

**Institutional Biosafety
Committee Minutes
October 9, 2025
Zoom Meeting 1:30 pm**

Members Present

Bertram Jacobs
Al Jensen
Drew Solomon
Christopher Plaisier
Mitch Magee
Kathleen Kennedy
Valerie Stout
Giorgio Scarpellini
Hugh Mason

Affiliated Participants

Greg Powell
Sarah Hurd
Stephanie Durst-Real
Karen Stevenson
Amanda Rice
Mary Turlington-Powell
Anne Nelson
Suzanne Kennedy

Visitors Present

Susan Holechek
Taichi Suzuki
Francisca Grill
Doug Lake

Supporting Participants

Bree Prinzhorn

Institutional Official

Debra Murphy

Note: This meeting was conducted via Zoom. Meeting Format: Open meeting

Call to Order: The IBC Chair called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm and a quorum was confirmed. Introductions were made.

Minutes

The meeting minutes from September 11, 2025, were reviewed by the committee. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded.

Total Vote: 9 Approved: 9 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Recused: 0

Conflicts of Interest

The IBC Chair called for conflicts. No conflicts were reported.

Disclosures for Committee Review:

Lake SPROTO2023-101 (BSL3 Amendment)

Primary Reviewer: Giorgio Scarpellini

The PI provided an overview of the amendment and responded to questions posed by the committee members. The lab is adding a new strain to their disclosure and requesting changes to the BSL 3 training program. The committee requested the following items be completed to secure approval of the amendment:

- Submit a formal amendment through the ERA system, including the proposed changes to the BSL 3 training program that the committee discussed.
- Add new strain to amendment.

Discussion confirmed that Biosafety Level 3 precautions, training, and personal protective equipment are appropriate as proposed. Based on committee discussion, the NIH Guidelines classification for this disclosure was determined to be sections III-D, III-D-2, III-D-2-a, III-D-3, III-D-3-a, III-E, III-F-1, and III-F-8, Appendices C-I

and C-II. A motion was made to appoint a designated reviewer to ensure the changes requested by the committee are made. The motion was seconded.

Total Vote: 9 Approved: 8 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1 Recused: 0

A committee member left the meeting at 2:01 pm.

Holechek SPROTO2023-78 (BSL2 Amendment)

Primary Reviewer: Chris Plaisier

The PI provided an overview of the disclosure and responded to questions posed by the committee members. The lab is increasing their Biosafety level from BSL 1 to BSL 2.

Discussion confirmed that Biosafety Level 2 precautions, training, and personal protective equipment are appropriate as proposed. Based on committee discussion, the NIH Guidelines classification for this disclosure was determined to be sections III-F-1, and III-F-8, Appendices C-I and C-II. A motion was made to approve the amendment as presented. The motion was seconded.

Total Vote: 8 Approved: 8 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Recused: 0

Suzuki SPROTO2023-115 (BSL2 Amendment)

Primary Reviewer: Valerie Stout

The PI provided an overview of the disclosure and responded to questions posed by the committee members. The lab is adding microbiome procedures in laboratory mice.

Discussion confirmed that Biosafety Level 2 precautions, training, and personal protective equipment are appropriate as proposed. Based on committee discussion, the NIH Guidelines classification for this disclosure was determined to be section III-F-1. A motion was made to approve the amendment as presented. The motion was seconded.

Total Vote: 8 Approved: 8 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Recused: 0

Additional Business:

Consent Agenda

The committee reviewed and acknowledged the consent agenda.

1. Biosafety Officer's Report

- The Biosafety Officer informed the committee of an incident that occurred in a lab on 9/26/2025. A lab member suffered a transgenic mouse bite while performing a maze test. The incident is reportable to the NIH.
- The Biosafety Officer informed the committee of an incident that occurred in a lab on 10/3/2025. A lab member suffered from a puncture wound to the hand while drawing blood from an animal. The incident is not reportable to the NIH.

2. Education Item: Virologists must take debates about virus research into their own hands

3. NIH Announcement: NIH Policy on Enhancing Security Measures for Human Biospecimens

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 pm. The next IBC Meeting will be held on November 13, 2025 at 1:30 pm.