

University of Texas at El Paso

Panel: IBC Panel

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 27, 2026

Members Present:

Voting:

1. Das, Siddhartha (Chair) (Voting)
2. Arriaga, Berenice (Voting)
3. Dupre, Jo Anne (Voting)
4. Joseph, Elaine (Alternate Member)
5. Vines, Charlotte (Voting)
6. Moschak, Travis (Voting)

Non-Voting Ex-Officios:

1. Gruszka, Dennis (Non-Voting)
2. Piramadathottathil Venu, Shonima (Non-Voting)

Minute Secretary:

1. Dean, Jacob

Guests:

1. Anaya, Elizabeth

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M by S. Das, Chair.

1. Confidentiality of Panel Proceedings

A confidentiality statement was read to all members.

2. Panel Chair Announcements

The IBC Chair had no special announcements.

Dr. Joseph introduced a new IBC committee member, Dr. Anthony Baird, who will attend future meetings.

3. Minutes

The January meeting minutes were deferred to the March committee meeting due to the number of protocols to review.

4. New Protocols

A. Protocol ID: 26-01-158

Principal Investigator: Qin, Yong

Title: Generate tumor mouse models xenografted with human cancer cell lines

Primary Reviewer(s): Vines, Charlotte

Secondary Reviewer(s): Baird, Anthony; Arriaga, Berenice; Weich, Erin; Ibarra-Mejia, Gabriel; Dupre, Jo Anne; Llano, Manuel; Narayan, Mahesh; Das, Siddhartha; Piramadathottathil Venu, Shonima; Moschak, Travis

Review Cycle Type: Full Review

A Protocol involving the use of human cancer cell lines was discussed, including the RG1 and RG2 risks involved. A motion was made to approve the protocol with stipulations. Approved: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

B. Protocol ID: 25-11-130

Principal Investigator: Min, Kisuk

Title: Understanding chemotherapy-induced cytotoxicity

Primary Reviewer(s): Vines, Charlotte

Secondary Reviewer(s): Baird, Anthony; Arriaga, Berenice; Weich, Erin; Ibarra-Mejia, Gabriel; Dupre, Jo Anne; Llano, Manuel; Narayan, Mahesh; Das, Siddhartha; Piramadathottathil Venu, Shonima; Moschak, Travis

Review Cycle Type: Full Review

A Protocol involving Section III-D-1, III-F-6, and Appendix C-II was discussed, including the RG1 and RG2 risks involved. A motion was made to approve the protocol with stipulations. Approved: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

C. Protocol ID: 25-11-138

Principal Investigator: Xiao, Chuan

Title: Decipher the Biochemistry Folding and Assembly Mysteries of the Most Common Protein Motif Used by Viruses

Primary Reviewer(s): Narayan, Mahesh

Secondary Reviewer(s): Baird, Anthony; Arriaga, Berenice; Vines, Charlotte; Weich, Erin; Joseph, Elaine; Ibarra-Mejia, Gabriel; Dupre, Jo Anne; Llano, Manuel; Das, Siddhartha; Piramadathottathil Venu, Shonima; Moschak, Travis

Review Cycle Type: Full Review

A Protocol involving Section III-D-2, III-F-6, and Appendix C-II was discussed, including the RG1 and RG2 risks involved. A motion was made to approve the protocol with stipulations. Approved: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

D. Protocol ID: 25-12-150

Principal Investigator: Ramos, Enrique

Title: Analyzing Estrogen-regulated Intergenic Noncoding RNAs in Breast Cancer

Primary Reviewer(s): Moschak, Travis

Secondary Reviewer(s): Baird, Anthony; Arriaga, Berenice; Vines, Charlotte; Weich, Erin; Joseph, Elaine; Ibarra-Mejia, Gabriel; Dupre, Jo Anne; Llano, Manuel; Narayan, Mahesh; Piramadathottathil Venu, Shonima; Das, Siddhartha

Review Cycle Type: Full Review

A Protocol involving Section III-D-3, III-F-6, and Appendix C-II was discussed, including the RG1 and RG2 risks involved. A motion was made to approve the protocol with stipulations. Approved: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

E. Protocol ID: 25-12-149

Principal Investigator: Ramos, Enrique

Title: Elucidating the role of the Melanoma Antigen Gene family in the progression of Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Primary Reviewer(s): Das, Siddhartha

Secondary Reviewer(s): Baird, Anthony; Arriaga, Berenice; Vines, Charlotte; Weich, Erin; Joseph, Elaine; Ibarra-Mejia, Gabriel; Dupre, Jo Anne; Llano, Manuel; Narayan, Mahesh; Piramadathottathil Venu, Shonima; Moschak, Travis

Review Cycle Type: Full Review

A Protocol involving Section III-D-3, III-F-6, and Appendix C-II was discussed, including the RG1 and RG2 risks involved. A motion was made to approve the protocol with stipulations. Approved: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

- F. Protocol ID: 25-12-148**
Principal Investigator: Ramos, Enrique
Title: Epigenetic Regulation of Spatial Gene Expression and the Tumor Microenvironment in Breast Cancer Among Hispanic Population
Primary Reviewer(s): Dupre, Jo Anne
Secondary Reviewer(s): Baird, Anthony; Arriaga, Berenice; Vines, Charlotte; Weich, Erin; Joseph, Elaine; Ibarra-Mejia, Gabriel; Llano, Manuel; Narayan, Mahesh; Das, Siddhartha; Piramadathottathil Venu, Shonima; Moschak, Travis
Review Cycle Type: Full Review

A Protocol involving Section III-D-3, III-F-6, and Appendix C-II was discussed, including the RG1 and RG2 risks involved. A motion was made to approve the protocol with stipulations. Approved: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

- G. Protocol ID: 26-01-152**
Principal Investigator: Romero Villagomez, Fabian
Title: Use of Second-Generation Lentiviral Packaging System for Gene Delivery in Pancreatic Cancer Cells
Primary Reviewer(s): Moschak, Travis
Secondary Reviewer(s): Baird, Anthony; Arriaga, Berenice; Vines, Charlotte; Weich, Erin; Joseph, Elaine; Ibarra-Mejia, Gabriel; Dupre, Jo Anne; Llano, Manuel; Narayan, Mahesh; Das, Siddhartha; Piramadathottathil Venu, Shonima
Review Cycle Type: Full Review

A Protocol involving Section III-D-1 was discussed, including the RG1 and RG2 risks involved. A motion was made to table the protocol and defer it to the March committee meeting pending additional information and modifications. Approved: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

- H. Protocol ID: 26-01-157**
Principal Investigator: Luo, Yongde
Title: Roles of FGF21 in PNPLA3(I148M)-Driven MAFLD, MASH, Hepatic Fibrosis, and HCC Susceptibility: Mechanistic Studies in Mouse Models
Primary Reviewer(s): Dupre, Jo Anne
Secondary Reviewer(s): Baird, Anthony; Arriaga, Berenice; Vines, Charlotte; Weich, Erin; Joseph, Elaine; Ibarra-Mejia, Gabriel; Llano, Manuel; Narayan, Mahesh; Das, Siddhartha; Piramadathottathil Venu, Shonima; Moschak, Travis
Review Cycle Type: Full Review

A Protocol involving Sections III-D-4 and III-E-3 was discussed, including the associated RG1 and RG2 risks. A motion was made to table the protocol and defer it to the March committee meeting pending additional information and modifications, followed by FCR.
Approved: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

- I. Protocol ID: 25-11-134**
Principal Investigator: Eiring, Anna
Title: Disease progression and therapy resistance in myeloid leukemias
Primary Reviewer(s): Llano, Manuel
Secondary Reviewer(s): Baird, Anthony; Arriaga, Berenice; Vines, Charlotte; Weich, Erin; Joseph, Elaine; Ibarra-Mejia, Gabriel; Dupre, Jo Anne; Narayan, Mahesh; Das, Siddhartha; Piramadathottathil Venu, Shonima; Moschak, Travis
Review Cycle Type: Full Review

A Protocol involving Section III-D-1, III-D-3, III-D-4, III-E-3, III-F-6, and Appendix C-II was discussed, including the RG1 and RG2 risks involved. A motion was made to approve the protocol with stipulations. Approved: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

- J. Protocol ID: 25-11-131**
Principal Investigator: Silva Grijo Farani, Priscila
Title: Molecular and Cellular Studies of Trypanosoma cruzi Infection and Host-Parasite Interactions
Primary Reviewer(s): Das, Siddhartha
Secondary Reviewer(s): Baird, Anthony; Arriaga, Berenice; Vines, Charlotte; Weich, Erin; Joseph, Elaine; Ibarra-Mejia, Gabriel; Dupre, Jo Anne; Llano, Manuel; Narayan, Mahesh; Piramadathottathil Venu, Shonima; Moschak, Travis
Review Cycle Type: Full Review

A Protocol involving Section III-D-1, III-D-2, III-D-3, and III-F-6, and Appendix C-II was discussed, including the RG2 risks involved. A motion was made to approve the protocol with stipulations. Approved: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

K. Protocol ID: 25-11-135

Principal Investigator: Xiao, Chuan

Title: Non-pathogenic and Non-toxic Viral Protein Structural Studies

Primary Reviewer(s): Narayan, Mahesh

Secondary Reviewer(s): Baird, Anthony; Arriaga, Berenice; Vines, Charlotte, Weich, Erin; Joseph, Elaine; Ibarra-Mejia, Gabriel; Dupre, Jo Anne; Llano, Manuel; Das, Siddhartha; Piramadathottathil Venu; Shonima; Moschak, Travis

Review Cycle Type: Full Review

A Protocol involving Section III-F-6 and Appendix C-II was discussed, including the RG1 risks involved. A motion was made to approve the protocol with stipulations. Approved: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

5. Meeting Reminder

A Reminder that the next meeting will be held on 3/27/2026 was made.

6. Procedural Amendments

Procedural Amendments: (for the below-listed protocol(s), deliberation on a proposed change in procedures or location for a protocol that currently has a three-year approval period)

None

7. Special Discussion

Special discussions, if any, regarding topics like better organization of the meeting and improvements in review process shall be carried.

None

8. Panel Business:

Reviewers planning to attend the March 27, 2026, meeting were asked to inform Dean, Jacob.

Biosafety Officer announced SBA Spring Symposium and will send a registration link to committee members.

The IBC Charter was briefly discussed regarding submission form updates and standardization. No official changes were made at this meeting.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 A.M.