
INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

The University of Texas at San Antonio
Wednesday April 1, 2026
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Minutes Prepared by: Yulissa E. Stevens

MEMBERS PRESENT (7 needed for quorum)

- Dr. Jose Lopez-Ribot, Chair, Voting
- Dr. Janakiram Seshu, Vice-Chair, Voting
- Dr. JiehJuen Yu, Voting
- Dr. Karl Klose, Voting
- Dr. Marcel Perret-Gentil, Voting
- Dr. Jurgen Engelberth, Voting, Plant Specialist
- Dr. Astrid Cardona, Voting
- Mr. Rich Garza, Asst. Director Laboratory Safety & Hazardous Materials Management with vote
- Ms. Yolanda Acosta, *ex officio* Scientific Alternate with vote
- Dr. Ana Vallor, Non-Affiliated, Voting
- Dr. Shannan Hall-Ursone, Non-Affiliated, Voting
- Mr. Anthony Vallejo, *ex officio*, Director of Laboratory Safety, (Scientific Alternate)

GUESTS

- Mrs. Rachel Davis, UTSA Scholarly Resources Librarian
- Ms. Jolyn Demarest, Occupational Health Program non-voting
- Dr. Hamid Badali, Voting, (Scientific Alternate)
- Ms. Yulissa Stevens, Laboratory Safety Specialist non-voting

START: 9:01AM

ADJOURN: 9:10AM

6 voting members present

I. Review of the Minutes of the Previous IBC Meeting

Review of the March 4th Minutes – Approved

Committee Decision: **8** in favor, **0** opposed, and **0** abstention

II. Review of New or Renewal Applications

In reviewing each protocol discussed below, the committee gave consideration to the following specific concerns, as appropriate:

- a. Adequacy of containment equipment / procedures / facilities to be implemented
- b. Agent characteristics (e.g., virulence, pathogenicity, environmental stability)
- c. Types of manipulations planned
- d. Source(s) of the inserted DNA sequences (e.g., species)
- e. Nature of the inserted DNA sequences (e.g., structural gene, oncogene)
- f. Host(s) and vector(s) to be used
- g. Whether or not an attempt will be made to obtain expression of a foreign gene, and if so, the protein that will be produced.

IBC#0329: Utilization of Mammalian Cells for Tissue Engineering Applications

Project Overview

Microbial Agents, Infectious Agents or Toxins
Replication-deficient Adenovirus Type 5 (E1/E3 deleted) viral vectors used for transient gene delivery in mammalian cells.
Biosafety Level
BSL-2
Risk Group
RG 2
Section of the NIH Guidelines (if applicable)

Score: 01**Committee Decision: 6** in favor, **0** opposed, and **0** abstention

III. Review of Amendments

In reviewing each protocol discussed below, the committee gave consideration to the following specific concerns, as appropriate:

- a. Adequacy of containment equipment / procedures / facilities to be implemented
- b. Agent characteristics (e.g., virulence, pathogenicity, environmental stability)
- c. Types of manipulations planned
- d. Source(s) of the inserted DNA sequences (e.g., species)
- e. Nature of the inserted DNA sequences (e.g., structural gene, oncogene)
- f. Host(s) and vector(s) to be used
- g. Whether or not an attempt will be made to obtain expression of a foreign gene, and if so, the protein that will be produced.

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Project Overview

S/N	Amendments	Reviewer comments	Decision
1	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	N/A	N/A	N/A

Score

Committee Decision: 0 in favor, **0** opposed, and **0** abstention

IV. Administrative Approvals

S/N	Title	Reviewer comments	Decision
1	N/A	N/A	N/A

V. Expired / Closed Protocols

None at this time.

VI. New Business

A. Update from BSO

- a. Chemical exposure in Biosciences teaching lab: “Student was dissecting a fish when some holding solution splashed into students’ eye. Student immediately went to the eyewash station and was rinsing her eye when Lab Safety showed up”. Lab Safety recommended to Lab Supervisor for students to wear splash proof goggles or glasses when students are handling liquid chemicals or biological to prevent injury.
 - b. Obtaining approvals to post Biological Safety Manager position.
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VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10a.m. Next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 9:00am via Teams.

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Jose Lopez-Ribot, Ph.D.
IBC Chair