

Medical University of South Carolina

Institutional Biosafety Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Thursday, June 12, 2025
Meeting Time	12:08 PM - 1:29 PM
Meeting Type	Teams Meeting
IBC Members Present	1. Caroline Westwater, Ph.D., (IBC Chair) 2. Christina Voelkel-Johnson, Ph.D., (BSO) 3. Arabinda Das, Ph.D., (IBC Member) 4. Lisa Steed, Ph.D., (IBC Member) 5. Alicia Braxton Hickman, DVM, Ph.D., DACLAM (IBC Member / Veterinary Medical Officer) 6. Diane Lauritsen, Ph.D., (Local Non-affiliated Member)
Quorum	Number of Members Present (Voting):6 Number of Members Not Present:4 Late Arrival of Voting Members:0 Early Departure of Voting Members:0
Other Individuals in Attendance	Aimee L. McRae-Clark, Pharm.D., BCPP (Director, Office of Research Integrity) Michael Smith, Ph.D., (IBC Manager) Gloriane Schnabolk Ph.D., (IACUC & IBC Senior Administrator)
Call to Order	The IBC Chair called the meeting to order at 12:08 PM
Conflicts of Interests	The IBC Chair reminded all members present to identify any conflicts of interest before each registration is reviewed.
Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Date of meeting minutes approved: May 8, 2025 Motion to approve the minutes as written. Voting: (Total =6, For =6, Opposed =0, Abstain = 0).
Review of Prior Business	Discussed the IBC review process in the new electronic tick@lab system. Discussed the development of a RedCap self-assessment form for compliance with the Executive Order of May 5, 2025. Discussed NOT-OD-25-082: Promoting Maximal Transparency Under the NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules
New IBC Registration and Amendments for Review (repeat for each registration)	

Protocol #	IBC-25-239
PI name	Sprague, Daniel
Study Title	Isolation of Schistosoma Mansoni Cercariae
Agent	parasite: Schistosoma Mansoni Cercariae
Agent Characteristics	parasite

rDNA category	n/a		
rDNA description	n/a		
Genetically modified microbes or vectors	n/a		
Transgene expression	n/a		
BSL	BSL2		
Training	complete		
Risk Assessment of Procedures	BSL1 precautions for snails sourced from the NIH-funded Biomedical Research Center, which supplies, free of charge, schistosomiasis-based reagents. All handling of infectious material will be performed inside a biosafety cabinet, and all work will be performed at a BSL2 safety level. All PPE will be worn at all times, and all surfaces will be decontaminated daily.		
Motion	Contingent approval pending BSO inspection		
First:		Second:	
Votes			
For:6	Against:0	Abstained:0	Recused:0

Meeting Adjournment	The IBC Chair called for the meeting to be adjourned at 1:29 PM
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