The University’s Research Integrity Policy has been revised effective November 4, 2010 and can be accessed at the following URL: [http://www.wustl.edu/policies/research.html](http://www.wustl.edu/policies/research.html). The Health and Human Services’ Office of Research Integrity (ORI) recently suggested revisions for clarity and to include regulatory/procedural elements in the Policy as some elements were only located in our Procedures. Therefore, we combined the University’s *Research Integrity Policy* and *Research Integrity Procedures* into a single comprehensive Policy document and added some new elements for further clarity. The core principles and requirements of the Policy remain unchanged. The primary revisions include the following:

1. The format has been revised to help with the flow and usability for our stakeholders
2. Clarified the rights and responsibilities for all parties that may be involved in research misconduct proceedings, and the requirements for confidentiality and good faith efforts
3. Expanded protections for retaliation to provide the steps taken when an individual alleges retaliation because of their involvement in a research misconduct proceeding
4. Expanded the details for sequestering and handling of evidence and further defined the respondents rights to supervised access to or copies of the evidence
5. Added information on admissions of guilt to outline the steps taken if a respondent chooses to admit to the allegations against him/her
6. Expanded the applicability and definitions

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