



# MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY

## Institutional Biosafety Committee

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### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 23, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 2:54 PM Central / 12:00 PM – 12:54 PM Pacific

**Location:** Remote via Microsoft Teams

**Members Present:** Stephen Libby (IBC Chair), Sepideh Sefidvash-Hockley (Biosafety Officer, Glendale), Karolina Klosowska, Luigi Strizzi, Brian Wellensiek, Jason Struthers, Marilyn Lamm, Allen Helm, and Kathleen Kennedy

**Guests Present:** Dr. Ogi Okwumabua

**Staff Present:** Nicholas Cronk

**Members Excused:** Richard Laddaga (Biosafety Officer, Downers Grove) and Leon Igras

#### Commonly Used Abbreviations

**IBC:** Institutional Biosafety Committee

**BSO:** Biological Safety Officer

**BUA:** Biological Use Authorization

**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 2:00 PM CST / 12:00 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. No conflicts were noted.
3. **Review of Previous Minutes:** July 28, 2020 IBC Meeting Minutes. The committee voted 7 yes; 0 no; 2 abstained (Helm and Kennedy) to approve the previous meeting's minutes.
4. **Old Business:**
  - Dr. Dhritiman Samanta, MWU File #AZ-20-06, "Elucidating the molecular mechanisms of *Coxiella burnetii* regulation of host endosomal maturation"
    - Conditional Approval granted at 7/28/2020 meeting. Conditions have been met by PI and reviewed by the IBC Chair. Approval Letter was issued on 9/16/2020.
  - Dr. Nancy Bae, MWU File #AZ-20-02, "Molecular functions of the telomere protective protein TERF2IP (RAP1)"
    - Conditional Approval granted at 7/28/2020 meeting. Conditions have been met by PI and reviewed by the IBC Chair. Approval Letter was issued on 9/17/2020.
  - Dr. Michael Ebeid, MWU File #IL-20-01, "Development and Regeneration of mammalian cochlea"
    - Conditional Approval granted at 7/28/2020 meeting. Dr. Ebeid has stated he is not ready to commence this research and has not yet completed the applicable Biosafety Committee forms.
5. **New Business:** None.
6. **IBC rsNA Applications:**

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- Dr. Ogi Okwumabua, MWU File #AZ-20-08, "Cloning and partial characterization of predicted hemolysin III gene of *Streptococcus suis* strain 10-36905"
  - 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. Okwumabua.