University of Texas at El Paso
Panel: IBC Panel
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 21, 2025

Members Present:

Voting:
Arriaga, Berenice (Voting)
Das, Siddhartha (Chair) (Voting)
Dupre, Jo Anne (Voting)
Ibarra-Mejia, Gabriel (Voting)
Joseph, Elaine (Alternate Member)
Llano, Manuel (Voting)
Moschak, Travis (Voting)
Vines, Charlotte (Voting)

Non-Voting Ex-Officios:

Gruszka, Dennis (Non Voting)
Piramadathottathil Venu, Shonima (Non Voting)

Minute Secretary:
Dean, Jacob

Guests:
Anaya, Elizabeth

The meeting was called to order at 02:00 P.M by S. Das, Chair.

1. Confidentiality of Panel Proceedings

A confidentiality statement was read to all members.

2. Panel Chair announcement

IBC Chair had no special announcements.

Dr. Joseph introduced the new IACUC/IBC Administrator Mr. Gruszka and the new IACUC/IBC Protocol Analyst Mr. Dean.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the August meeting were discussed and a motion was made and seconded to approve with minor corrections.

Approved: 7, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 1 (Vines)

4. New Protocols

New Protocols: (for below-listed protocols, pending deliberation on a new protocol or a de novo triennial protocol renewal submission; for triennial renewal submissions, the review includes deliberation on a final report for the previous three-year approval period):

A. Protocol ID: 25-11-131
Principal Investigator: Silva Grijo Farani, Priscila
Title: Molecular and Cellular Studies of Trypanosoma cruzi Infection and Host–Parasite Interactions
Presenter: Das, Siddhartha
Secondary Reviewer(s): Arriaga, Berenice; Llano, Manuel
Review Cycle Type: Full Review

Protocol involving Section III-D-1, III-D-2, and III-D-3 was discussed including the risks involved and additional questions asked. A motion was made and seconded to send the protocol back for modifications followed by full committee review.

Approved: 8, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

B. Protocol ID: 25-11-132
Principal Investigator: Silva Grijo Farani, Priscila
Title: Animal Model Studies for Chagas Disease Pathogenesis and Immunotherapeutic Development
Presenter: Llano, Manuel
Secondary Reviewer(s): Weich, Erin; Berenice Arriaga; Das, Siddhartha
Review Cycle Type: Full Review

Protocol involving Section III-D-1, III-D-2, III-D-3, and III-D-4 was discussed including the risks involved and additional questions asked. A motion was made and seconded to send the protocol back for modifications followed by full committee review.

Approved: 8, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

C. Protocol ID: 25-10-128
Principal Investigator: Poon, Wilson
Title: Engineering nanoparticles for biomedical applications
Presenter: Moschak, Travis
Secondary Reviewer(s): Joseph, Elaine; Berenice Arriaga
Review Cycle Type: Full Review

Protocol involving III-D-4 was discussed including the risks involved and additional questions asked. A motion was made and seconded to send the protocol back for modifications followed by full committee review.

Approved: 8, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

5. Procedural Amendments

None

7. Discussion and Appropriate Action regarding the following matters

A. The Insectary has been recertified after repairs were completed this past month.
B. There was an incident in Microbiology teaching lab involving an individual who was potentially exposed to fumes from an experiment due to improper ventilation. Environmental Health & Safety and Facilities are evaluating.
C. The Biosafety Officer introduced Shonima Piramadathottathil Venu, new EH&S employee.

8. Meeting Reminder

Reminder, the next meeting will be in December 2025 (date and time TBD).

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 02:53 P.M

10. Panel Business: Reviewers planning to attend the December meeting were asked to inform the Dean, Jacob.

11. A list of the Protocols approved and reviewed that do not involve recombinant or synthetic DNA is below.

A. **Protocol ID:** 25-09-114
Principal Investigator: Robles, Elisa
Title: Molecular Crosstalk Between DJ1 and UCP1
Review Cycle Type: Designated Member Review
Approved Date: 11/21/2025
Expired Date: 11/20/2028