

 TTUHSC EL PASO
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**CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF
MEDICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, 04/21/2026 12:06 PM
MSBII 5A116**

Chairperson

Mingtao Zeng, PhD

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Anthony W Baird, DSc
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Ivan E Flores, BS
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MEMBERS PRESENT
Anthony W Baird, DSc, Jeana E. Barrow, DVM, Huanyu Dou, MD, Pallavi Dubey, PhD, Ivan E Flores, BS, Mingtao Zeng, PhD
MEMBERS ABSENT
Daniel Paul Gonzales, BMS
STAFF PRESENT
Myrna Arvizo, BMS, CIP, CHRC, Amanda Diazdeleon
GUESTS PRESENT
N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Mingtao Zeng, PhD called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Quorum is 5 members. 6 members are present at the call to order, including scientific, non-scientific and non-affiliated members. 6 members present at conclusion.

All proceedings and discussion in the upcoming meeting are confidential and should not be discussed outside of the meeting. Additionally, any member who has a conflict of interest that would preclude making an objective determination about a study should recuse him/herself from voting on the study.

A draft of the meeting minutes from 03/17/2026 was distributed for review on 04/07/2026. There were no controversial entries or objections. A motion to approve the meeting minutes as written was made by AB and seconded by HD. The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

NEW EVENTS

Non-Compliance: Attached is a preliminary report of noncompliance that was submitted to OLAW. This report includes DEA-controlled substances that fall under the approved IBC 10012. The IBC discussed the issues and recommended that more frequent reviews/inspections occur of drugs, for a period of time, and the additional requirement of controlled substance training until there are no noncompliance issues over a designated time period. The question of whether there were any publications during the time in question was also raised. The PI of this protocol is an IBC member and was asked to recuse herself from the meeting during this discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS

N/A

3-YEAR RENEWALS

N/A

AMENDMENTS

IBC# 25002

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 12/31/2027

Murali Bagalur Muniraju, Ph.D./TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Molecular and Translational Medicine

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

The PI is requesting to add NC37. Human Burkitt lymphoma cell line and iTime.219. Human endothelial cell lines with KSHV. Both have been added to section 7.8 of the application. This submission also includes a personnel change to remove Dr. Gokul Sudhakaran.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Comment:

No concerns from Safety with changes in 7.8

Section 9 with safety information, specifically hazards and precautions for those hazards is good information.

Comment:

Personnel change is requested. Additional cell lines NC37 Human Burkett Lymphoma Cells line, and iTime .219 Human endothelial cell lines with KSHV have been added BSL-2 Cabinet will be used to study. Plasmid DNA containing herpesvirus genes will be synthesized and used for protein functional characterization in vitro using mammalian cell lines, or for protein purification. Containment: All manipulations will occur within a certified Class II biological safety cabinet. appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including lab coats, gloves, and safety glasses, will be worn. Waste Management: All liquid and solid waste will be decontaminated by autoclaving or chemical disinfection prior to disposal. Aerosolization: Procedures may generate aerosols, leading to viral inhalation. Direct Contact: Handling infectious materials can expose skin through cuts. Mucous Membranes: Infectious fluid splashes may contact eyes, nose, or mouth. Parenteral Inoculation: Needlesticks or cuts can introduce the virus into the bloodstream. Transportations is planned and education required and appears completed.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approved

MOTION AND VOTE: The TTUHSC EP Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) reviewed this protocol at their full board meeting and granted unrestricted approval.

Total Members Voting: **6** [For: **6** Absent: **0** Against: **0** Conflict of Interest: **0** Not Present: **0** Abstained: **0**]

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Approved

IBC# 26005

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 01/31/2029



Raja Veerapandian/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Molecular and Translational Medicine

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

The PI is requesting to add BB7 99 NN (also referred to as BB7) and F9A6 cell lines. This is for an MTA.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Comment:

Biosafety issue has been adequately addressed. Recommend for IBC approval.

Comment:

No concerns with change from Biological Safety Officer or Safety Services.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approve

MOTION AND VOTE: The TTUHSC EP Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) reviewed this protocol at their full board meeting and granted unrestricted approval.

Total Members Voting: **6** [For: **6** Absent: **0** Against: **0** Conflict of Interest: **0** Not Present: **0** Abstained: **0**]

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Approved

INITIAL REVIEWS

IBC# 26009

Full Renewal Expiration Date:

Alex Gonzalez DDS/TTUHSC El Paso - SOD - School of Dentistry

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

This is an Initial Application, the PI is requesting

Space: MSBII 4th floor (need lab number and does PI have space approval) Biological Agents: Bacteria (tooth nerve), human blood, body fluids Chemicals: N/A Controlled Substances: N/A Biosafety Level: BSL-2 Hazardous Shipping & On-Campus Transport Training: Transport yes Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acids: Synthetic nucleotides Training Compliance: PI and all key personnel are current on required LSE, COI, and Financial Disclosure trainings

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Comment:

Awaiting location in MSB2 4th floor lab area. Additional location needed with be for BSL2 work. In this location usually a separate room with a biosafety cabinet in it that has it's own room number.

Please complete the Sections: 7.1, 7.2, 7.3: How are you planning to measure bacterial load? 2. Section 7.4.: Will you use collected Saliva and Blood for any experiments in the lab?

Comment:

Section 9.6. PI mentioned to perform PCR analysis. What gene products will be amplified by PCR? 4. Section 9.13: Biological safety cabinet (BSC) should be available for the research team to use.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Additional Information Required

STIPULATIONS: 1. 2. In the Study Application, section 5.3, enter a lab space (if you are using a bay, provide the bay letter).

2. 1. In the Study Application, complete the Sections: 7.1, 7.2, 7.3: How are you planning to measure bacterial load?

3. 3. In the Study Application, section 7.4, will you use collected Saliva and Blood for any experiments in the lab?

4. 4. In the Study Application, section 9.6, PI mentioned to perform PCR analysis. What gene products will be amplified by PCR?

5. 5. In the Study Application, section 9.13, Biological safety cabinet (BSC) should be available for the research

team to use.

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Additional Information Required

EXPEDITED REVIEW

IBC# 26008

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 03/31/2029

Sireesha Reddy, MD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Obstetrics and Gynecology-Texas Tech Medical Center

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Comment:

The PI has responded to the concerns of the reviewers. 2. The PI response to stipulations. I have no further questions.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approved

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE-ANNUAL STATUS REPORTS

IBC# 24005

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 04/30/2027

Dale W Quest, Ph.D., RN(NP)/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Medical Education

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

This is an Annual Status Report. COI, FD, and LSE are complete for the PI and staff. The study does include on-campus training. This training is complete for those listed in section 5.6. The biosafety level is 2. This protocol does not involve recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Acknowledged

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

ADMINISTRATIVE-AMENDMENTS

IBC# 21009

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 03/31/2027

Ramadevi Subramani Reddy, PhD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Molecular and Translational Medicine

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

Personnel change to add Mahalakshmi Vijayraghavan. COI, FD, and LSE are complete. This protocol does not involve recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Acknowledged

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

IBC# 10010

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 07/31/2028

Mingtao Zeng, PhD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - MTM-CoE in Infectious Diseases

Biosafety Level: BSL 2+

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

Personnel change to add Kyler Beaty. COI, FD, and LSE are complete. Also update Yoelis Perez role to study contact. This protocol does involve recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Acknowledged

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

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IBC# 22010

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 08/31/2028

Umadevi Kandam, PhD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOD - School of Dentistry

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

Personnel change to add Vianey Centeno. Required training is complete.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Acknowledged

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

IBC# 23001

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 09/30/2028

Nils P Nickel, MD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Internal Medicine-Texas Tech Medical Center

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment: Personnel change to add Paola Rojas and Karla Salazar. COI, FD, and LSE are complete. This protocol does not involve recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules. PI is removing Usman Hussain.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Acknowledged

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

IBC# 25006

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 07/31/2028

Narges Khanjani, PhD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Medical Education

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

The PI is requesting to add personnel. Training is complete. ST and NK will ship and transport. Both have completed the required trainings.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Acknowledged

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

TERMINATIONS

IBC# 26007

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 03/31/2029

Gustavo Jose Rodriguez, MD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Neurology-Texas Tech Medical Center

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

The PI is requesting a termination of protocol 26007. Safety please ensure there are no biological agents or hazardous materials in the CSB clinic room.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Comment:

Room C46 in this building is the biological waste room. PI is clear to terminate this protocol.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approve

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Approve

BSO REPORT

No reportable events submitted.