



# MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY

## Institutional Biosafety Committee

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### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 19, 2021

**Time:** 2:03 PM – 2:54 PM Central / 12:03 PM – 12:54 PM Pacific

**Location:** Remote via Microsoft Teams

**Members Present:** Stephen Libby (IBC Chair), Richard Laddaga (Biosafety Officer, Downers Grove), Sepideh Sefidvash-Hockley (Biosafety Officer, Glendale), Karolina Klosowska, Leon Igras, Kathleen Kennedy, Jason Struthers, Allen Helm, and Marilyn Lamm.

**Guests Present:** Kimberly Bussey, Kathryn Lawson, and Fernando Gonzalez.

**Staff Present:** Nicholas Cronk

**Members Excused:** Luigi Strizzi and Brian Wellensiek.

#### **Commonly Used Abbreviations**

**IBC:** Institutional Biosafety Committee

**BSO:** Biological Safety Officer

**BSL:** Biosafety Level

**PI:** Principal Investigator

**IACUC:** Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

**NIH:** National Institutes of Health

**SOP:** Standard Operating Procedure

1. **Call to Order:** The Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM CST / 12:03 PM PST. A quorum was present.
2. **Member Conflicts:** The IBC Chair reminded attendees that any notes that they retain are subject to public disclosure. A statement was also made about conflict of interest and voting on research proposals as described in the IBC Charter. This includes sharing a grant or a familial relationship.
3. **Review of Previous Minutes:** September 21, 2021 IBC Meeting Minutes. The committee voted 7 yes; 0 no; 2 abstained to approve the previous meeting's minutes.
4. **Old Business:**  
Downers Grove, IL Campus
  - Dr. Seema Briyal, MWU File #IL-07 (Formerly MWU-014), "Defining the role of ETB receptors in neural regeneration and inflammation in transgenic mouse model of Alzheimer's disease."
    - Conditional Approval granted at 9/21/2021 meeting. Conditions have been met by PI and reviewed by the IBC Chair. Approval Letter was issued on 10/5/2021.
5. **New Business:** None.
6. **IBC rsNA Applications:**

Glendale, AZ Campus

- Dr. Kathryn Lawson, MWU File #AZ-21 (Formerly MWU-020), "The role of P-cadherin in oral tumor development"
  - The IBC Chair presented the review.
  - The Primary Reviewer Form was shown.
  - All of the required trainings have been completed.
  - Dr. Lawson was present for discussion and exited before a vote was taken.
  - The IBC Chair made a motion to approve the IBC rsNA Application.
  - The Committee voted unanimously to approve the IBC rsNA Application from Dr. Lawson.
- Dr. Fernando Gonzalez, MWU File #AZ-22 (Formerly MWU-031), "Transcriptional control of fungal virulence."
  - The IBC Chair presented the review.
  - The Primary Reviewer Form was shown.
  - All of the required trainings have been completed.
  - Dr. Gonzalez was present for discussion and exited before a vote was taken.
  - The IBC Chair made a motion to approve the IBC rsNA Application.

- The Committee voted unanimously to approve the IBC rsNA Application from Dr. Gonzalez.
- Dr. Kimberly Bussey, MWU File #AZ-23, “SNPRN methylation status as a marker of germ cell origin in adrenocortical carcinoma cell lines.”
  - The IBC Chair presented the review.
  - The Primary Reviewer Form was shown.
  - All of the required trainings have been completed.
  - Dr. Bussey was present for discussion and exited before a vote was taken.
  - The IBC Chair made a motion to approve the IBC rsNA Application.
  - The Committee voted unanimously to approve the IBC rsNA Application from Dr. Bussey.

### **Downers Grove, IL Campus**

- Dr. Bryan Bjork, MWU File #IL-08 (Formerly MWU-006), “Molecular and biochemical consequences of the loss of the paralogous transcription factors Prdm16 and Mecom.”
  - The IBC Chair presented the review.
  - The Primary Reviewer Form was shown.
  - All of the required trainings have been completed.
  - The IBC Chair made a motion to approve the IBC rsNA Application.
  - The Committee voted unanimously to approve the IBC rsNA Application from Dr. Bjork.