



Institutional Biosafety Committee

**UNTHSC IBC Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2026
12:03 pm – 1:05 pm
Teams meeting**

Members in Attendance

Rance Berg – IBC Chair
Maya Nair, BSO – *IBC Coordinator*
Egeenee Daniels -UNTHSC member
Jayoung Kim - UNTHSC member
Richard McKee- UNTHSC member
Christopher Parker (Community member)
Raghu Krishnamoorthy - UNTHSC member

Members Absent

Mike Chumley (Community member)
Anne-Sophie Brocard (IBC vice Chair, UNTHSC member)

Quorum – Present

Other individual in Attendance

Misha Dunbar - Assoc Dir & Clinical Vet Laboratory Animal Medicine

IBC Chair called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM

The IBC Chair reminded all members present to identify any conflicts of interest as each registration is reviewed.

I. Minutes Approval:

December meeting minutes were approved
Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstained: 1 Total:7 Recusals: 0

II. Discussions of prior business and updates to the committee:

NIH biosafety strengthening project Region 3 listening session schedule was shared with the members.

III. Submissions for Convened Review – 1

1. **Protocol Number:** **IBC/p/JA/2026-1**
Protocol Title: The role of WNK kinases in regulating neuronal glucose metabolism
PI: Ankita Jayakumar, PhD
Biosafety Level: BSL2
NIH Category: None
Committee recommendation: RMTSA
Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstained: 0 Total:7 Recusals: 0

Modifications requested:

The following modifications are requested to secure approval:

- Please expand WNK and provide a summary of your project
- Clarify the usage of mouse derived tissue and blood in the proposed project.
- Please provide detailed information on how to transport the radio labelled cells?

2. **Protocol Number:** **IBC/rDNA/MS/2026-1**
Protocol Title: Delineating impact of GDNF Family Receptor (GFR- α 1) on dopaminergic function
PI: Michael F. Salvatore, PhD
Biosafety Level: BSL1/ABSL1
NIH Category: IIID3
Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstained: 0 Total:7 Recusals: 0

Modifications requested:

The following modifications are requested to secure approval:

- Please provide the biosafety training completion dates
- Please mark the human material usage column appropriately.
- EAD 634. Need the location of the animal room. Also, EAD 632 is mentioned later in the protocol. It needs to be included.
- Please explain the transport of AAV to DLAM facility.
- Please provide explanation on how to handle unattended operations.

3. **Protocol Number:** **IBC/p/AC/2026-1**
Protocol Title: Isolation, culture, and characterization of ocular cells from control and POAG eyes of vervet monkeys (*Chlorocebus saraeaus*) from an isolated colony on St. Kitts Island
PI: Abbot Clark, PhD
Biosafety Level: BSL2
NIH Category: None
Committee recommendation: Approved
Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstained: 0 Total:7 Recusals: 0

4. **Protocol Number:** **IBC/p/SO/2026-1**
Protocol Title: The role of the adaptive immune system in brain health and disease
PI: Sterling Ortega, PhD

Biosafety Level: BSL2
NIH Category: None
Committee recommendation: RMTSA
Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstained: 0 Total:7 Recusals: 0

Modifications requested:

The following modifications are requested to secure approval:

- Please clarify that whether use buffy coats or human unfixed blood for isolation of peripheral blood mononuclear cell suspension
- Please list all rooms for analysis (imaging, flow cytometry).
- Please update the training dates
- Recommended to add long pants, safety glasses, and appropriate controls.
- Recommend listing secondary container with appropriate labels during transport
- Please clarify the process of spill cleanup.

IV. Response to Requires Modification to Secure Approval- None

V. Amendments approved Administratively: 1

PI	Protocol approval date	Change	Protocol number
Mark Pulse	11/4/2025	Adding personnel	IBC/p/MP/2025-2

Public comments: There were no public comments.

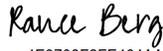
Adjournment: IBC chair moved to Adjourn the meeting at 1:05PM

IBC Chair

IBC Coordinator

Name: Rance Berg, PhD

Maya Nair PhD, RBP (ABSA)

Signed by:

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Signature: Date: 2/19/2026

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