

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE
IBC Meeting Minutes- Online Meeting
December 16, 2025 12:03 pm

Members

X	Black, Dr. Mark- Community Member
X	Bradley, Carlos- Community Member
X	Culmer-Butler, Dr. Dorian- Animal Containment Expert
	Escalante, Dr. Ananias- Scientist
	Forste, Dr. Dawn- Animal Containment Expert
X	Gallo, Dr. Gianluca- Scientist
X	Lupinski, Gregory- EHRS Executive Director
X	Mettus, Richard- Senior Health & Safety Specialist
X	Mobo, Dr. Ben Hur Jr.- Occupational Health Administrator
X	Moore, Claudia- IACUC Asst. Director
X	Murray, Krista- IBC Assistant Director
X	Pultrro, Mary- IBC Sr. Coordinator
X	Sariyer, Dr. Ilker- IBC Vice-Chair, Scientist
X	Sawaya, Dr. Bassel- Scientist
X	Sulistijo, Dr. Endah- University Biosafety Officer
X	Tsygankov, Dr. Alexander- IBC Chair, Scientist
	Whelan, Dr. Kelly- Scientist
X	Wimmer, Dr. Mathieu- Scientist

X= Present

Quorum was met for this meeting.
All decisions were unanimous.

Guests

Baglia, Frank- Senior Health & Safety Specialist
Collyer, Eileen- Associate Health & Safety Specialist
Hao, Lanping- Associate Health & Safety Specialist
Khan, Sabina- Senior Health & Safety Specialist
Slupianek, Dr. Artur- Senior Director of Research Regulatory Affairs
Wright, Simone- IBC Analyst

I. Announcements

Dr. Tsygankov announced Rick Mettus is retiring from Temple, and this is his last IBC meeting. The committee thanked him for his service and wished him the best in his retirement.

II. Other Business

Incident Report- 12/3/2025

Dr. Sulistijo reported on an injury that occurred on December 3, 2025. The exposure was to a wild-type, non-modified virus and wild-type animal model, thus it was determined this was not an NIH reportable

incident. The individual was evaluated by Occupational Health. The Biosafety Officer met with the individual and their PI to determine safer alternatives to prevent future exposures, and the individual has implemented the new techniques.

III. Minutes Reviewed

Minutes from the November 25, 2025 meeting were reviewed. The motion to approve the minutes was made and approved unanimously.

IV. Protocols Reviewed

PI: Li, Shuxin	Reg: 11322	Activity: 6 year rewrite	NIH: III-D-1, 3; III-E-1, 3	BSL: 2
Title: Regeneration of Cortical Spinal Cord Axons Following Injury; Promote Axon Regeneration after Optic Nerve Crush Injury; Promote Recovery in Experimental Autoimmune Encephalomyelitis Mice				
Overview: Study gene delivery by viral vectors on axon regeneration and functional recovery in mice or rats with spinal cord injury. Characterize effects of viral vector treatments on axon regeneration in rodents with optic nerve crush.				
Discussion: The IBC reviewed the procedures, containment level, facilities to be used, lab member training, containment procedures and work practices. Need description for pertussis and tamoxifen procedures. Room numbers for animal work need to be modified. Training dates need to be updated. Gene maps and BSL1 SOP need to be provided.				
Final Action: modifications required				

PI: Sun, Ang	Reg.: 11328	Activity: 6 year rewrite	NIH: III-D-1; III-E-1	BSL: 2
Title: Interactions of Microbiome, Epigenetics, and Molecular Events in Colorectal Cancer and Other Diseases				
Overview: Identify microbes associated with different colorectal cancer (CRC) subtypes, classified by specific molecular events and stages of tumorigenesis. Investigate geographical and regional influences on the composition of signature microbes associated with the various molecular events in CRC, including CAM.				
Discussion: The IBC reviewed the procedures, containment level, facilities to be used, lab member training, containment procedures and work practices. Need to check the box for flow cytometry and list the hazardous drugs on the BRF question 2i.				
Final Action: modifications required				

PI: Elrod, John	Reg.: 11101	Activity: Amendment	NIH: III-D-1, 2, 3, 4; III-E-1, 2, 3	BSL: 2
Title: Mitochondrial Calcium Exchange in Heart Disease				
Overview: Evaluate how post-translational modifications at the glutamine-5 (Q5) residue of Histone H3.3 influence chromatin regulation and behavior.				
Discussion: The IBC reviewed the procedures, containment level, facilities to be used, lab member training, containment procedures and work practices. Include additional information on administration procedures.				
Final Action: modifications required				

PI: Rawls, Scott	Reg.: 11070	Activity: Annual Renewal	NIH: III-D-4	BSL: 1
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Title: Role of Chemokine Receptor Systems in the Behavioral and Neurochemical Effects of Psychostimulant Drugs
Overview: Addition of viral vectors to block CCR5 receptors in specific brain areas for methamphetamine or oxycodone self-administration studies.
Discussion: The IBC reviewed the procedures, containment level, facilities to be used, lab member training, containment procedures and work practices. Need to provide additional information on procedures.
Final Action: modifications required

V. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Murray

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