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October 24, 2006

Mr. Edward H. Hammond
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Re: Initial Response and Notice of Intent to Request Attorney General Ruling;
Your October 20, 2006, Information Request

Dear Mr. Hammond:

Enclosed in response to your October 20, 2006, information request are copies of The University of Texas System Institutional Biosafety Committee, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Subcommittee minutes for the period March 2004 through September 2006, totaling forty-six pages. Note there was not a committee meeting held in August 2006.

This letter also serves as notice to you in accordance with Section 552.305 of the Texas Public Information Act (Chapter 552, Texas Government Code) that The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston ("UT-Houston") intends to withhold Institutional Biosafety Committee minutes for the period May 2003 through February 2004 for the purpose of requesting a decision from the attorney general about whether the requested information is within an exception to public disclosure.

Very truly yours,

Devin S. Longuet, J.D.
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Enclosures: Institutional Biosafety Committee minutes March 2004 – September 2006

cc: Carol Longoria, The University of Texas System
Arlene D. Staller, J.D.

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The University of Texas System Institutional Biosafety Committee
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Subcommittee
March 4, 2004
Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Mr. Bruce Brown, Dr. Robert Emery, Dr. James Hixson, Dr. David Shine, Dr. Jeffrey Frost, Dr. Peter Davies, Dr. C. Jagannath, Dr. Yahaun Lou, Dr. Margaret Price, Dr. John O'Brien, Dr. Terry Blasdel, Mr. Walter Harvey, Dr. Rick Bebermeyer, Dr. Alan Levine, Ms. Mary Anne Connelly, Mrs. Tera Guidry, Mr. Alan Lucas, Mr. Reyes Torres, Mr. Tyler Zerwekh, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Mr. Jason Bible, Ms. Anne Brunson and Guests: Dr. Craig Chinault and Mr. Eber Lopez (Baylor College of Medicine)

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes

None (first meeting of this new committee)

3. Protocol Reviews

None

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. Division of Biosafety Committees – Letter from UT System Chancellor Yudof

Mr. Brown presented an overview of the new committee and reason why it was created.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2004, 3-3:30 p.m., MSB 5th floor art gallery.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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April 8, 2004
Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Mr. Bruce Brown, Dr. David Shine, Dr. Margaret Price, Dr. John O'Brien, Dr. Terry Blasdel, Mr. Walter Harvey, Ms. Mary Anne Connelly, Ms. Arlene Staller, Dr. Roger Janz, Ms. Susan Parnell, Dr. Bradford Goodwin, Mr. Bruce Brown, Mr. Reyes Torres, Mr. Jason Bible, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Mr. Leon Brown

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-04-033 – Dr. Bruce Kone “Regulation of Inducible Nitric Oxide Synthase, H/K-ATPase $\alpha 2$ subunit, and mDot1 in Rat and Mouse Kidney”

Dr. Kone's protocol was reviewed. There were several items that the committee requested clarification on. Biological Safety will contact Dr. Kone and update the committee at the next meeting.

4. Protocol Updates

It was noted that Dr. Christopherson will be adding transgenic mice to his previously approved rDNA protocol, IBC-04-024.

5. Sunshine Project update (see attached)

It was announced that two sets of minutes were sent to the Sunshine Project as requested. One set did not have any protocols listed on the agenda since there were no current protocols submitted for review. It was suggested that UTHSCH will probably now receive a request for copies of minutes only with protocols included on the agenda for approval.

The question was raised regarding previous work that involved rDNA and should these records be incorporated into current records. An update will be distributed once clarification is obtained.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2004, 3-3:30 p.m., MSB G.100

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-04-034 – Dr. Cheng Chi Lee “Genetics of Circadian Rhythm in Mice”

IBC-04-037 – Dr. Ba-bie Teng “Genetic Treatment for Atherosclerosis” and “The Role of a Novel Gene, Macrophage-Expressed Gene1, In Atherosclerosis”

Both protocols were reviewed. Dr. Lee's protocol was approved pending the room location, MSB 5.522, be confirmed as the correct room to house his study animals. Also, clarification on the biological safety cabinet certification was requested. Dr. Teng's protocol was granted full approval.

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-04-033 – Dr. Bruce Kone “Regulation of Inducible Nitric Oxide Synthase, H/K-ATPase $\alpha 2$ subunit, and mDot1 in Rat and Mouse Kidney”

Dr. Kone's protocol was assigned a new animal welfare committee number, which was a correction from last month's meeting in which Dr. Kone's protocol failed to state all necessary applicable numbers.

5. Sunshine Project Update

A federal complaint was filed seeking termination of funding for research institutions that did not provide information as requested by outside entities. An article was included in the UT Austin newspaper discussing the issue.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2004, 3-3:30 p.m., MSB G.100.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved with two corrections. Under protocol reviews, Dr. Lee's name was corrected. Under protocol updates, the word "Synthase" was corrected in the title of IBC-04-033.

3. Protocol Reviews

There were no protocols for review.

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-03-036 – Dr. Ken Fujise "Anti-fortilin Therapy in Breast Cancer"

IBC-04-034 – Dr. Cheng Chi Lee "Genetics of Circadian Rhythm in Mice"

Protocol updates were presented to the committee. On Dr. Fujise's protocol, there was a title change, human cell lines were added and knock out mice were added under a new AWC number. The room to house Dr. Lee's animals was confirmed.

5. Other Items

The Biological Safety program received guidelines on "how to prepare proper minutes" from NIH. It was noted that the current procedures used for minutes were in compliance.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 1, 2004, 3-3:30 p.m. in CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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July 1, 2004
Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Mr. Bruce Brown, Dr. Margaret Price, Dr. John O'Brien, Mr. Walter Harvey, Mrs. Tera Guidry, Ms. Mary Anne Connelly, Dr. Luis Ostrosky-Zeichner, Ms. Arlene Staller, Dr. Bradford Goodwin, Mr. Jason Bible, Mr. Reyes Torres, Dr. Rick Bebermeyer, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Dr. Jeffrey Frost, Ms. Julie Lindenberg, Dr. David Shine, Ms. Susan Parnell, Mr. Leon Brown, Ms. Chavaun Harper, Ms. Cyndi McGaughey, Ms. Perla Del Fierro (student intern)

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

There were no protocols for review.

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-02-021 Dr. Mary Robinson "Retrogen Presentation of Cancer Antigens by Dendritic Cells" and IBC-02-044 "Development of a Novel Retrogen Vaccine for Anthrax"

Mr. Patlovich updated the committee on Dr. Robinson's protocol and the intended use of a gene gun. All involved personnel have been set up with respiratory protection and hearing protection. In addition, it was noted that a noise monitoring session was conducted by EH&S to monitor employee exposure levels.

5. Biological Safety Specialist New Hire Introduction

The Biological Safety Specialist position has been filled by Ms. Chavaun Harper effective July 1, 2004.

6. Other Items

There were no other items.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 5, 2004, 3-3:30 p.m., in CYF B.106.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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August 5, 2004
Minutes**

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Mr. Bruce Brown, Dr. John O'Brien, Mr. Walter Harvey, Mrs. Tera Guidry, Dr. Luis Ostrosky-Zeichner, Ms. Arlene Staller, Dr. Bradford Goodwin, Mr. Reyes Torres, Dr. Rick Bebermeyer, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Dr. Roger Janz, Dr. Jeffrey Frost, Ms. Julie Lindenberg, Dr. David Shine, Ms. Susan Parnell, Ms. Chavaun Harper, Mr. Alan Lucas

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (July 1, 2004)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-04-045 Dr. Xinping Zhao – “Molecular and Genetic Studies of Zebra Fish Cornea”

There were some corrections to Dr. Zhao's protocol and updated copies were distributed at the meeting. The protocol was granted full approval.

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2004, 3-3:30 p.m., in CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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September 2, 2004
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Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Mr. Bruce Brown, Dr. Margaret Price, Dr. Chinnaswamy Jagannath, Dr. Craig Chinault, Mr. Walter Harvey, Ms. Tera Guidry, Ms. Mary Anne Connelly, Ms. Arlene Staller, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Dr. Roger Janz, Dr. Terry Blasdel, Dr. Randolph Scott, Ms. Susan Parnell, Ms. Chavaun Harper, and Mr. Alan Lucas

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (August 5, 2004)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-04-047- Dr. Ferid Murad "Infection of Human Embryonic Stem Cells Using Lentiviral Vectors"

IBC-04-050- Dr. Jeffrey Frost "The Role of Rho Exchange Factor NET1 in Breast Cancer"

IBC-04-053- Dr. Carmen Dessauer "Regulatory Mechanisms of Adenylate Cylase"

All protocols were granted full approval. The committee has requested clarification of titers to be used in Dr. Dessauer's protocol. Clarification of the verbiage in Dr. Murad's protocol was also requested to ensure that the intended manipulations of the lentiviral vector plasmids in the protocol were stated clearly.

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-04-025- Dr. Danielle Garsin "*Caenorhabditis elegans* as a Model Host for Understanding the Genetics of *Enterococcus faecalis* Infection"

IBC-04-045- Dr. Xinping Zhao "Molecular and Genetic Studies of Zebrafish Cornea"

Dr. Garsin has requested the addition of an antibiotic sensitive strain of *S. aureus* for her study. The committee asked that the resistance of the *E. faecalis* used in

this protocol also be verified. Dr. Zhao's protocol, which was reviewed at the previous IBC meeting, was clarified to inform the committee on exactly how the fish tanks to be used will be housed in the chemical fume hood and the fish will be rinsed prior to being transferred into new tanks.

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2004, 3-3:30 p.m., in CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (September 2, 2004)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-05-004 – Dr. Agnes Schonbrunn “Recombinant DNA Protocols Used to Prepare Biological Probes” and “Cellular Signaling Through Mammalian Expression”

IBC-05-006 – Dr. Gwangpyo Ko “Occurrence, Treatment and Evaluation of Analytical Methods of Waterborne Adenovirus”

The protocols were reviewed. It was determined that IBC-05-004 should be classified as exempt under the Biological Safety Committee review. Dr. Ko's protocol was approved pending clarification of his procedure and included in the summary of the protocol.

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-04-025- Dr. Danielle Garsin “*Caenorhabditis elegans* as a Model Host for Understanding the Genetics of *Enterococcus faecalis* Infection”

Dr. Garsin has requested the addition of an antibiotic sensitive strain of *S. aureus* for her study. The resistance of the *E. faecalis* used in this protocol was verified per the committee's request.

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 4, 2004, 3-3:30 p.m., in CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (October 7, 2004)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

None

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2004, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (November 4, 2004)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-05-011 – Dr. Richard Clark “Beta-adrenergic Receptor Structure and Desensitization”

Dr. Clark’s protocol was reviewed and granted full approval.

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2005, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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January 6, 2005
Minutes

Attendance: : Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Mr. Bruce Brown, Ms. Tera Guidry, Ms. Mary Anne Connelly, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Dr. Roger Janz, Dr. Terry Blasdel, Dr. John O'Brien, Dr. Tommy Douglas, Dr. Yahuan Lou, Ms. Janelle Rios, Mr. Leon Brown, Ms. Arlene Staller, Dr. C. Jagannath, Ms. Susan Parnell, Dr. Jeffrey Frost, Dr. Ba-Bie Teng, Dr. Craig Chinault, Dr. Margaret Price, Dr. Luis Ostrosky-Zeichner, Dr. Randolph Scott, Ms. Chavaun Harper, Mr. Jason Bible, Mr. Reyes Torres

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (December 2, 2004)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-05-012 – Dr. Heinrich Taegtmeier “Nutrient Regulation of the Akt-mTOR Pathway in the Heart”

Dr. Taegtmeier’s protocol was reviewed and granted approval with revisions to the summary and training confirmed.

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. Letter from NIH

A letter from NIH was included in the packet to remind NIH grant recipients they must follow the provisions for containment and biosafety oversight set forth in the NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules.

6. Other Items

None

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2005, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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February 3, 2005
Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Mr. Bruce Brown, Ms. Tera Guidry, Ms. Mary Anne Connelly, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Dr. Roger Janz, Dr. Terry Blasdel, Dr. John O'Brien, Dr. Tommy Douglas, Ms. Arlene Staller, Dr. Jeffrey Frost, Dr. Craig Chinault, Dr. Margaret Price, Dr. Luis Ostrosky-Zeichner, Dr. Randolph Scott, Dr. Linda Piller, Mr. Walter Harvey, Dr. Bradford Goodwin, Ms. Chavaun Harper, Mr. Alan Lucas, Mr. Reyes Torres

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (January 6, 2005)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

None

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2005, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (February 3, 2005)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

None

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-05-020 – Dr. Dianna Milewicz “Animal Models of Aneurysms and Dissections”

IBC-05-021 – Dr. Martin Young “Role of the Circadian Clock within the Mouse Heart”

IBC-05-025 – Dr. Michael Gambello “The Role of Tuberin in the Genesis of Tuberous Sclerosis Brain Lesions and Normal Development Revealed by Conditional Targeting in the Mouse”

IBC-05-026 – Dr. Roger O'Neil “In Situ Perfusion of Rodent Brain”

The protocols were discussed and updates presented to the committee. Each protocol falls under Section III-E of the rDNA Guidelines and only requires

committee notification, except for Dr. O'Neil's protocol which falls under Section II-F and is exempt from review.

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2005, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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April 7, 2005

Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Mr. Bruce Brown, Dr. Robert Emery, Ms. Tera Guidry, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Dr. Roger Janz, Dr. Terry Blasdel, Ms. Arlene Staller, Dr. Craig Chinault, Dr. Randolph Scott, Mr. Walter Harvey, Dr. Bradford Goodwin, Mr. Reyes Torres, Ms. Susan Parnell, Mr. Leon Brown, and Mr. Jason Bible

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (March 3, 2005)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-05-028 Dr. Sudhir Paul "Production of Human Antibodies from EBV-Immortalized Memory B-cells"

Dr. Paul's protocol was reviewed. It was approved pending clarification of the origin of the cell lines used in the protocol.

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-05-029 Dr. Jacqueline Hecht "Functional and Regulatory Studies of Cartilage Oligomeric Matrix Protein (COMP)"

It was announced that Dr. Hecht's previously approved protocol has been re-reviewed as part of the 5-year renewal process. This protocol falls under Section III-E of the NIH rDNA Guidelines which requires notification of the IBC.

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2005, 3:00-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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May 5, 2005

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (April 7, 2005)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

None

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-05-028 Dr. Sudhir Paul "Production of Human Antibodies from EBV-Immortalized Memory B-cells"

The origin of the cell lines used in this protocol was identified. It was noted that they are commercially available.

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2005, 3:00-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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June 2, 2005

Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Mr. Bruce Brown, Ms. Tera Guidry, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Dr. Roger Janz, Ms. Arlene Staller, Dr. Craig Chinault, Mr. Walter Harvey, Mr. Reyes Torres, Dr. Linda Piller, Dr. Tommy Douglas, Dr. Jeffrey Frost, Dr. John O'Brien, Dr. C. Jagannath, Ms. Mary Anne Connelly, Mr. Alan Lucas, Mr. Kit Burau (intern), Mr. Fahed Khalid (intern)

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (May 5, 2005)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

None

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-05-036 Dr. Lenard Lichtenberger "Breeding Colony of mdr2 Knockout Mice"

IBC-05-037 Dr. Michael Blackburn "Role of Ecto-5' Nucleotidase (CD73) in Chronic Lung Disease"

The committee was notified, according to Section III-E of the NIH rDNA guidelines, of work involving the creation of transgenic rodents under these protocols. Both P.I.'s have updated their animal welfare committee protocols as necessary.

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2005, 3:00-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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July 7, 2005

Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Mr. Bruce Brown, Ms. Tera Guidry, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Dr. Roger Janz, Mr. Reyes Torres, Dr. Linda Piller, Dr. Tommy Douglas, Ms. Susan Parnell, Dr. Luis Ostrosky-Zeichner, Dr. Terry Blasdel, Dr. Bradford Goodwin, Dr. Margaret Price, Dr. John O'Brien, Dr. C. Jagannath, Mr. Alan Lucas, Mr. Kit Burau (student intern), Ms. Catherine Donovan (student intern)

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (June 2, 2005)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-05-039 – Dr. Bradford Goodwin “HIV DNA Vaccine”

IBC-05-040 – Dr. Phillip Carpenter “Role of 53BP1 During the DNA Damage Response” and “How Methylation Influences the DNA Damage Response”

IBC-05-043 – Dr. Theresa Koehler “Germination of *Bacillus anthracis* Spores in Murine Primary Macrophages”

The protocols were presented by the Biological Safety program. Dr. Goodwin's protocol was approved pending clarification of procedure. He abstained from voting since he is the principal investigator. The protocols for Drs. Carpenter and Koehler were granted full approval.

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. Other Items

It was announced that the Southwest Regional Conference on Institutional Biosafety Committee Best Practices will be held in San Antonio on August 18-19, 2005.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2005, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF, B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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**The University of Texas System Institutional Biosafety Committee
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August 4, 2005

Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Dr. Robert Emery, Mr. Bruce Brown, Ms. Tera Guidry, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Dr. Roger Janz, Mr. Reyes Torres, Dr. Linda Piller, Dr. Tommy Douglas, Ms. Susan Parnell, Dr. Bradford Goodwin, Dr. Craig Chinault, Dr. Jeffrey Frost, Mr. Walter Harvey, Dr. Margaret Price, Dr. John O'Brien, Mr. Alan Lucas, Mr. Kit Burau (student intern), Ms. Janelle Rios, Ms. Janet McCrary, Mr. Gamaliel Torres, Ms. Elisa Mille, Guest: Mr. David Liner from SMU

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Liner from SMU was introduced.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (July 7, 2005)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

None

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-05-039 – Dr. Bradford Goodwin “HIV DNA Vaccine”

An update was presented regarding Dr. Goodwin’s protocol. All questions were cleared up involving the procedures. It was noted the protocol was approved by Animal Care Welfare Committee.

IBC-02-037 – Dr. Pierre Zoldhelyi “Regional Gene Therapy”

Regarding Dr. Zoldhelyi’s protocol, it was discussed that transporting biological materials related to the project from the Texas Heart Institute to the Dental Branch was causing problems. Therefore, the option of performing viral stock dilutions at the Dental Branch in the area where the animals are housed was requested. CLAMC personnel involved have also notified of this request and have approved the proposal.

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held September 1, 2005, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF, B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

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Minutes**

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Dr. Terry Blasdel, Dr. Rick Bebermeyer, Dr. Milton Marshall, Ms. Mary Adkisson, Ms. Chavaun Harper, Ms. Tera Guidry, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Dr. Roger Janz, Mr. Reyes Torres, Dr. Linda Piller, Dr. C. Jagannath, Ms. Susan Parnell, Dr. Bradford Goodwin, Dr. Jeffrey Frost, Mr. Walter Harvey, Ms. Mary Anne Connelly, Ms. Janelle Rios, Ms. Dita Geary, Mr. Leon Brown

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (August 4, 2005)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

None

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-05-035 – Dr. Kenichi Fujise “Investigation of Restenosis”

An update was presented regarding Dr. Fujise’s protocol, as he would like to upgrade from BSL-1 to BSL-2 for this project. It was noted that there were some ventilation concerns in the area proposed for Dr. Fujise’s work and Biological Safety checked the area. Further logistical details must be resolved in order for Dr. Fujise to prepare this protocol for safe work at BSL-2.

5. New Committee Members

It was announced that new committee members should send a current *Curriculum Vitae* to Gail Whitsitt. NIH guidelines require institutional biosafety committees to file an annual membership report with the Office of Biotechnology Activities and also submit a *Curriculum Vitae* of the new members. Any current members that have updated their *Curriculum Vitae* may send a copy to file with Office of Biotechnology Activities also.

It was also announced that a short IBC orientation training will be scheduled at 2:45 p.m. just before the next meetings for members.

6. Stem Cell Webinar September 22, 2005, 11:00-12:30 pm., CYF B.106

It was announced that a Stem Cell Webinar is scheduled for September 22, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cyclotron Facility, room B.106. Anyone interested may attend.

7. Other Items

The SW Regional Conference for IBC Best Practices was held in San Antonio on August 18th and 19th. Several UT Biological Safety members attended and expressed that it was great conference.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held October 6, 2005, CYF, B.106, 3-4:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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October 6, 2005
Minutes**

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Dr. Terry Blasdel, Dr. Milton Marshall, Ms. Mary Adkisson, Ms. Chavaun Harper, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Dr. Roger Janz, Mr. Reyes Torres, Dr. Linda Piller, Dr. C. Jagannath, Dr. Craig Chinault, Dr. Margaret Price, Dr. Bradford Goodwin, Dr. Jeffrey Frost, Mr. Walter Harvey, Dr. Mary Robinson, Dr. John O'Brien, Ms. Janelle Rios, Dr. Tommy Douglas, Ms. Arlene Staller, Dr. Randolph Scott, Mr. Bruce Brown, Mr. Alan Lucas, Mr. Leon Brown

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (September 1, 2005)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-006-001 – Dr. Peter Ruvolo “Role of JNK in Ceramide-Induced Cell Death in Lung Cells”

The protocol was reviewed and granted full approval.

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. IBC Member Training Session Held October 6, 2005 Prior to Meeting

The IBC member training session was held October 6, 2005 prior to the regular meetings. The guidelines for the IBC and NIH were discussed. Procedures for protocol submission were also reviewed.

6. Other Items

The Stem Cell Webinar that was cancelled due to Hurricane Rita can be emailed to committee members upon request.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2005, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (October 6, 2005)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-06-003 – Dr. Yi Han “Glycinergic Inhibition in the Mammalian Retina”

IBC-06-005 – Dr. John Byrne “Cellular Mechanisms Underlying Associative Learning”

IBC-06-006 – Dr. Jeffery Frost “Cell Signaling by Ras and Rho Family Small G Proteins”

IBC-06-007 – Dr. Kathyjo Ann Jackson “Nuclear Reprogramming of Macrophages”

IBC-06-008 – Dr. Diane Bick “Apoptosis in the Cardiac Myocyte”

All protocols were reviewed and granted full approval with the exception of Dr. Jackson's. This protocol was granted approval pending clarification of procedures.

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2005, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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December 1, 2005

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (November 3 2005)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

None

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-06-007 – Dr. Kathyjo Ann Jackson “Nuclear Reprogramming of Macrophages”

All procedures were clarified regarding Dr. Jackson’s protocol, which underwent full review at the last monthly meeting.

5. City Permits and Inspections Article (Boston Globe)

An article from the Boston Globe was included in the packet discussing the new safety regulations that will be implemented for laboratories conducting research with biological agents and other dangerous agents in the City of Boston.

6. Other Items

None

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2006, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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January 5, 2006

Minutes

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (December 1 2005)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-06-021 – Dr. Kenichi Fujise “Characterization of Fortilin in Vascular Cells”

IBC-06-023 – Dr. Elizabeth Dial “Colon Cancer Cell Imaging in Mice” and “Use of PC-NSAIDs for the Prevention of Colon Cancer”

The protocols were reviewed and Dr. Fujise’s was granted approval. Dr. Dial’s protocol was granted approval with recommended changes.

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2006, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

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February 2, 2006

Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Dr. Roger Janz, Dr. Bradford Goodwin, Mr. Walter Harvey, Dr. Randolph Scott, Dr. Mary Robinson, Dr. Linda Piller, Dr. Tommy Douglas, Mr. Alan Lucas, Mr. Bruce Brown, Ms. Arlene Staller, Dr. Luis Ostrosky-Zeichner, Dr. Terry Blasdel, Dr. John O'Brien, Ms. Mary Anne Connelly, Mrs. Tera Guidry, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Mr. Reyes Torres, Ms. Chavaun Harper, Ms. Rachel Wright, Ms. Selome Ayele (Chemical Safety), Dr. Judith Smith (guest), Ms. Coty Maypole (SPH student), Ms. Nancy Crider (SPH student), Ms. Latha Archanta (SPH student), Ms. Sireen Alkhalidi (SPH student)

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (January 5, 2006)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

None

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. Other Items

It was announced that P.I.'s outside of UTHSC-H are looking for institutional biosafety review of their protocols. Both St. Luke's and Hermann hospitals are interested in UTHSC-H's Institutional Biosafety Committee. Dr. Emery and Mr. Brown met with Dr. Davies to discuss the issue and plan to meet with Ms. Staller for review.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2006, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

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March 2, 2006

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (February 2, 2006)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-06-029 – Dr. Rowen Chang “The Stability of Cellular Mouse Prion”

Dr. Chang's protocol was reviewed and it was noted that it was a 5-year renewal. The committee agreed to table the protocol until the next meeting to obtain clarification of procedures.

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2006, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

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April 6, 2006

Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Mr. Walter Harvey, Dr. Mary Robinson, Mr. Alan Lucas, Mr. Bruce Brown, Dr. John O'Brien, Ms. Janelle Rios, Dr. Jeffrey Frost, Dr. Craig Chinault, Dr. Linda Piller, Dr. Margaret Price, Dr. Terry Blasdel, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Mr. Reyes Torres, Ms. Chavaun Harper, Ms. Rachel Wright, Ms. April Abbott (new student representative), Dr. Vanessa Jensen (new member-CLAMC / AWC representative)

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (March 2, 2006)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-06-029 – Dr. Rowen Chang “The Stability of Cellular Mouse Prion”

Dr. Chang’s protocol was reviewed and it was noted that it was a 5-year renewal. The committee approved the protocol once additional information was provided and procedures were clarified.

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-04-025 – Dr. Danielle Garsin “*Caenorhabditis elegans* as a Model Host for Understanding the Genetics of *Enterococcus faecalis* Infection”

IBC-04-016 – Dr. Barbara Murray “Importance of Adhesion-like Proteins of *Enterococcus faecium* in Mouse Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) Model”

Updates were presented on both protocols. Dr. Garsin expanded her project to include an animal model, and Dr. Murray included a new infection model for her project.

5. Sunshine Project – Second Request for IBC Minutes

It was announced that a second request for IBC minutes was received from Mr. Edward Hammond of the Sunshine Project. Legal Affairs was notified of the request and they have been provided with copies of the minutes.

6. Other Items

None

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2006, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

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**The University of Texas System Institutional Biosafety Committee
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May 4, 2006

Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Lynne Rutzky, Mr. Walter Harvey, Dr. Robert Emery, Mr. Bruce Brown, Dr. Roger Janz, Dr. Tommy Douglas, Ms. Janelle Rios, Mr. Scott Patlovich, Dr. Bradford Goodwin, Ms. Arlene Staller, Mr. Alan Lucas, Ms. Chavaun Harper, Ms. Rachel Wright, Ms. April Abbott

1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (April 6, 2006)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-06-033 – Dr. Nadarajah Vigneswaran “Role of EMMPRIN/CD147 in the Progression of Oral Premalignancies Molecular Determinates of Metastasis in Oropharyngeal Squamous Cell Carcinoma / Cystatins and Antitumor Immune Response to Oral Cancer/ Role of Cathepsins in Oral Cancer Invasion and Metastasis”

Dr. Vigneswaran’s protocol was reviewed and it was noted that it was a 5-year renewal. The committee approved the protocol and requested that the 15-minute time limit be added for the decontamination with bleach solution. It was also requested that the procedures for disposal of animals be included.

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2006, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

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June 1, 2006

Minutes

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (May 4, 2006)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-06-037 – Dr. Theresa Koehler “*Bacillus anthracis* Virulence Studies”

Dr. Koehler's protocol was reviewed and granted approval with modifications. It was recommended that there be one mouse to one cage only. It was requested that the waste disposal procedures be more clarified and to add test strips.

4. Protocol Updates

None

5. Other Items

None

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2006, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (June 1, 2006)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-06-038 – Dr. Edward Yeh “Molecular Imaging of Stem Cell Transplantation in the Heart”

IBC-06-039 – Dr. Kristina Mena “Optimization of Host Cell Capture and Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (HCC-qPCR) for the Rapid Detection of Potentially Infectious Viruses in Water”

IBC-06-040 – Dr. Roger Janz “Regulation of L-type Calcium Channels by Synaptic Proteins”

The protocols were reviewed. Dr. Yeh's protocol was granted approval pending Texas Heart Institute approval since the work will be conducted at their facilities. Dr. Mena's protocol was granted approval pending UTEP approval since the project will be conducted at their facilities, and further information regarding cell lines used be obtained. Dr. Janz's protocol was granted full approval.

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-04-014 – Dr. Jaroslaw Aronowski “Prostaglandin Synthase and Ischemic Neuronal Damage”

The addition of PPAR gamma gene was included in Dr. Aronowski's protocol. He also has a biosafety cabinet that was scheduled for certification, and an autoclave location was specified for use in this project.

5. Other Items

It was announced that the annual protocol renewals will be delivered to P.I.'s for review and signature.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2006, 3-3:30 p.m., CYF, B.106.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Rutzky called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (July 6, 2006)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Protocol Reviews

IBC-06-019 – Dr. Joseph Alcorn “Construction and Production of Recombinant Replication-defective Adenovirus”

IBC-06-044 – Dr. Edward Yeh “The Role of SUMO-specific Protease 1 (SEN1) in Prostate Cancer Pathogenesis”

IBC-06-045 – Dr. Ponnada Narayana “Magnetic Resonance of Spinal Cord Injury”

IBC-06-047 – Dr. Luca Brunelli “Regulation of 14-3-3 ϵ during development”

The protocols were reviewed. Dr. Alcorn's and Dr. Yeh's protocols were granted approval. It was noted that Dr. Alcorn's protocol was a 5-year renewal. Dr. Narayana's protocol was tabled until clarifications can be obtained on several issues. Dr. Brunelli's protocol was granted approval.

4. Protocol Updates

IBC-05-039 – Dr. Bradford Goodwin “DNA Vaccine”

It was noted that HIV base will not be used any longer with Dr. Goodwin’s protocol.

5. NIH Inspections

NIH will be conducting inspections of Institutional Biosafety Committees throughout the community.

6. FY 2007 IBC Training – October 5, 2006, 2:30-3:00 p.m., CYF B.106

Training for IBC members will be held October 5, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. at the CYF, B.106, prior to the IBC meeting. Procedures and guidelines as well as committee member expectations will be reviewed. All members are encouraged to attend.

7. Other Items

It was announced the Dr. Rutzky will be retiring at the end of October 2006. Dr. Janz will be the new chair of the committee and Dr. O’Brien will be the co-chair.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2006, 3 – 3:30 p.m., CYF, B.106.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.