

Institutional Biosafety Committee
October 20, 2005
Minutes

Present: Drs. J. Wetmur, D. Calfee, R. Miller, R. Wieder; Mr. P. Hauck; Ms. K. Sadock

- 1) **Approval of Minutes** – Deferred protocol (GCO#05-0264) from July 7, 2005 agenda was approved at BSL 2 because it is a gutted system devoid of replicating virus.
 - a. Minutes were approved as amended.
 - b. Mr. Hauck announced that IBC minutes are now posted on the IBC web site.

- 2) **Lap Ho insert.** Dr. Wetmur explained that the possibility of this gutted retrovirus acquiring the ability to replicate or shut down the immune system is nonexistent.
 - a. The protocol will be circulated to the committee electronically for vote when the necessary data are available.

- 3) **RDNA protocols list** (attached)
 - a. Mr. Hauck will cull the list for active projects and prepare a database that includes vectors and inserts for each project without a description.
 - b. Forms will be modified to identify animal versus human subjects.

- 4) **Francisella SOP** for Emerging Pathogens Unit
 - a. The complete SOP book for the Emerging Pathogens Unit will be ready in near-final form by early December.
 - b. Other EPU SOPs will be reviewed by the IBC at the January meeting.
 - c. Particular attention must be given to Occupational health and safety, security and construction issues.

- 5) **The Hitschner strain of Newcastle Disease Virus** (Sealfon, Moran, Sperling) does not replicate in humans. These two new contracts (the “modeling” and “pregnancy” contracts) use a subset of the inserts in this vector previously approved for CIVIA and contain no new safety issues.
 - a. USDA has cleared this strain of NDV for studies; P. Hauck will provide a copy of our USDA letter of permission for studies on NDV for circulation to the committee.
 - b. P. Hauck to provide a letter from Dr. Sealfon in response to an NIH query for circulation to the Committee.

- 6) **Tour of the Emerging Pathogens Unit**