MINUTES FOR THE BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

Thursday March 26, 2026

PRESENT: Arrigo "Ricky" De Benedetti, Ph.D., Chairman
Christopher Schmoutz, Ph.D., Vice-Chairman

Stephanie Ander, Ph.D.
Sarah Harold, B.S.
DeMonzo Mcginnis, B.S. (BSO)
Hugh Price, DVM
Xinggui Shen, Ph.D.
Vesna Tesic, Ph.D.
Hongyan Guo, Ph.D.
Seong Kim, Ph.D
Rebecca Murphy, Ph.D.
Krista Queen, Ph.D.
Tousif Sultan, Ph.D

ABSENT:

Ana Maria Dragoi, Ph.D.
Omar Franco, M.D., Ph.D
Krista Queen, Ph.D.
Jessica Esparza, Ph.D.
Ashley Krukowsky, (OSP)
Hong Sun, Ph.D.

I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting called March 26, 2026 at with a quorum of 12 voting members.

II. **Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting.** Minutes March 27, 2026

III. **NEW PROTOCOLS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

B26-012/Pharmacology – Lymphatic Endothelial Piezo1–TRPV4 Channel Signaling in Obesity. The PI responded to the committee's comments and the protocol was moved to the FULLY APPROVED category.

IV. **TABLED PROTOCOLS WITH MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED:**
B26-011/Pharmacology – SARS-CoV-2 BSL-3 Virology. The protocol was reviewed by the committee and was approved at the meeting with minor administrative changes.

V. **CONTINGENT APPROVALS:** *None*

VI. **TERMINATIONS:** *None*

VII. **Old Business:** *None*

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:** Modifications

B17-005/Pathology added de-identified clinical data associated with the human cerebral spinal fluid samples provided for the project by the NCRI-MGH Biorepository. This modification was moved to the FULLY APPROVED category.

B21-004/Physiology – Room Addition
The BSC is the room addition need to be certified and the PI will notify the committee when it has been inspected. BSC inspections will occur in May. This modification was moved to the CONTINGENT APPROVAL category.

B26-001/Anatomy added the following samples in which no IRB was required. This modification was moved to the FULLY APPROVED category.
De-identified human heart tissue.
1) 15 control hearts (500mg each)
2) 15 HFpEF hearts (500mg each)
3) 15 HFrEF hearts (500mg each)

B25-004/Microbiology added the following viruses, cell lines, and procedure: References were attached to the modification which was moved to the FULLY APPROVED category.
A. Lone Star virus
B. Potosi virus
C. C6/36 cell line
D. BRS-T7/5 cell line
E. Reverse Genetic System

IX. ANNUAL RENEWALS: No renewals this month.

X. NON-RESPONDER ANNUAL RENEWALS:

B08-004/Pediatrics has not submitted his 2025 annual renewal.

XI. ADD/DELETE MEMOS: All listed completed training and were approved by unanimous vote unless indicated.
B25-003/Microbiology
ADD: graduate student, training complete
ADD: Med student Biosafety complete, animal incomplete.
B25-006/Microbiology
ADD: graduate student, training complete

XII. Contingent ADD MEMOS: Contingent until training is complete.

Adjourn: 3:30pm

Respectfully submitted:

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Sarah Harold, B.S.
Assistant Director, Assurance Committees

Approved:

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Christopher Schmoutz, Ph.D.
Vice Chair, Biosafety Committee