



MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Institutional Biosafety Committee

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Meeting Minutes

Date: August 17, 2021

Time: 2:01 PM – 3:24 PM Central / 12:01 PM – 1:24 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, Luigi Strizzi, Brian Wellensiek, Jason Struthers, Allen Helm, Marilyn Lamm (arrived at 2:17PM after the vote of the previous Minutes), and Kathleen Kennedy.

Guests Present: None.

Staff Present: Nicholas Cronk

Members Excused: Leon Igras

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 2:02 PM CST / 12:02 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. Dr. Brian Wellensiek had a rsNA Application reviewed at this meeting, he recused himself for the vote of his Application.
3. **Review of Previous Minutes:** July 20, 2021 IBC Meeting Minutes. The committee voted 7 yes; 0 no; 2 abstained to approve the previous meeting's minutes.

4. **Old Business:**

Glendale, AZ Campus

- Dr. Minsub Shim, MWU File #AZ-12 (Formerly MWU-018 and MWU-028), “COX2 and prostanoid receptor function in carcinogenesis and aging.”
 - Conditional Approval granted at 7/20/2021 meeting. Conditions have been met by PI and reviewed by the IBC Chair. Approval Letter was issued on 8/4/2021.
- Dr. Chongwoo Kim, MWU File #AZ-13 (Formerly MWU-027), “Molecular investigation of PRC1.”
 - Conditional Approval granted at 7/20/2021 meeting. Conditions have been met by PI and reviewed by the IBC Chair. Approval Letter was issued on 7/23/2021.

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- Dr. Vaibhav Tiwari, MWU File #IL-04 (Formerly MWU-002), “Understanding mechanistic details of virus-cell interactions and cell entry mechanism using herpes viruses and spike protein from SARS-CoV-2.”
 - Conditional Approval granted at 7/20/2021 meeting. Conditions have been met by PI and reviewed by the IBC Chair. Approval Letter was issued on 8/4/2021.

5. **New Business:** None.

6. **IBC rsNA Applications:**

Glendale, AZ Campus

- Dr. Brian Wellensiek, MWU File #AZ-15 (Formerly MWU-015), “Characterization of Human Translation Enhancing Element Function.”
 - 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.
- Dr. Wellensiek recused himself from the vote.
- The Committee voted unanimously to approve the IBC rsNA Application from Dr. Wellensiek.

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- Dr. Annette Gilchrist, MWU File #IL-05 (Formerly MWU-003), “Testing C-terminal G protein constructs.”
 - 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. Gilchrist.

- Dr. Kolla Kristjansdottir, MWU File #IL-06 (Formerly MWU-004), “Identifying the NPM1 Interactome in Neuroblastoma Cells.”
 - 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. Kristjansdottir.