

Preview Minutes



Institutional Biosafety Committee

Biological Full Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Present:	Henrique Borges da Silva, Richard Chichester, John Copland, Marion Curtis, Marina Hanson, John Jasker, Richard Kennedy, Daniel Montonye, Suzannah Schmidt-Malan, Russel Sinor, Melanie Swift
Absent:	Hind Fadel, Madiha Fida, Kathleen McNaughton, Elitza Theel
Mayo Guests:	Mackenzie Keown
Guests:	Brendan Shea
Duration:	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Minutes approved

Quorum was present during all committee decisions.

Discussion Items

- 1. Approve April Meeting Minutes
Meeting minutes approved.
- 2. Approve Consent Agenda (Note Items)
Consent agenda (note items) approved.

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Lentivirus and Lentiviral Vector Systems Guidance

- **Fouad Chebib** [Gene knockdown using shRNA lentiviral transduction in vitro](#)

Subject to Laboratory Biosafety Level 2+ provisions and practices for research involving the study of replication deficient, HIV-1 based lentiviral vector to knockdownV2R.

The 2+ designation infers the use of Biosafety Level 2 facilities and biocontainment equipment and Biosafety Level 3 practices.

This study aligns with sections III-D-3-a of the NIH Guidelines.

This application must be updated with any other genetic modifications made during the course of experimentation. This is required by the NIH Guideline and Mayo Clinic policy.

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- **Megan Duloher Scrogin** [A Phase 1/2, Open-Label, Multi-Center, Dose Escalation, Dose Expansion, and Single Repeat Dose Study of TSRA-196 in Adults With the PiZZ Genotype Who Have Lung and/or Liver Disease Associated with Severe Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency](#)

The Biological Hazard Application, Bios00002221, for "A Phase 1/2, Open-Label, Multi-Center, Dose Escalation, Dose Expansion, and Single Repeat Dose Study of TSRA-196 in Adults With the PiZZ Genotype Who Have Lung and/or Liver Disease Associated with Severe Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency" (IRB 26-003333) has been approved.

Subject to Laboratory Biosafety Level 1 provisions and practices for research involving the study of TSRA 196, an in vivo genome editing investigational product that is synthetically manufactured and consists of 2 chemically modified RNA drug substances (DSs) formulated as LNPs and a formulation buffer, in a clinical trial.

This study aligns with section III-C Experiments Involving Human Gene Transfer that Require Institutional Biosafety Committee Approval Prior to Initiation of the NIH Guidelines.

This trial is approved for administration at the Mayo Clinic Rochester and Jacksonville locations only. If the enrollment of patients at Mayo Clinic Scottsdale is desired, the laboratory is directed to inform the IBC of the expansion.

Infection Prevention and Control has determined that standard precautions are appropriate for this trial.

Informed Consent documentation is adequate.

- **Gwen Lomberk** [Epigenomics Discovery and Therapeutics](#)

In order to ensure that appropriate biosafety risks are identified, containment measures are in place, and the proposed work complies with institutional and regulatory safety guidelines, the IBC has requested additional information to complete review of this study. Please provide further detail on the overall study objectives. In addition, clearly specify which cell lines with which viral vector(s) or methods being used (referencing the gene list in section 5.01). Finally, include a more detailed description of any proposed animal experiments, along with an anticipated timeline.

- **Paul Tang** [AAV delivery to pig hearts](#)

Subject to Laboratory Biosafety Level 1 provisions and practices for research involving the study of plasmid constructed recombinant adeno-associated virus expressing luciferase reporter.

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- **Aaron Johnson** [Lentiviral transduction of tumor cell lines](#)

Modification submitted to include the use of MMLV replication defective vector MIGR1 encoding the rat-ERBB2 ectodomain as a vaccine.

Subject to Laboratory and Animal Biosafety Level 2+ provisions and practices for research involving the study of replication deficient, HIV-1 based lentiviral vector expressing CD19, and eGFP in an animal model.

Subject to Laboratory and Animal Biosafety Level 2 provisions and practices for research involving the study of replication deficient, MMLV vector expressing EGFRviii aminoterminal peptide-MHCII antigenic peptide chimera in an animal model.

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This study aligns with sections III-D-4-a of the NIH Guidelines.

The laboratory is reminded to use the appropriate animal cage labels (BSL2+) in the animal biosafety suite for all housed animals associated with this project. Housing at this level is required for the duration of the animal subject's life span post exposure to the biohazardous agent.

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- **Sundeep Khosla** Update of Targeting Cellular Senescence to Extend Healthspan

Modification submitted to include the use of anti-sense oligonucleotides in an animal model.

Subject to Laboratory and animal Biosafety Level 1 provisions and practices for research involving the in vivo study of antisense oligonucleotides against IgG (Fcgrt) in an animal model.

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