

INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, 08/18/2026 12:04 PM
MSBII 5A116**

Chairperson

Mingtao Zeng, PhD

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Anthony W Baird, DSc
Jeana E. Barrow, DVM
Huanyu Dou, MD
Daniel Gonzales, BA
Hector Riveroll, BS

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Amanda Diaz de Leon
Myrna Arvizo

MEMBERS PRESENT
Anthony W Baird, DSc, Jeana E. Barrow, DVM, Daniel Paul Gonzales, BMS, Hector Riveroll, B.S., Mingtao Zeng, PhD
MEMBERS ABSENT
Huanyu Dou, MD
STAFF PRESENT
Amanda Diazdeleon, Mireya Kosonoy
GUESTS PRESENT
N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Mingtao Zeng, PhD called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Quorum is 5 members. 5 members are present at the call to order, including scientific, non-scientific and non-affiliated members. 5 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 07/21/2026 was distributed for review on 08/14/2026. There were no controversial entries or objections. A motion to approve the meeting minutes as written was made by AB and seconded by JB. The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

TTUHSC EP IBC Meeting Minutes - 08/18/2026

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

N/A

3-YEAR RENEWALS

N/A

AMENDMENTS

N/A

INITIAL REVIEWS

IBC# 26011

Full Renewal Expiration Date:

Ahmad Kutkut/TTUHSC El Paso - SOD - School of Dentistry

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

In the Initial Application, the PI responded “No” to all questions related to biological agents and hazardous materials. To avoid confusion and clarify the need for an IBC license, the PI was invited to present an overview of the proposed laboratory activities. Following the PI’s presentation and departure from the meeting, the IBC members had follow-up questions regarding the proposed activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Additional Information Required

STIPULATIONS: 1. In the Study Application Section 5.1: Provide a detailed description of the research project, including the purpose of creating the resin-based artificial teeth and how the project will support dental student education and/or training. The summary should explain how the use of these models will contribute to the development of students’ clinical skills, improve or enhance dental education, and ultimately benefit patient care. Please also describe the activities that will be conducted with the artificial teeth and the anticipated outcomes or benefits of the project.

2. In the Study Application section 6.1: Update to include ethanol and polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA), as applicable to the proposed activities.

3. In the Study Application sections 9.2–9.7, provide detailed information regarding the hazards, quantities, frequency of use, and safety precautions associated with the chemicals used in the proposed activities. Specifically, identify the PPE that will be used when handling, mixing, processing, or otherwise working with these chemicals (e.g., laboratory coat/gown, appropriate gloves, and eye protection, as applicable). Ensure that the information provided accurately reflects the procedures and materials described in the protocol.

MOTION AND VOTE: The TTUHSC EP Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) reviewed this protocol at their full board meeting and tabled the submission due to the need for additional information or modifications.

Total Members Voting: **5** [For: **5** Absent: **0** Against: **0** Conflict of Interest: **0** Not Present: **0** Abstained: **0**]

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Tabled

IBC# 26011

Ahmad Kutkut/TTUHSC El Paso - SOD - School of Dentistry

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

Full Renewal Expiration Date:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

PI Request: Use of

Space: MSB2 4th floor, lab not approved as of yet

Biological Agents: PI state he will use dummies

Chemicals: n/a

Controlled Substances: n/a

Biosafety Level:

Hazardous Shipping: n/a

On-Campus Transport Training: Not required

Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acids: Not involved

Training Compliance: PI is current on required LSE, COI, and Financial Disclosure trainings

RECOMMENDATIONS: Additional Information Required

STIPULATIONS: 1. In Study Application section 5.0 Please provide a detailed research project description/summary that includes all activities involving the receiving, collecting, handling, use, storage, transfer, transportation, and/or disposal of chemical or biological agents. Please include any activities conducted at Institution facilities or affiliated entities, as well as any transportation or transfer of specimens between buildings, whether on or off campus.

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Additional Information Required

EXPEDITED REVIEW

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE-ANNUAL STATUS REPORTS

IBC# 18008

Marc Zuckerman, M.D./

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 08/31/2027

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment: This is an Annual Status Report. COI, FD, and LSE are complete for the PI and staff. This study does require shipper and on campus transport training. The approved biosafety lever is BSL-2. This protocol does not involve recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Acknowledged

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

IBC# 21010

Sumit Gaur, MD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Internal Medicine

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 05/31/2027

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

This is an Annual Status Report. COI, FD, and LSE are complete for the PI and staff. This study does require shipper or on campus training. The approved biosafety lever is BSL-2. This protocol does not involve recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Acknowledged

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SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

ADMINISTRATIVE-AMENDMENTS

IBC# 15019 **Full Renewal Expiration Date:** 01/31/2027
Peter Thompson, MD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Psychiatry-Texas Tech Medical Center
Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

Personnel change to add Jose Barragan and Silvina Tonarelli. COI, FD, and LSE are complete. This protocol does not involve recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules. The PI has also completed question 10 in regards to the Texas Genomic Act.

Comment:

RECOMMENDATIONS: Acknowledged

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

IBC# 21013 **Full Renewal Expiration Date:** 10/31/2027
Eugene P Toy, MD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Obstetrics and Gynecology-Texas Tech Medical Center
Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

Personnel change to add Erin Portillo as Lab Personnel and Study Contact. Kate and Dr. Dubey are being removed from the IBC. COI, FD, and LSE are complete. This protocol does not involve recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Acknowledge

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

IBC# 15019 **Full Renewal Expiration Date:** 01/31/2027
Peter Thompson, MD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Psychiatry-Texas Tech Medical Center
Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

The PI revised the application to include the Texas Genomic Act Compliance question. No other changes were made to the application. This submission does not require a new IBC license.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Acknowledged

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

IBC# 21013 **Full Renewal Expiration Date:** 10/31/2027
Eugene P Toy, MD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Obstetrics and Gynecology-Texas Tech Medical Center
Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

The PI is requesting to remove MSBII 4B506A from the application and responded to the Texas Genomic question.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Acknowledged

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SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

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:

Personnel change to add Drs. Armando Lerma and Vikram Thakur. COI, LSE, and FD are complete. Remove Janet Olivas who is no longer with the Institution.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Acknowledged

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

IBC# 18004

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 03/31/2027

Edward Michelson, MD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Emergency Medicine - Texas Tech Medical Center

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

Personnel change to add Briana Olivares as new research staff and remove Paulina Castillo and Leann Rodriguez who have left Texas Tech.

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:

This amendment is in response to the Texas Genomic Act. No other edits were made. This submission does not require a revised license.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Acknowledged

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Administratively Acknowledged

TERMINATIONS

IBC# 18024

Full Renewal Expiration Date: 08/31/2026

Alejandro Robles, MD/TTUHSC El Paso - SOM - Internal Medicine-Texas Tech Medical Center

Biosafety Level: BSL 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT:

Comment:

This termination request is for an IBC license that was transferred from Dr. McCallum to Dr. Robles for a clinical trial. The trial has met its enrollment site target and decided not to add TTUHSC as a site, so the license was never used. The PI is requesting termination of the protocol since it is no longer needed. Safety please conduct a lab closeout to ensure there are no biologicals or hazardous chemicals left in the lab.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Comment:

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Upon meeting on 7/24/2026 1330hrs Denise Vasquez, research personnel on this license, she stated that this license is not being terminated or lab closing. This lab member advised of contacting IBC analyst to get this matter corrected. 8/4/2026 - Upon follow-up with research staff, this study is safe and good to close as it never started. No concerns from Safety Services or Biological Safety Officer on this IBC license termination/lab closure.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approve

SUBMISSION OUTCOME: Approved

BSO REPORT

The Biosafety Report was presented by the Biosafety Officer. There were no major deficiencies reported at this time.