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 28-29, 2018, in Room 5422, 1800 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20006. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. EST and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. EST each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary on the rehabilitation needs of Veterans with disabilities and on the administration of VA's rehabilitation programs.

On August 27, 2018, Committee members will be provided with updated briefings on various VA programs designed to enhance the rehabilitative potential of disabled Veterans.

On August 28, 2018, the Committee will begin consideration of potential recommendations to be included in the Committee's next annual report.

Although no time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public, members of the public may submit written statements for review by the Committee to Sabrina McNeil, Designated Federal Officer, Veterans Benefits Administration (28), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, or via email at [Sabrina.McNeil@va.gov](mailto:Sabrina.McNeil@va.gov). In the communication, writers must identify themselves and state the organization, association or person(s) they represent. Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as part of the clearance process. Due to an increase in security protocols, and in order to prevent delays in clearance processing, you should allow an additional 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Any member of the public who wish to attend the meeting should RSVP to Sabrina McNeil at (202) 461-9618 no later than close of business, August 20, 2018, at the phone number or email address noted above.

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Dated: July 18, 2018.

**LaTonya L. Small,**

*Federal Advisory Committee Management  
Officer.*

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