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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Agency Information Collection Request. 30-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment.

DATES: Comments on the ICR must be received on or before October 1, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to *OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov* or via facsimile to (202) 395–5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherrette Funn, *Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov* or (202) 795–7714. When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier 4040–0010–30D and project title for reference.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Title of the Collection: Project Abstract Summary.

Type of Collection: Extension.

OMB No.: 4040–0010.

Abstract: Project Abstract Summary is an OMB-approved collection (4040–0010). This information collection is used by grant applicants. This IC expires on January 31, 2019. We are requesting a three-year clearance of this collection.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Grant Applicant	3,467	1	0.5	3,467
Total		3,467		3,467

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Office of the Secretary

Findings of Research Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Findings of research misconduct have been made on the part of Li Wang, Ph.D., Professor of Physiology and Neurobiology, University of Connecticut (UConn) (Respondent). Dr. Wang engaged in research misconduct in research included in National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Institutes of Health (NIH), grant applications 1 R01 DK118645–01A1, 1 R01 DK116203–01, 1 R01 DK114804–01, and 2 R01 DK080440–09A1 and National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), NIH, grant applications 1 R01 GM125140–01 and 1 R01 GM126685–01. The administrative actions, including supervision for a period of one (1) year, were implemented beginning on August 14, 2018, and are detailed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wanda K. Jones, Dr.P.H., Interim Director, Office of Research Integrity, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 750, 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:

Li Wang, Ph.D., University of Connecticut: Based on an assessment by UConn, an admission by Respondent and additional documents providing clarifying information, and analysis conducted by ORI in its oversight review, ORI found that Dr. Li Wang, Professor of Physiology and Neurobiology, UConn, engaged in research misconduct by recklessly including false data in NIDDK, NIH, grant applications 1 R01 DK118645–01A1, 1 R01 DK116203–01, 1 R01 DK114804–01, and 2 R01 DK080440–09A1 and NIGMS, NIH, grant applications 1 R01 GM125140–01 and 1 R01 GM126685–01. None of the applications received funding, and three were withdrawn before review (1 R01 DK114804–01, 1 R01 DK116203–01, and 1 R01 DK118645–01A1).

In addition to making an admission, Respondent cooperated fully with UConn and ORI, has expressed remorse for her actions, and took full responsibility for her reckless behavior.

Specifically, ORI finds that:

- Respondent mislabeled figure images in four grant applications, as follows:
  - —in Figure 3D in 1 R01 DK116203–01, Figure 4D in 1 R01 GM125140–01, and Figure 4D in 1 R01 DK114804–01, mislabeled Western blot bands showing the effect of alcohol-induced liver injury in mice on HMGB2 gene reactivation
  - —in Figure 9A in 1 R01 DK116203–01, Figure 10A in 1 R01 GM125140–01, Figure 10A in 1 R01 DK114804–01, and Figure 11A in 1 R01 DK080440–09A1, labeled Western blot bands showing the knockdown of HMGB2 protein using shHMGB2 in human stellate cells (LX2) as the effect on tumor initiating cells (TIC)
  - —in Figure 13A in 1 R01 DK116203–01, Figure 13A in 1 R01 GM125140–01, Figure 13A in 1 R01 DK114804–01, and Figure 14A in 1 R01 DK080440–09A1, mislabeled confocal images showing the activation of α-SMA in primary HSCs as the activation of GFAP
- in Figure 10 in 1 R01 DK118645–01A1, Respondent used Western blot